

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 12, 2018

10:00 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	K. Michael Hanna, Vice Chair	Robert V. Nichols	Joseph J. Hauryski
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Jennifer Prossick	Mitchell Alger Eric Rose	Amy Dlugos
LEGISLATORS:	Carol A. Ferratella Gary B. Roush	Hilda T. Lando	Frederick G. Potter
ABSENT:	Robin K. Lattimer	John V. Malter	Thomas J. Ryan
OTHERS:	Jeff Parker, District Manager, Soil & Water Conservation District Scott Ward, Steuben County Farm Bureau		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hanna called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mr. Nichols to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2018, MEETING MADE BY MR. NICHOLS. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Planning

1. **Approval to Bid Transit Items Funded by NYS Accelerated Transit Capital Program** – Mrs. Dlugos requested authorization to bid items that are funded by the NYS Accelerated Transit Capital Program. These include a bus shelter for the Village of Bath, transport racks for bicycles on buses and a variable digital message sign for the bus shelters that will include schedule changes, weather, delays, etc.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR TO BID THE FOLLOWING TRANSIT ITEMS WHICH ARE FUNDED BY THE NYS ACCELERATED TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM: BUS SHELTER FOR VILLAGE OF BATH, TRANSPORT RACKS FOR BICYCLES ON BUSES AND A VARIABLE DIGITAL MESSAGE SIGN FOR THE BUS SHELTERS MADE BY MR. HAURYSKI. SECONDED BY MR. NICHOLS. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

2. **Contract** – Mrs. Dlugos requested authorization to enter into a sub-recipient agreement with Arbor Development for the Well and Septic Program. Mr. Hauryski asked is there a waiting list? Mrs. Dlugos replied yes. We have funding for 15 systems and we have a waiting list of about 45.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR PLANNING TO CONTRACT WITH ARBOR HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CDBG WELL & SEPTIC PROGRAM MADE BY MR. NICHOLS. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

3. **Certifying Officer and Environmental Review for Well and Septic Program** – Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that they have to do an environmental review; both State and Federal, for the well and septic program. We need to declare the project a Type II Action for the purposes of the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act. She stated that she will be the certifying officer.

MOTION: APPOINTING THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AS THE CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR STEUBEN COUNTY CDBG PROJECT FOR WELL AND SEPTIC REPLACEMENTS AND DECLARING THE PROJECT A TYPE II ACTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT MADE BY MR. NICHOLS. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0. Resolution Required.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Memorializing Resolution Re: Algal Blooms* – Mr. Hanna asked the committee to consider a resolution memorializing the Governor and the State Legislature to include Canandaigua, Keuka, Seneca, Lamoka and Waneta Lakes on the list of priority lakes that are vulnerable to algal blooms. The Governor is putting \$65 million into the budget to address algal blooms across the State, but did not identify the lakes in our area. Mr. Wheeler commented we have had a significant problem with the blooms. Mr. Parker explained phosphorus is tied directly to algae blooms. We have had a number of major storms within the past couple of years and saw a lot of runoff and natural gully erosion.

MOTION: MEMORIALIZING GOVERNOR CUOMO AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCLUDE CANANDAIGUA, KEUKA, SENECA, LAMOKA AND WANETA LAKES IN THE LIST OF PRIORITY LAKES THAT ARE VULNERABLE TO HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS MADE BY MR. NICHOLS. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0. Resolution Required.

V. OUTSIDE AGENCIES

A. Soil & Water Conservation District

1. **Activities Update** – Mr. Parker distributed a handout depicting 2017 funding and activity accomplishments. For every dollar appropriated by the County, the District brought \$30.00 back into the County in funding. Total funds brought into the County during 2017 was \$5,034,777.11. He thanked the Legislature for providing him with a \$3,000 increase for 2018. Mr. Hauryski commented that is a credit to you and your staff. You do a fine job. He asked what is the plan for the removal of debris near Upstate Niagara to help alleviate future ice jams? Mr. Parker stated they have put together a plan for a debris and ice jam storage field idea that the Army Corps of Engineers has approved and used. Mr. Hauryski commented the State has offered to help with this project. Mr. Parker stated he will be in contact with them.

Mr. Parker thanked Mr. Wheeler for all his assistance with their grant that enabled him to purchase the smaller excavator. He commented that excavator has been used numerous times, particularly for those projects on the lake.

B. Steuben County Farm Bureau

1. **Activities Update** – Mr. Parker introduced Scott Ward who is here today on behalf of the Steuben County Farm Bureau. Mr. Ward informed the committee that the President is Ed Merry. Mr. Hauryski stated he hopes the Farm Bureau will have a member present at this meeting on a monthly basis.

Mr. Ward distributed the winter 2017-2018 edition of the Farm Bureau newsletter that is sent out across the County. Farm Lobby Day will be March 5th and March 6th. Steuben County is ranked 6th out of the 52 county farm bureaus for membership. Our current membership is 390 and we are looking to increase that in 2018. Mr. Ward announced 2018 marks the Farm Bureau's 100th anniversary and we will be celebrating in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension 100th anniversary. He stated one issue of importance that he would like the County's help with is encouraging people to purchase farm to table. This could potentially put more money into our local farmer's hands.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS (Cont.)

A. *Appointments* – Mr. Hanna stated the County has received recommendations from the Soil & Water Conservation District to appoint Dennis Acomb to the Marsh Ditch Water Protection Board for a four-year term and to appoint Ernest Swift as the Farm Bureau representative to the Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors for a three-year term.

MOTION: RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS ACOMB TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE MARSH DITCH WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ERNEST SWIFT TO A THREE-YEAR TERM AS THE FARM BUREAU REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MADE BY MR. NICHOLS. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0. Resolution Required.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. NICHOLS. SECONDED BY MR. HAURYSKI. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

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

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Legislative Committee Room
10:00 a.m.**

**Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office
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Wednesday, February 28, 2018**