

Economic Development Committee Minutes
April 7, 2022 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kevin Tollisen; Committee Members Joe Grasso, Mark Hammond, Jonathan Schopf, Kevin Veitch, Matt Veitch, and Tom Wood; Supervisors Phil Barrett, Tara Gaston; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Stephanie Hodgson, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Jenniffer McCloskey, Employment & Training; Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Kevin Veitch, seconded by Mr. Hammond, the minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

Summer Youth Employment Program

Ms. McCloskey said that they are now accepting applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program for both job seekers and anyone who wants to be a worksite. All of the information is on the homepage of the County website. If anyone would like to start a program in their municipality, let Ms. McCloskey know.

Saratoga & Warren Counties Employment & Training Departments Grant awards

Ms. McCloskey said that with the pandemic, a lot of workforce issues were brought to the forefront, one being childcare. Ms. McCloskey said that she and her counterpart in Warren County applied for and were awarded a grant to train and support people who want to open in home daycare centers. They are partnering with Brightside Up in Saratoga County to provide the training. Funds will also help with any improvements that are needed in peoples' homes.

EMT Pilot Program for Youth

Ms. McCloskey said that she has been working with Supervisor Barrett on this pilot project. They have collaborated with Hudson Valley, Shen. and Clifton Park/Halfmoon EMS. The program will begin in June. They are currently identifying students from the Health Care Services classes to enroll them in Hudson Valley for EMT Training over the summer months. Funding for tuition, supportive services, and transportation will be provided. Ms. McCloskey said that it will also provide seven credits at the completion of the course. They are looking at this as a career pathway into the medical field. Classes begin on June 27 at the Tech Smart Campus in Malta. A kickoff recruiting event will be held on May 3. Mr. Barrett thanked Ms. McCloskey, Rose Bower at Shen and Dr. Robinson for their work on this project. Ms. McCloskey said that it is an intensive program, Monday through Thursday, 9 to 1:30 and runs until September 8th. 140 hours of classroom time and an additional 10 hours of ride along time. If this program is successful, they will look at expanding it to other parts of the County.

Mr. Bulger said that the Economic Development Grants previously managed by the Prosperity Partnership have now transitioned over to the Planning and Economic Development Department. Information on the grant program will be available within the next month.

A motion was made by Mr. Kevin Veitch, seconded by Mr. Hammond, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Clerk of the Board