

Planning & Economic Development
June 15, 2016
Not Approved

Members Present: D. Root, M. Healy, J. Hopkins, C. Jessup, K. LaForge D. Pullen, C. Crandall

Others Present: C. Clark, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, K. Graves, G. Hanchett, R. Sobeck-Lynch, R. Hollis, C. Knapp, T. Miner, J. Norris, B. Riehle, T. Ross, N. Ungermann, J. Wood

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deb Root at 2:05pm

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the May 18, 2016, meeting were approved by a motion from Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator K. LaForge, and carried.

Economic Development Update

Mr. Clark gave his monthly report to the Committee for review. Three brochures were made which ask and answer the questions of why you want to work here, why you want to live here, and why you want to do business here in Allegany County. The brochures depict pictures taken in Allegany County of lifestyle, skilled workforce, and market access. One thousand brochures were made of each brochure. We already have some emails to match up companies with organizations. These same handbills are on their website. Mr. Clark attended the NYS Economic Development Council conference. Mr. Clark met with Leadership Allegany. They want to keep the same students that attend our 3 colleges; Houghton College, Alfred State College, and Alfred University to stay here. Leadership Allegany is going to take the lead on the Leadership Program. Mr. Clark indicated we have a coal-impacted community. We have ARVOS which is a coal minded company. The BDCC group is finalizing a \$4 million EDA grant that is supported by Senator Schumer. We have a proposal in front of Southern Tier Region West.

Allegany County Business, Education and Government Economic Development Steering Committee (ACBEG)

The sub-committee for the Allegany County Steering Committee met June 8, 2016, at the Wellsville Country Club. Plans were established to resolve and recommend the future purpose and structure of the Allegany County Steering Committee over the next several weeks. Craig Clark is going to take the lead on what the future of that committee is going to be. In Houghton, we asked the college to prepare something to know where it was headed. Mr. Wood has been using what is available to him, the presidents of the three colleges, and the legislative committee for ideas and recommendations.

I-86/Rte. 19 Interstate Development

We need ease of access to the County. It is a timeline, and we are looking at letters of intent by interested developers. The current timeline is as follows:

- present to July 29, 2016 HVS invites developers to submit letters of intent and plans for development of the Crossroads Property.

- July 29, 2016, is the target date for submission of letters of intent by interested developers. The IDA expects to entertain letters of intent that include plans for beginning of construction on a national brand hotel before the end of 2017.

- August 1 – 19, 2016, we will evaluate and analyze all submitted letters of intent, and will follow up with the developers who have submitted proposals to request additional information as needed.

- August 22 – 31, 2016, we will make results of their analysis of all submitted letters of intent and make recommendations regarding developer plans for the Crossroads Property to the IDA Board.

We will be following a tight timeline. The IDA Board will vote in an open meeting on the selection of an acceptable developer's letter of intent. The target date for completion of negotiations and execution of a preferred developer agreement between the IDA and the selected developer is September 8, 2016.

Park & Ride

The Park and Ride is now on schedule to be 100 percent shovel ready by early to mid-fall. Current plans are to hold off construction until after winter which is the contractor's preference. We have a strong verbal that the money has been approved. In the winter we will go to bid and construction will begin in the spring of 2017. The Park & Ride is on IDA property, and it is up to them to maintain the property. Sometime in the next 10 days we will have someone to pack it down and make the driveway better. Allegany County Buses are tearing up the drive way. He has no money to get the driveway repaired any better at this time. It was suggested that crushed binder could be put on the driveway at the bottom.

Branding

Marketing and promotion press releases are 100 percent dispatched. Two new developers have engaged as a direct result of the initiative. We have four active developers. Brian Quinn, Reporter for the Wellsville Daily Reporter, published an article in the newspaper which helped bring a developer in. The project on I-86 has not been a project until just now. The waterline is finally coming together. There is arsenic in one house in Friendship in one well. As you leave Nile there is a well with .5 standard. The waterline is now put together. We hope to save some real money in Belvidere. Issues we had are straightened out and we are moving forward. Craig did a good job of cleaning up. This is a chance for Houghton, Alfred State and Alfred University to produce jobs in Allegany County.

A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to go into Attorney/Client session at 2:50 p.m.

Immediately following discussion at 3:14 p.m. a motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Pullen to end the Attorney/Client session and return to the regular meeting.

Planning

Planner H. Kier Dirlam's monthly report was given to the committee for their review.

Land Bank Projects

The Land Banks Project Bryan Gamache, Planning Specialist, completed putting together the initial application for startup costs for the Attorney General's office. A second application to Community Development Block Grant and a follow-up to the Attorney General's office for additional funding are also being worked on now. Mr. Gamache is resigning effective July 6, 2016. Updates have been made to the website. Items will be rolled over during the next year. There is a kick-off meeting next week to get the website going. Step one is fixing the Allegany County website and then other business. On July 1, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Riverwalk Plaza there will be a celebration of the opening of the River Walk park space. The kiosk is done and the posters will be put up in the next two weeks. There are brown colored river access signs which have been installed. They have 19 signs put up.

Planner Kier Dirlam requested approval to fill the position of Planning & Development Specialist AFSME Grade 13 to start on June 27, 2016. This request was approved by motion from Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Greater Allegany County Chamber of Commerce

Gretchen Hanchett, Executive Director of the GACCC, reviewed her monthly report with the Committee. Ms. Hanchett is continuing to work on the Amish Trail map and the Watchful Wildlife Program. Ms. Hanchett is working on the possibilities of adding an Eagle Cam to the Allegany County Tourism website. Ms. Hanchett contacted the DEC regarding this endeavor. She noted funding would be needed for this project. We do have a travel writer who will visit Rushford Lake, Moss Lake and Pollywogg Holler. She is currently planning a golf tournament. Ms. Hanchett and Craig Clark met with a tin smith. The tin smith wants to help us promote our traditional trades.

Employment and Training

Reita Sobeck-Lynch, Director of Employment and Training provided her monthly report for April to the Committee for their review.

Appointments to the Allegany County Land Bank Board of Directors

The Chairman of the Board plans to appoint the following individuals as members of the Allegany County Land Bank Corporation Board of Directors for a two-year term

commencing immediately and expiring December 31, 2017, subject to confirmation by the Board of Legislators:

Curtis W. Crandall, Chairman of the Board
Timothy T. Boyde, County Administrator
Dwight R. Fanton, Vice Chairman of the Board
Dwight (Mike) Healy, Majority Leader
Kevin S. LaForge, Minority Leader
Terri L. Ross, County Treasurer
Joseph L. Budinger, Real Property Services Director
Dean Scholes, Deputy Public Works Superintendent

Approval of the appointment of the above list of people was made by a motion from Legislator LaForge, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried. Legislator LaForge amended his motion by asking to add Brian Gamache to the Allegany County Land Bank Corporation Board of Directors. This motion was seconded by Legislator Jessup and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Renewal of Contract with Cattaraugus County-Workforce Development Board

Interim County Administrator John Margeson requested a resolution to renew the contract between Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties and the Cattaraugus-Allegany Workforce Investment Board. The contract sets forth the administrative guidelines which describes how the three parties interact with each other for the purpose of securing federal funds, disbursing those funds, and delivering employment and training services to the unemployed and under-employed people in the two county region. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Pullen, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried.