I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lattimer called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Secretary’s Note: Mr. Hanna was present for the meeting via Zoom; however, to comply with Open Meetings Law requirements, if he was attending via Zoom, he needed to provide the location where he would be attending the meeting. Since his location was not published on the agenda, he is considered absent for the meeting and not eligible to vote.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Planning

1. Climate Smart Community Grant Application Amendment – Mr. Sousa stated originally when this went to AIP, we were looking at getting our match with another ARC application. One of the applicants, one of the partners, the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), has dropped out. We had to scramble and come up with another matching requirement for this grant which is coming from the contingent fund if approved by the Legislature for an ARP funded comprehensive plan that I propose asking for. So, that is the lynch pin for this grant; if the comprehensive plan gets funded it could be used as a match for this grant. If it doesn’t, then we would eventually have to withdraw this application. We anticipate that they will not make awards until December, so we have quite a bit of time to figure all that out and if we need to withdraw our application, then we need to withdraw the application. He stated that he had to redo the resolution to specify our matching requirement.

Mr. Swackhamer asked can you explain to me about this grant? Mr. Sousa stated this is for a greenhouse gas inventory and environmental connectivity analysis. So this would be a bike and pedestrian master plan for the entire county. Mr. Wheeler stated it is a partnership with Southern Tier Central Regional Planning & Development Board (STC). He stated Mr. Sousa has proposed using ARPA funds to do the comprehensive plan, but all of this has all of the contingencies in there that if we do not want to move ahead then we can withdraw the application. He noted that STC supports this.

Mr. Swackhamer asked what will this do? Mr. Sousa stated it will allow us to do a comprehensive analysis of the County with regard to bicycle and pedestrian improvement. We would look at all the downtown cores. It will look at the movement of non-motorized people into and out of our downtowns and we will evaluate it at a countywide level. Mr. Wheeler stated it will also give our partnership agencies data to use for their economic development grant applications.
Mr. Malter asked is this just another study? Mr. Wheeler replied yes. Mr. Malter asked who pulled out? Mr. Wheeler replied the IDA. Mr. Wheeler stated they were concerned about perception issues for recommendations for a specific municipality. Ms. Lattimer asked will this data tie in with the downtown revitalization initiative? Mr. Sousa replied yes. Ms. Lattimer stated those are pretty popular with a lot of our communities, so I would think that it is worthwhile. Mr. Wheeler stated yes, I think there are a lot of communities that lack sufficient data to submit DRI (Downtown Revitalization Initiative) applications. Mr. Malter asked how much is our contribution? Mr. Wheeler replied the $100,000 for the plan would be our match to draw down $100,000 in funding.

**MOTION:** AMENDING THE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION TO STATE THAT THE COUNTY COMMITS TO MATCHING $100,000 CONTINGENT UPON THE LEGISLATURE APPROVING FUNDING OF THE COUNTY-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.

**MOTION:** TO ADJOURN MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MRS. FERRATELLA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Steuben County Legislature