

Economic Development Committee Minutes  
May 6, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Johnson; Supervisors Lunde, Kinowski, Daly, Sausville, and Martin; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Lisa Scaccia, Employment & Training; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Peter Bardunias, So. Sara. Chamber of Commerce; Martin Vanags, Executive Director of the Prosperity Partnership; Press.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Kinowski the minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mrs. Scaccia said currently the Employment and Training Department is planning for the Summer Youth Employment Program with 35 worksites and 131 applicants.

Mrs. Scaccia said there is new federal legislation called the Workforce and Innovation Opportunity Act that was passed in July of 2014, and as a part of that there is a need to release a new request for proposal for the year round youth program. Currently Warren and Washington run their own youth programs and CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services runs the County's program. Some of the features with the new RFP are that 20% of the money has to be spent on work experience, either paid or unpaid, and 75% of the money must be spent on at risk youth, where they have dropped out of school and are now working on getting their GED or TASK exams. She said the RFP has gone out and is due back on May 26, 2015.

Mrs. Scaccia is requesting approval for the Chairman to sign off on a request to be a designated workforce area under the new legislation. Currently, there is a 40 person workforce investment board. This will designate Saratoga, Warren and Washington as a local workforce development area under the new law. It indicates that Saratoga County will continue to be the grant recipient to the three county areas.

**A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Ms. Daly to approve and designate the local workforce development area as Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties. Unanimous.**

Mr. Johnson introduced Mr. Martin Vanags, the new Director of the Prosperity Partnership to the committee.

Mr. Johnson said the Governor recently introduce the funding for the 2015 CFA Process and the new Upstate Revitalization Project. He introduced Mr. Will, Director of the Empire State Development Corporation who gave a brief overview of the CFA process and how it is going to work.

Mr. Will said applications for the CFA Regional Strategic Plan went live May 1st. There will be two applications if in fact you are looking at Upstate Revitalization or the CFA. The reason being is when an application is received all program people look at the application to determine if it is eligible. It could be ineligible for the CFA but eligible for the Upstate Revitalization. He said if the Upstate Revitalization is successful it will be \$100 million each year for five years for a total of \$500 million. The application closing date will be July 31st for the CFA and no closing date for the Upstate Revitalization because it is visionary. He said the submission date for the Strategic Plan is September 21st and the submission date for Upstate Revitalization is October 5th. There will be three winners of the CFA and Strategic Plan and they will each have \$30 million in grants and potential for up to \$75 million in other programs. If the region is not successful as a top performer and not successful in Upstate Revitalization there is \$15 million available in grants and up to \$75 million in other program services. Decisions will be made in the fall, with announcements to be made in December.

Mr. Kinowski announced that on May 30th at 11:00 a.m. a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place for the opening of Browns Beach.

**On a motion made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Sausville the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom