

Economic Development Committee Minutes
March 6, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lawler; Supervisors Daly, A. Johnson, Richardson, and Sausville; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Steve Dorsey, Attorney; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Sausville, seconded by Mr. Johnson the minutes of the February 11, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Kemper said the revenue projections for the Timber Harvest for 2013 are \$150,000. Four bids were sent out to the Town of Corinth, Moreau, Wilton and Northumberland. G&T Enterprises won all three bids. Mr. Kemper requested approval to award four timber contracts.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Ms. Daly to approve four timber harvest contracts in the towns of Moreau, Corinth, Wilton and Northumberland. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said parcel # 261-1-53 is a 146 acre parcel in the Town of Halfmoon where the county acquired the property on a tax foreclosure. He said the rear of this parcel is identified for a corridor for the Zim Smith Trail construction from Coons Crossing to Mechanicville. In working with the County Attorney, Trails Committee and E&A Committee, the E&A Committee has proposed that the property be pulled from the current auction and to authorize the County Attorney, Planning Director and Chairman of the Board to execute all agreements necessary. Mr. Kemper said he will be meeting with the Town of Halfmoon for sub division approval to subdivide out a four acre strip of land for the trail. The county will retain the four acre strip of land for the future building of a trail and the rest of the parcel will go back on the auction block in the fall. This is an undevelopable part of the parcel, he said.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Sausville to approve the removal of the Rucinski property, parcel #261-1-51 from the March County Auction. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said the City of Mechanicville owns a portion of land in the Town of Waterford. In the past, the City of Mechanicville hasn't had the resources to develop this as a trail. This has been identified as a trail corridor for the Champlain Canal way Trail and there are grant funds available to administer the construction of the trail on that piece of property, he said.

Mr. Kemper said after discussions with Mr. Lawler and Mr. Richardson, Mr. Richardson sought to have the county take ownership of the parcel, but there is an old dump on the parcel and some liability concerns. After discussions with the County Attorney it was decided that the best alternative would be for the county to accept an easement, allowing the county to help

facilitate any trail construction in the future and oversee the process, releasing the county of any liability.

Mr. Kemper said he would report back to the committee at a future date with a final arrangement.

Ms. Daly said she attended a Regional Economic Development Meeting on February 13th where the assignment she was given was with regard to the Pipeline to Project Workgroup. The workgroup has been formed into two sub work groups, one being Technology and Innovation and the other Infrastructure and Transportation. Of the subgroups, Ms. Daly was assigned to Technology and Innovation where the first meeting will be held on March 15th at the Tech Smart Campus from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Discussions have taken place about some of things that need to be done including moving ahead with the operational plan to advance the overall strategic plan. She said leaders of the group will be meeting with Economic Development and will report back to the work group.

Mr. Lawler asked who they would be meeting with in Saratoga County. Ms. Daly said they would be meeting with Mr. Brobston.

Ms. Daly said there were group discussions about where the communities were at. She said she acknowledged where Saratoga County was in making plans, and it was clear that as we proceed to work forward in the whole approach to Economic Development, that it is going to be built on collaboration, relationships and the innovation that is put together to come up with how to better leverage what is currently happening in our communities and in the region. She said the communities that have a plan are going to be the ones that are looked upon highly by individuals such as National Grid.

Mr. Richardson said that if you have a project in your community and you are going to be looking for a CFA grant, they are going to be out in the communities to get all the peripheral information that can't be put on a grant application. They want to know the project before they get it in hand, he said.

Mr. Sausville said there are infrastructure needs in the Luther Forest Tech campus for Incremental Tax Financing which is the mechanism that has a great deal of potential for covering some of the future expenses of the infrastructure. Mr. Sausville said it might be helpful to get Mr. Benton and other experts involved so we can understand better how we can see the campus succeed. Mr. Lawler asked Mr. Johnson to extend an invitation to Mr. Benton to attend an Economic Development meeting.

Mr. Sausville said Global Foundries is pushing to have legislation done by July 1st. Engineers are working until late at night to ensure that the SEQR statement is complete. The matter will be reviewed by the Malta Town Board at a special meeting that was called to take action and begin the process.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom