

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

10:10 a.m.

*2nd Floor Conference Rooms, Annex Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Robin K. Lattimer, Chair Aaron I. Mullen	K. Michael Hanna, Vice Chair Paul E. Van Caesele	Hilda T. Lando
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Amy Dlugos	Christopher Brewer Jennifer Prossick	Brenda Scotchmer Amy Morse
LEGISLATORS:	Scott J. Van Etten John V. Malter	Carol A. Ferratella Frederick G. Potter	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Gary B. Roush
OTHERS:	Tess McKinley, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension Mary Perham		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lattimer called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and asked Mr. Hanna to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2020, MEETING MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESELE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **Accepting 5311 Federal Funding for Mobility Management Services** – Mrs. Dlugos requested authorization to accept the 2019/2020 5311 Federal funds for Mobility Management Services in the total amount of \$837,345.00 and to adjust the capital project account to reflect the funds.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A TOTAL OF \$837,345.00 IN FEDERAL 5311 FUNDING FOR MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND ADJUSTING THE CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESELE FOR DISCUSSION.

Mrs. Lando asked is it normal to receive the funds so late? Mrs. Dlugos replied these funds were received a little quicker than normal. There is a lag and that is why we advanced funds to the Institute for Human Services Mobility Management Program.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

2. **Approval of Contract with Institute for Human Services** – Mrs. Dlugos requested authorization to contract with the Institute for Human Services for the allocation of the \$837,345.00 in 5311 Federal funding for Mobility Management Services.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE \$837,345.00 IN 5311 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESELE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. OUTSIDE AGENCIES

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension

1. **Update** – Ms. McKinley stated things are going well in agriculture. We have sanitizer and masks to distribute and we also are distributing container gardening kits. She stated this year's fair will be a drive-thru event and there will be no premiums. A lot of kids are still participating. Our 4-H clubs are holding meetings outside and doing activities such as clinics. Mrs. Lando asked will there still be a livestock auction? Ms. McKinley replied yes, that is still allowed.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. **SPCA Discussion** – Ms. Lattimer stated last month Mr. Mullen brought the SPCA discussion to the forefront with regard to animal abuse cases and how to accommodate for care during pending cases. Mr. Wheeler stated the Public Safety & Corrections Committee had a good discussion the other day. Ms. Lattimer asked Mr. Mullen to provide an update.

Mr. Mullen stated I had talked with Mr. Baker about whether he could establish a policy for petitioning the court to require owners of animals to post a bond for the care of the animals in custody or to allow the County to sell the animals pending the outcome of the case. Mr. Baker is working on that and he has said that he will do it. We will need to provide him with more information about our costs for the care of animals that are seized. We talked about, on the care end, of sending out an RFP for services for people to care for farm animals at a rate that would be more efficient than what the SPCA does. There may not be many farmers that would be able to do this, but this will require legwork on our end. We also talked about the possibility of using Farm Sanctuary and others who may be interested.

Ms. Prossick stated she is working with Mr. Mullen to try to come up with an RFP. Ms. Lattimer stated Chairman Van Etten had suggested breaking out the small and large animals. Mr. Wheeler commented we have a contract with the SPCA. Ms. Prossick stated small animals fall under dog control and large animals fall under Agriculture and Markets.

Mrs. Lando stated are we doing this for just the large animals, or all animals? Mr. Mullen replied in the law I thought it allows for pets, but that was not our primary discussion as we were looking at the large animals. That is a good question, especially when you see some of these news articles. Ms. Lattimer commented you never know when a large case will come up and strain our budget. Mr. Wheeler stated that is a cost to the SPCA and then it comes back to the County.

Ms. Lattimer stated can you clarify the piece about the owner posting bond; is that 30 – 45 days after arrest? Ms. Prossick replied in Agriculture and Markets Law that is not authorized directly. The District Attorney can bring this action for posting bond. Someone has to start that ball rolling. Ms. Lattimer asked and that would be the District Attorney? Ms. Prossick replied yes. The SPCA can do it as well, but it has to happen at the time of charge or indictment. After that they can bring the Agriculture and Markets action.

Ms. Lattimer asked at some point are we considering an actual process and policy on this? Mr. Wheeler replied we can put out an RFP. The process will be that of the District Attorney, but you will be involved in the authorization of an RFP so he can access that. Mr. Mullen commented we are already in a better spot because Mr. Baker is aware of and willing to use this right now. One of the primary costs is that he has to bring in veterinarians and other experts to testify in order to establish that he has the right to require the bond.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. SECONDED BY MR. MULLEN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR****

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office

NO LATER THAN NOON

Wednesday, August 26, 2020