Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 3:30PM 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman Mark Hammond; Committee Members C. Eric Butler, Joe Grasso, Jean Raymond, Kevin Veitch, Sandra Winney.

Absent: Kevin Tollisen

Supervisor Phil Barrett; Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Stephanie Hodgson, Matt Rose, County Administrator; Michelle Granger, County Attorney; Jason Kemper, Kim Lambert, Planning & Economic Development; Greg Connors, SEDC.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mrs. Sandra Winney, the minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jean Raymond, seconded by Mr. Butler, to authorize the transfer of funds from the Economic Development Grant Reserve Fund and amending the 2023 County budget in relation thereto. Unanimous.

This transfer is for a partial reimbursement for a project in the Town of Greenfield.

A motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Kevin Veitch, Committee approval of Economic Development Grant Awards to the Towns of Ballston, Charlton, Clifton Park, Corinth, Day, Edinburg, Galway, Greenfield, Halfmoon, Milton, Moreau, Saratoga, Stillwater, Wilton, and the City of Saratoga Springs. Motion Passed. Mr. Grasso recused himself from voting.

Each Town will be awarded \$7,100. Mr. Kemper gave a brief overview of each project.

A motion was made by Mr. Grasso, seconded by Mrs. Sandra Winney, to authorize an agreement with Billi O's, Inc. D/B/A Distinctive Catering for food and beverage services at the County's annual Planning and Zoning Conference. Unanimous.

5 vendors responded to the RFP. Distinctive Catering was the low bidder and the same vendor as last year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jean Raymond, seconded by Mr. Kevin Veitch, to authorize an amended agreement with Pictometry International Corp. A/K/A EagleView Technologies, Inc. for the provision of aerial GIS mapping services. Unanimous.

This is a 3-year contract. Mr. Kemper gave a brief overview of the upgraded services to be provided and listed all of the County Department and Municipalities that use the service. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kemper reported that the Ag District inclusionary period is currently open.

Mr. Connors from SEDC reported the following stats regarding their efforts to date: This year to date they have created \$273,928,000 in new investments in Saratoga County, which equates to approximately 147 full time jobs retained, and 645 new jobs created. \$200M in applications are currently in the hopper to the end of the year, which will equate to \$400M in new investments. It's anticipated that a link to the SEDC website will be added to the Saratoga County website.

A motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mrs. Sandra Winney, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Therese Connolly Clerk of the Board