

Economic Development Committee Minutes
July 5, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Tim Szczepaniak; Supervisors Vince DeLucia, Alan Grattidge, Art Johnson, Jack Lawler, Tom Richardson and Mo Wright; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator, Jason Kemper, Planning; Lisa Scaccia, WIOA; Marty Vanags, Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership.

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

On a motion made by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Mr. Grattidge, the minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Richardson, to authorize the transfer of 2016 trails grant funds from the county trails development reserve fund to the Town of Hadley for Phase 2 of their Canoe Take-Out Trail project and amending the budget in relation thereto . Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said the transfer amount is \$11,250.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Grattidge, to authorize the Saratoga County Association of Snowmobile Clubs Inc. to apply for a grant under the Recreational Trails Program to provide State funding for the purchase of a trails groomer. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper distributed a sample resolution. Mr. Kemper said that the Saratoga County Association of Snowmobile Clubs approached the county to partner in applying for this CFA grant. If they are successful, Mr. Kemper will need to come back to the committee for approval to accept the grant. There will be no budget impact to Saratoga County, the 20% grant match will be supplied by the association. The maximum grant award amount is \$200K.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Grattidge, to approve a request to extend the Washington County EOC Youth Contract for 1 additional year per the recommendation of the Work-Force Development Board and new interpretation of the WIOA Law from the NYS Department of Labor. Unanimous.

Mrs. Scaccia distributed the Workforce Development Board Budget. Mrs. Scaccia said that the WDB has been operating as a three county area for many years, Saratoga, Warren and Washington. Mrs. Scaccia said that Washington County passes its money through to Washington County EOC to run their career center. The state is now requiring that since Washington County EOC is not a government entity, they will be required to bid on all of their programs. Mrs. Scaccia said that they will be releasing an RFP over the summer for the Adult and Dislocated worker programs. The State has approved that the youth program contract be extended for an additional year and then RFP that process in May.

Mr. Vanags from the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership distributed his monthly report and highlighted some of their activities since their report in June.

SCPP were notified that they are the recipients of two grants submitted under the Cooperative Business Recruitment grant program administered by National Grid. The first is for a feasibility study for Area 3 in the Town of Halfmoon, the second is a Semiconductor Attraction campaign which will provide funds for the staff to attend several events. Mr. Vanags attended the 2017 Consultant Connect Summit in June. SCPP will be sending out an RFP to help identify shovel ready sites that could be strategically positioned for development in one of several sectors identified in the TIP report.

Mr. Vanags said that they are moving forward with the development of the Saratoga County Economic Index, their public presentation is scheduled for September 13, 2017. They will be initiating their first mentoring program called Circles of 7 or C7. The program pairs six protégés with one mentor and they will lead a group discussion about various subjects over a seven-month period. They are currently in the recruitment phase for mentors. SCPP recently learned that they will be the recipient of a grant to help small businesses. This will provide funding for QuickBooks licenses and provide training for business owners.

SCPP will be attending the Semicon West Show in San Francisco and have set up at least 8-10 meetings with prospects. The first meeting of the Next Wave Advisory Council will be held on Thursday July 6, 2017. Mr. Vanags recently attended the Global Semiconductor Alliance's 6th annual technology conference.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board