

MINUTES

# PLANNING & RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

**Fred Lightfoote, Chairman**

**Tuesday - February 18 2014**

**4:00 PM**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Municipal Building**

<p><b>Members Present</b>                  Chair F. Lightfoote                  Vice Chair R. Green                  Supv. T. Campbell                  Supv. J. Gallahan                  Supv. D. Vedora                  Supv. B. Welch</p>	<p><b>Members Excused</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Staff</b></p> <p>Tom Harvey, Director of Planning                  Tim Jensen, Associate Planner                  Linda Frasca, Sr. Clerk                  John Garvey, County Administrator</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guests</b></p> <p>Tim Davis, Cornell Cooperative Extension                  Michael DeRaddo – Director of Transportation                  Gary Curtiss – Assistant County Attorney                  Supervisor Sheppard                  Michael Manikowski, Director of Economic Development                  Brian Young, Director of Workforce Development                  Mike Wojcik, ED Senior Fiscal Manager                  David Tillman, Undersheriff                  Robert Kramer, Deputy Director of DSS                  Shelly Gray, DSS Finance</p>
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TIME	TOPIC	NOTES & DISCUSSION
4:03 p.m.	<b>Opening of Meeting</b>	Chair Lightfoote opened the January 28, 2014 Planning and Research Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m.
	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<p>Chair Lightfoote requested a motion for approval of the January 28, 2014 meeting minutes with correction.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Motion was offered by Supervisor Gallahan to accept the minutes with one correction, seconded by Supervisor Green. All in favor, motion carried.</i></p>

<p>4:05 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Economic Development</b></p> <p>Re-Appointments</p> <p>EDC Update</p> <p>RLF Loan Activity</p> <p>Additional</p>	<p>Michael Manikowski reviewed and recommends the approval of resolution – Approval of Modification of Certain Bonds by the OCIDA.  <i>Motion made by Supervisor Gallahan to approve the above mentioned resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Campbell. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Resolution - Re-appointment of Supervisor Robert Green to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee.  <i>Motion made by Supervisor Gallahan to approve the above mentioned resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Welch. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Resolution - Re-appointment of Kevin Hill to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee.  <i>Motion made by Supervisor Gallahan to approve the above mentioned resolution, seconded by Supervisor Campbell. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Resolution - Re-appointment of Supervisor John Sheppard to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee.  <i>Motion made by Supervisor Gallahan to approve the above mentioned resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Campbell. Motion carried.</i></p> <p><b>EDC Budget Testimony</b> – Michael Manikowski stated the material sent out was more of an “informational” item at this time, and is the NY State Economic Development Council’s (NYSEDC) response to the Governor’s proposed budget for items affecting Economic Development. He stated that there are several things that the governor has proposed that the NYSEDC supports and other things that they, his office, and Mr. Harvey are concerned with. Primary among these are the changes proposed for the brownfield tax incentive program and the clawback proposals requiring IDA’s to recapture sales and other taxes for projects that don’t meet performance goals with all proceeds being remanded to the state. Discussion ensued concerning the proposed 10 year property tax exemption for new or expanded businesses. It is unclear at this time whether that would be in the form of a credit against state taxes or whether the state would exempt qualifying businesses from paying them in the first place, thus hurting local municipalities. Mr. Manikowski and Mr. Harvey will continue to monitor these items and return to the committee with an update on the matter as soon as bills are developed to seek BOS comment at that time.</p> <p><b>Budget Transfer – CCN</b> - Michael Wojcik reviewed the approval of the CCN loan at the last P&amp;R meeting and stated that the resolution before the committee at this time is to approve the transfer of monies from the County to the RLF which will establish the budget to finalize the loan.  <i>Motion made by Supervisor Green to approve the above mentioned resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Welch. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Resolution - Workforce Development Grant – Michael Manikowski and Brian Young reviewed the resolution. The resolution authorizes the HUD funding of a new micro-enterprise technology business located in Geneva off Gambee Road.  <i>Motion made by Supervisor Vedora to approve the above mentioned resolution as presented, seconded by Supervisor Gallahan. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Mr. Manikowski informed the committee that he would be bringing the North Shore Development Project before the committee at their March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting; he will see to it that there is plenty of information for their review before hand on the matter.</p>
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4:15 p.m.	<b>Cornell Cooperative Extension</b>	<p>Chair Lightfoote welcomed Tim Davis.</p> <p>Mr. Davis gave a presentation on the 4-H Camp Bristol Hills Summer Youth Employment Program. Chair Lightfoote thanked Mr. Davis for his presentation.</p>
4:20 p.m.	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>Re-Appointments</p> <p>Opposition Resolution</p>	<p>Tom Harvey recommends the approval of a resolution – Re-appointment of Town of Manchester County Planning Board Representative – Jaylene Folkins.</p> <p>Tom Harvey recommends the approval of a resolution – Re-appointment of Town of Naples County Planning Board Representative – Carol O’Brien.</p> <p><b><i>Motion made by Supervisor Gallahan to approve the above mentioned resolutions as presented, seconded by Supervisor Vedora. Motion carried.</i></b></p> <p>Resolution - Appointment to Flint Creek Administrative Board. <b><i>Motion made by Supervisor Vedora to approve the above mentioned resolutions as presented, seconded by Supervisor Green. Motion carried.</i></b></p> <p>Resolution - Oppose the Expansion of Additional Casinos Locations in Western New York. <b><i>Motion made by Supervisor Gallahan to approve the above mentioned resolutions as presented, seconded by Supervisor Green. Motion carried.</i></b></p> <p><b>Public Forum entitled “Seneca in the Balance”</b> – Mr. Harvey stated this concerns the proposed liquid fuel storage proposed in the Seneca Lake Watershed and is informational documentation only. No discussion.</p> <p><b>All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update</b> – At the request of County Administrator John Garvey, the All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was held over till the March 11<sup>th</sup> P&amp;R Committee meeting.</p>
4:55 p.m.	<b>Public Transportation</b>  Update	<p>Mr. Garvey briefly reviewed the history of public transportation in Ontario County. He reiterated that the Medicaid transportation funding that was previously provided almost exclusively to the CATS system is now managed by the State resulting in a dramatic reduction in what is going to CATS. The state presently dispatches the lowest price provider to pick up recipients eligible for Medicaid funded transportation. As a result, the CATS operator, MV Transportation, will experience much larger losses than anticipated, somewhere in excess of \$125,000 per month, meaning somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million this year. The County is responsible to cover these costs under the contract with MV that runs through 2015. In his opinion, there are only 3 options: 1. Continue the current system and come up with the \$1.5 million annual operating deficit, 2. Join the RGRTA, which involves exiting the current contract with MV Transportation and imposing a 0.25% mortgage recording tax which must be sent to RGRTA, or 3. Eliminate public transportation in Ontario County. Mr. Garvey does not see ending the service as viable, and had Mr. Kramer, Mr. Tillman, and Mr. Young explain how the service was important to the clients they serve. The existing bus service allows clients to go to training, make appointments at DSS offices, and for families to visit their incarcerated relatives.</p> <p>Mr. Garvey stated that while this committee is familiar with the situation, he felt it important that the committee authorize a workshop for the entire Board of Supervisors prior to their next meeting on March 6. By general consensus, the committee directed Mr.</p>

	<p>RGRTA request to operate in specific areas of Ontario County</p>	<p>Garvey to schedule a workshop on Public Transportation to begin at 5:30 p.m. on March 6.</p> <p>At the last P&amp;R committee meeting a resolution was tabled pending additional information on the request of the Rochester/Genesee Regional Transit Authority (RGRTA) request to have specific limited operations within Ontario County. The resolution would authorize RGRTA to transport clientele from Monroe County to Eastview Mall, the Racino, and pick up clients Port Gibson as part of their operations in Wayne County running between Newark and Palmyra. Concern was expressed at the last meeting over possible safety issues that could arise. Mr. Garvey noted that RGRTA has operated service to Eastview Mall for several years, and there was no proposal to increase that service. That is the same situation as exists with service to Port Gibson. What will be changing is that RGRTA now wants to bring riders to the Racino, so we are taking this opportunity to clean up the paperwork and give RGRTA the formal permission for all their operations in Ontario County.</p> <p>Undersheriff Dave Tillman reported that they have not seen an increase in crime related to bus riders at Eastview Mall, and thought it unlikely that they would. He reviewed the security measures and cooperation that exists between the mall management and the Sheriff's department as well as the high level of security that exists at the Racino. He stated that the Sheriff's office does not have a concern that crime will rise due to expanded RGRTA services.</p> <p>Mr. Garvey recommends the P&amp;R committee support and recommend approval of the resolution giving him authorization to approve an agreement with RGRTA for transportation services in those specific areas within Ontario county.</p> <p><i>Motion made by Supervisor Green to approve the above mentioned resolutions as presented, seconded by Supervisor Vedora. Motion carried.</i></p>
<p>5:50 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Being no further business for discussion Chair Lightfoote requested a motion to adjourn.</p> <p><i>Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Green, seconded by Supervisor Welch. Motion carried.</i> The 2/18/14 P&amp;R Committee meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda R. Frasca*

Senior Clerk