

Economic Development Committee Minutes
September 3, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Lawler; Supervisors Daly, Grattidge, Johnson, Richardson and Sausville; Lisa Scaccia, Employment and Training; Mike Valentine, Planning.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson the minutes of the August 6, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Valentine said each year there are three phases in the process for the 163 miles of snowmobile trails in the county. He said this year the trail will include a connection to the Dix Bridge into Washington County.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to authorize the Chairman to enter into agreements to apply for, accept, and administer a NYS Snowmobile grant and Aid Program grant in an amount not to exceed \$89,000, and determining no environmental impact relative to the construction or modification of snowmobile trail routes. Unanimous.

Mrs. Scaccia said with regard to the Workforce Innovation Fund, Employment and Training is again receiving funding. The program was originally established in 2012, and at that time the capital region Workforce Investment Board applied for the grant from the US Department of Labor. Saratoga County was one of six regions in the United States to be approved. The purpose of the grant is to improve youth and adult knowledge in careers of science, technology, engineering and math. This is done through the Steps Up To STEM Program.

Mrs. Scaccia said since the Workforce Investment Act was created, Employment and Training has submitted a Local Plan to the NYS Department Labor. The current plan is for the program year beginning July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. She said a legal notice was published in the paper and the plan is open for public comment through September 29, 2014.

Mrs. Scaccia highlighted the program initiatives:

- Continue to educate customers what the careers are
- Continue to use the \$3,000 grant opportunity to help job seekers return to work
- Continue to promote on the job training
- Continue to work with disadvantaged youth
- Continue to provide employment counseling services

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize the Chairman to execute and submit the Saratoga, Warren and Washington Workforce Investment Act Local Plan for the 2014-2015 program year. Unanimous.

Mr. Lawler said the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership has finalized the final draft of the job description for the Executive Director, and has formally engaged Jorgensen Consulting through a contract. The final draft will be presented today to the search committee, and once they have had chance to review it and comment, the process will move forward. Mr. Lawler said it is anticipated that interviews will begin in approximately a month.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom