

Economic Development Committee Minutes
February 8, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Daly; Supervisors Peck, A. Johnson, Kinowski, Sausville, and Wood; Jason Kemper, Planning; League of Women Voters; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Kinowski the minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Kemper said the Planning office contracts with Cornell Cooperative Extension every year for \$50,000 for the county's MS4 Stormwater program. This is used as a local match to receive funds from the DEC, so it is in the 2012 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve a major contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension for the management of the County MS4 Stormwater Program in the amount of \$50,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said 43 prospective bid notice have been sent out with regard to the Timber Harvest for 2012 resulting in two bids on the parcel. The two bidders were G&T Enterprises and Heath Reynolds Logging. G&T Enterprises proposal was approximately \$99,000 and Heath Reynolds Logging was \$86,000. Mr. Kemper said these are just estimates, but his office keeps track of each truckload that comes out.

Mr. Kemper requested the committees approval to authorized him to be able to go to the next highest bidder if the first bidder does not submit the required deposit in a timely manner.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize a resolution for a contract with G&T Enterprises for timber harvesting in the Town of Moreau with a provision in the resolution that should G&T Enterprises not submit the required deposit in a timely manner that the harvesting will continue with the second bidder, Heath Reynolds Logging. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said there were 540 people registered for the Planning Conference. In Saratoga County there were 18 towns, 2 villages and 2 cities with attendees. All total there were 59 municipalities at the conference from eight different counties, eleven sponsors and twenty three exhibitors. Mr. Kemper thanked the Board of Supervisors for their continued support.

Mr. Sausville asked if the conference broke even? Mr. Kemper said money was made.

Mr. Johnson said he received feedback from attendees, as well as instructors, commenting on how well organized and helpful the county Planning office was.

Ms. Daly complemented Mr. Kemper and his office staff for all their hard work planning the conference.

Ms. Daly said there were approximately 2,000 people who attended the Global Foundries job fair at the county complex. She thanked all Supervisors in attendance for their support, and specifically Mr. Kinowski for his efforts in getting people in line in a fair and equitable way.

Ms. Daly said once the Saratoga County landed the chip fab building and built the water lines we knew that we were going to have a lot more activity than we currently had seen. We took the time to educate ourselves, taking a trip to Austin Texas, coming back and surveying our assets, strengths and weaknesses and developed a message map. The subcommittee is working on formulating a draft plan that can be brought to this committee for consideration so that it can be tied in with some other projects that have been done, allowing for a more comprehensive approach when working with other agencies. A second initiative is to look at the overall organization, working and meeting with each group, evaluating where we are and making recommendations to them and to the committee as to what they think our vision is and how to best serve the economic development needs moving forward.

Mr. Johnson said the IDA gave the county a \$50,000 grant to hire Chicatelli – Leitch to aid in economic development efforts. They have been very helpful to the subcommittee, and have produced a very detailed report that they will be presenting it to the IDA to show how their money was put to work on behalf of the county.

Ms. Daly said there is a June-July target to have a plan and a draft in place for the committee to review.

Ms. Daly said on March 23rd Global Foundries would be hosting a Professional Development Day for teachers. The purpose is to bring educators into a facility that they have not seen before in their lifetime and who are not knowledgeable on how chip manufacturing works and what they look like. They will be speaking to different departments and discussing skill sets necessary for certain jobs in the area.

Ms. Daly said she has spoken to Mr. Russo about having a Professional Development Day for the Board of Supervisors so they will have the same opportunity that will be offered to teachers, with a tour of the facilities and discussions with people within the manufacturing to understand the process.

Mr. Sausville said the Malta Rotary Club is in the beginning stages of trying to establish a Maker Fair, which would bring hobbyists together in a fair setting to display their ideas and draw more interest to other inventors. They are currently in the process of speaking to Global Foundries to see if there is interest. Ms. Daly asked Mr. Sausville to keep the committee informed as the project moves forward.

Ms. Daly informed the committee that there may be a resolution passed by Warren and Essex counties presented to the committee supporting the application of the Saratoga and North Creek Railway before the Surface Transportation Board. This would provide rail service on the existing rail tracks that run from North Creek, New York and terminate at Newcomb, New York. Ms. Daly said that if this should go forward she would bring forth a resolution to the committee next month for their consideration.

On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Kinowski the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom