

MINUTES

PLANNING & RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Fred Lightfoote, Chairman

Tuesday - April 1, 2014

4:00 PM

**Economic Development Conference Room
Municipal Building**

<p>Members Present Chair F. Lightfoote Vice Chair R. Green Supv. T. Campbell Supv. J. Gallahan Supv. D. Vedora Supv. B. Welch</p>	<p>Members Excused</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Staff</p> <p>Tom Harvey, Director of Planning Tim Jensen, Associate Planner Betsy Landre, Sr. Planner Linda Frasca, Sr. Clerk John Garvey, County Administrator</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Guests</p> <p>Tim Davis, Cornell Cooperative Extension Jennifer Jensen, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 4H Victoria Shively, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 4H Michael DeRaddo – Director of Transportation Gary Curtiss – Assistant County Attorney Andrea Schoeneman, Assistant County Attorney Mike Wojcik, ED Senior Fiscal Manager Eileen Tiberio, DSS Commissioner Shelly Gray, DSS Finance Bill Kelly, MV Transportation John Addyman, Daily Messenger</p>
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TIME	TOPIC	NOTES & DISCUSSION
4:08 p.m.	Opening of Meeting	Chair Lightfoote opened the April 1, 2014 Planning and Research Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m.
	Approval of Minutes	<p>Chair Lightfoote requested a motion for approval of the March 11, 2014 meeting minutes with one correction, (change the word “be” to “been” on pg. 2, Economic Development, paragraph 5.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Motion was offered by Supervisor Welch to accept the minutes with one correction, seconded by Supervisor Gallahan. All in favor, motion carried.</i></p>

<p>Transportation</p>	<p>County Administrator requests to change the order of the agenda.</p> <p>County Administrator Garvey told the Committee that staff has been looking at the public transportation issue in Ontario County. We need to look for a sense of direction of where we want to go with public transportation. There are no short temporary fixes to alleviate some of the financial losses. We need to be equipped to make a decision going forward.</p> <p>Mr. Garvey introduced Rochelle Gray to talk about a financial analysis that she has worked on. Ms. Gray reviewed her reports on CATS County Transportation Revenue and MV Proposal vs. County 2014 Projection.</p> <p>DSS Commissioner, Eileen Tiberio, informed the committee that she has been participating in a number of phone calls and conference calls with several other counties that are also in the same boat as they used the same transportation initiative are now experiencing financial crisis as well. She told the committee that the Dept. of Health (DOH) and the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) will not be subsidizing transportation with us. Ms. Tiberio feels that the present public transportation system is not salvageable and that the other Social Services Commissioners that she has spoken are in agreement as well. Commissioner Tiberio said that our concern is to be able to provide consistent transportation for low income riders who do not have cars and need to get to work, or medical appointment,s every day.</p> <p>Commissioner Tiberio informed the Committee that the counties who provide Medicaid only transportation are pleased with this mandate, the 7-9 counties who relied on DOH assistance are not. They are not benefiting, but are losing revenue under the new mandate.</p> <p>Mr. DeRaddo gave a brief report on the straight ridership numbers for 2014. He stated that on a daily average there are 106 Medicaid riders and 119 general riders, and is consistent with past years' ridership numbers. The big change has been the mileage – which has gone down drastically.</p> <p>County Administrator Garvey reported that he had requested that Finance Director Cathy Bentzoni review the analysis provided by Ms. Grey and to report back to him with her recommendation as to how the county should proceed. Mr. Garvey stated that Ms. Bentzoni made a strong recommendation that the county terminate the present contract with MV and move to join RGRTA as soon as possible.</p> <p>Chair Lightfoote recommended that the P&R Committee meet with RGRTA representatives before the next scheduled BOS meeting on 4/17/14, in order to hear RGRTA's proposal. P&R Committee members agreed with Mr. Lightfoote. Mr. Garvey will follow up with the Clerk to BOS to get a meeting scheduled for early in the next week (4/7-4/11) with the entire BOS invited to attend.</p> <p>Chair Lightfoote requested a motion to enter in to executive session to confer with legal counsel regarding contractual matters.</p> <p><i>Motion to enter in to executive session to discuss contractual matters with legal counsel made by Supervisor Gallhan, seconded by Supervisor Campbell. Motion carried unanimously.</i></p> <p><i>Motion to exit executive session made by Supervisor Vedora, seconded by Supervisor Gallhan. Motion carried unanimously.</i></p> <p>No action taken at this time.</p>
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4:05 p.m.	Economic Development	<p>Michael Manikowski turned the floor over to Michael Wojcik to report on the Economic Development Quarterly Report. Mr. Wojcik quickly reviewed the quarterly report that had been sent out in the agenda packet and asked if there were any questions. No questions at this time.</p> <p><i>Motion to accept the Economic Development Quarterly Report as presented made by Supervisor Green, seconded by Supervisor Vedora. Motion carried unanimously.</i></p>
4:15 p.m.	Cornell Cooperative Extension	<p>Chair Lightfoote welcomed Tim Davis.</p> <p>Mr. Davis introduced Jennifer Jensen and Victoria Shively with the Ontario County 4-H group. Ms. Jensen gave an overview on the types of projects worked on by kids who are members of 4-H Camp Bristol Hills, and shared that Victoria Shively, a member of the 4-H CBH was here today to give a public speaking presentation on Monica's Pies. Ms. Shively gave a 5 minute presentation and answered questions presented by the committee. Chair Lightfoote thanked Ms. Shively for a wonderful presentation with committee members commended her as well, and excused her, Ms. Jensen, and Mr. Davis from the meeting at this time.</p>
4:20 p.m.	Planning	<p>Betsy Landre reviewed a resolution Authorizing the FLOWPA contract –SFY 2013-14. <i>Motion to recommend the Authorization of the FLOWPA Contract – SFY 2013-14 made by Supervisor Gallhan, seconded by Supervisor Green. Motion carried unanimously.</i></p> <p>Tim Jensen briefly reviewed a resolution Authorizing Contribution to Seneca Lake Partners in 5 Counties (SLAP 5). <i>Motion to recommend the Authorization to Contribute to Seneca Lake Partners in 5 Counties (SLAP 5) made by Supervisor Green, seconded by Supervisor Vedora. Motion carried unanimously.</i></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><i>Motion made by Supervisor Gallahan to approve the above mentioned resolutions as presented, seconded by Supervisor Vedora. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Tim Jensen shared that, albeit slowly, he continues to move forward on the updating of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Jensen will be sending out a reminder to all the municipalities reminding them to submit their updates to him as soon as possible. Mr. Jensen shared that although things are a bit behind schedule at this time, he plans on having a draft of the updated plan ready for review and adoption by year-end 2014.</p>
4:55 p.m.	Tourism	<p>Valerie Knoblauch, Director of the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection (Tourism) gave a brief report on Partnerships in Tourism. Ms. Knoblauch reviewed how partnership funds are levied and how they benefit the County and other surrounding areas.</p>
5:50 p.m.	Adjournment	<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 4/1/14 P&R Committee meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda R. Frasca

Senior Clerk