

Economic Development Committee Minutes

March 1, 2007 – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Johnson; Supervisors Daly, Gutheil, Janik and Sausville; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; George Hodgson, Environmental Services; John Munsey, CT Male; Michael Valentine, Planning; Kristina Saddlemire, Historian; Jack Kelley, Shelby Schneider, SEDC; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Sausville, seconded by Mr. Janik the minutes of the February 1, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Hodgson said Governor Pataki appointed the Hudson Fulton Champlain Quadra Centennial Act, which was signed into law. This established a commission at the State level regarding a celebration across the State in 2009 marking the 400th anniversary of the historic voyages made by Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain and also Robert Fulton's steamship journey up the Hudson River.

Barbara Fratiani is the director of the committee and is reaching out to each county to establish a planning committee to organize events for the celebration in 2009. Mr. Hodgson requested support from the committee to have Saratoga County sponsor an informational meeting perhaps in the end of March. A planning committee would then be established to form ideas for local celebrations.

The committee supported scheduling a meeting and forwarding it on to the Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Valentine said customarily when the IDA has a tax-exempt bonding project it requires the Board of Supervisors approval. There is a project in the town of Saratoga for the General Schuyler Emergency Squad. It would be an 8,000-sq. ft. facility that would take the place of the old 2,500-sq. ft. facility at a cost of \$2.1 million in IDA bonds. He said it would be non-recourse bonding, therefore, neither the IDA, County nor the State would be responsible for anything.

A motion was made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Gutheil to approve IDA tax exempt bonds in the amount of \$2.1 million for an 8,000-sq. ft. building to be built for the General Schuyler Emergency Squad in the Town of Saratoga. Unanimous.

Mr. Kelly gave an update and overview on the Luther Forest Technology Campus, highlighting the following:

1. The 1,350-acre campus has been designed for nanotechnology manufacturing and research development with 60% designated as green space.

2. The location will provide the necessary infrastructure including abundant water supply, extensive sewer capacity, natural gas service, interstate highway access, significant forest buffers and the land is virtually free of any wetlands, archeological issues and vibration.
3. The technology campus will bring 1,200 high tech jobs to the region.
4. A by-pass road has been designed and will be going out for bid for construction beginning early summer of 2007.
5. The internal road construction of 5.5 miles began in the fall of 2006 and will resume in May or June of 2007.

Mr. Johnson said, Mr. Kemper has received the final approval from DOT for the Zim Smith Trail.

On a motion made by Ms. Daly, seconded by Mr. Sausville the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom