

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

September 1, 2009 – 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Daly; Supervisors Jenkins, Sausville, Wright; Thompson; David Wickerham, Co. Administrator; Blue Neils, Cooperative Extension; Jason Kemper, Michael Valentine, Planning; George Hodgson, EMC; Greg Dixon, Chamber of Commerce; Jim Angus, Shelby Schneider, SEDC; Press

Chairman Daly called the meeting to order.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the minutes of the July 14th meeting. Mr. Sausville seconded. Unanimous.

Chairman Daly said the time of this meeting today needed to be changed in order to accommodate a trip over to GlobalFoundries. She said Mike Russo, Director of Government Affairs for GlobalFoundries, has extended an invitation to this Committee, and she opened it up to all Supervisors, for an update on the project as it exists today. We will meet in their offices and proceed out to the site where no one else can go without special clearance, she stated.

Chairman Daly thanked those Supervisors and staff who took the trip to Austin, TX. She said the goal of this trip was to get a better understanding of how community changes when we have the introduction of the semiconductor plant locate within our home. We wanted to talk to AMD which is the parent of GlobalFoundries. We wanted to talk to their current vendors and to the community to see what their experiences were, she said. On Monday, we spent most of our time with AMD people, and we met with their long time consultant to their economic development world in Austin. On Tuesday, we began our trip to the community colleges in the area. We received a wealth of information from them, she said. We met with not-for-profit communities in an entire round table, Austin's Meals On Wheels and the Austin Chamber of Commerce. She said they also met with the Austin City Council, representatives of Motorola, the State Capital and State officials. Afterwards, we went to an open house at Advanced Function Materials, and we were acknowledged as the New York team there. On Wednesday, we started with a tour of Samsung, and security is high in many of those places. We did a drive around tour. We went to Texas University and talked about how they put capital together from businesses in the area. We will pull a lot of the information together and connect the dots for everyone, she said. We are very rich in this area in the colleges we have to generate the people for this industry, she said. We walked away knowing we will have to adapt a different mind set, she said. We have to learn there could be an industry that will have ups and downs, and we have to know how to ride the curve, she stated. She said we have to be willing to educate people and adapt to changes. We have to be willing to innovate ideas and collaborate between business, education,

government and not-for-profits, she added. She said she hopes to schedule a special meeting on this around the last week of September.

Mr. Valentine said for the IDA, each time there is a tax exempt bond financing for a project, it has to come before the Board of Supervisors for approval. He said the American Housing Foundation in Malta is modifying their existing bond debt. He said the application seeks modification of the company's existing bond debt in the amount of \$4,495,000. He stated there was a public hearing on this on August 24th in Malta, and the IDA approved the financing and sent it on to the County level. Material on this was provided to the Committee members. **Mr. Sausville moved to approve this financing and to move it to the full Board. Mr. Jenkins seconded. Unanimous.**

In discussing the Grant-in-Aid application for funding of the snowmobile trail system on private lands, Mr. Valentine said each county acts as a local sponsor for the trail system. He said in each Committee member's packet is a Countywide map and a map of each club's trails. There are 17 municipalities that have trails going through their lands, he said. He said Hadley does not, and our goal is to make a connection across the Hudson. We have tied into the Zim Smith trail system for Clifton Park and Ballston, he said. He said we are looking to apply for 162 miles. All of our trails go on the outside parameters of the County, he said. We have to apply to DOT for trails going across State roads, he said. He mentioned two trails were added into the program this year. He stated this grant is pass through money that comes from the State.

Mr. Sausville said it seems that we need to educate our public about shared use of some of these trails and having respect for multi users of the trails. Mr. Valentine said for the 162 miles, the only multi users would be on the Zim Smith Trail. He said it is open time for all users on the trail. Mr. Kemper stated the complaints have gone down, but there are still minor issues. He said we will have resolutions for the Board regarding determination of significance, negative declaration and SEQRA process. Chairman Daly asked how much money will be passed through, and Mr. Valentine stated \$89,000 which is an estimate at this time. The State will not validate the approved mileage until after October 16th, he said. **Mr. Jenkins moved to approve this Snowmobile Trail Development Fund Grant as a pass through conduit. Mr. Wright seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Neils distributed copies of the 2009 Round 10 Water Quality Improvement Project Grant Strategic Outline. He said this is for a total of \$400,000 - - \$300,000 State aid and \$100,000 match in-kind. It is now 75/25, he stated. He said formal intermunicipal agreements are a prerequisite of the application. We have to have agreements in place for approval and signature in order to have the application be successful, he said. He mentioned the grant needs detailed system mapping of all municipalities. The State did not give us hard and fast rules about money, so we will back our way into the budget, he said. Mr. Sausville asked Mr. Neils how he will account for the 25%. Mr. Neils stated that money comes from County Planning. Mr.

Kemper said there are no new additional expenses for the County. Mr. Neils stated the biggest deliverable will be the GIS and mapping of the storm sewer systems. With use of State aid money, a specialist would be hired to conduct the field work, and in 12 months, they will come up with a finished GIS product. Mr. Sausville asked what kind of help would they need from the towns, and Mr. Neils stated ride along help. **Mr. Sausville moved to authorize moving forward with the Stormwater Contract. Mr. Jenkins seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Hodgson distributed copies of two proposals, received from K. B. Logging (\$11,976) and G&T Enterprises (\$11,380), to clear 200 ft. back on Oak View Drive in the Town of Moreau for winter's deicing and keeping the road clear. He said G&T's bid indicated they would chip the tops, and Mr. Blackburn of K. B. Logging said they would also perform that function. He recommended K. B. Logging's bid at \$11,976. He said normal commercial loggers would not be interested in a cut this small. Mr. Thompson asked if K.B. Logging's proposal stated they would chip the tops. Mr. Hodgson said no, but he will get a letter from them. **Mr. Jenkins moved to move forward with the contract with K. B. Logging at \$11,976 and to request a letter from them indicating they will chip the tops. Mr. Wright seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Hodgson stated Forest Management Plans are done on each of our County wood lots. About 25 of them were done in 1983. It wouldn't be a bad idea to re-evaluate these and come up with management recommendations, he said. He said Saratoga Land Management is on board as our consultant, and they take 10% of stumpage on sales and provide general services at \$50/hr. To do all of our land holdings would be between \$10,000 - \$12,500 he said. Chairman Daly requested Mr. Hodgson to put this in writing to give the Committee time to review and discuss it at a later date. Mr. Hodgson mentioned this was not included in the 2010 budget recommendation.

Mr. Dixon said he oversees tourism promotion at the Chamber of Commerce and the I Love NY grant application. Some counties have not received funds based on their application. We will proceed and keep in mind this may impact funding next year, he said. He stated they want designation as the Saratoga County Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA) requested approval to apply for the maximum amount of the grant monies (\$263,850). He said this year, they received \$57,000+ which extends the County tourism budget. The application process has not yet been released by the State, he said. **Mr. Jenkins moved to authorize the Chamber to apply for the maximum amount of the I Love NY Tourism Grant. Mr. Sausville seconded. Unanimous.**

Chairman Daly requested that this meeting adjourn to September 9th at 3:00 p.m. in order to hear from Shelby Schneider regarding a boundary revision in the Luther Forest Technology Campus. Mr. Wright moved to adjourn to September 9th at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Sausville seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann