**MINUTES**

COMMITTEE: Robin K. Lattimer, Chair  K. Michael Hanna, Vice Chair  Hilda T. Lando  
Aaron I. Mullen  Thomas J. Ryan

STAFF: Jack K. Wheeler  Christopher M. Brewer  Amy Dlugos  
Jennifer Prossick  Eric Rose  Craig Patrick  
Emily Simms

LEGISLATORS: Joseph J. Hauryski  Carol A. Ferratella  Kelly H. Fitzpatrick  
John V. Malter  Frederick G. Potter  Scott J. Van Etten

OTHERS: Allison Hunt  
Robert Shirley, Acting Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Jamie Johnson, Executive Director, Steuben County Industrial Development Agency

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Lattimer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked Mrs. Lando to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2019, MEETING MADE BY MR. MULLEN.  SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO.  ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. HANNA ABSENT FOR VOTE)

III. **DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS**

A. **Buildings & Grounds**

1. **Capital Project** - Mr. Rose requested authorization to transfer $25,000 from the COB Parking Pave & Drainage Capital Project to the Pave Veteran’s, Records and Shop Access Roads Capital Project. He stated this paving work will be done by Public Works. Mr. Malter asked did you take into consideration the expansion of the Veterans building with this? Mr. Wheeler replied yes.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS TO TRANSFER $25,000 FROM THE COB PARKING PAVE & DRAINAGE CAPITAL PROJECT TO THE PAVE VETERAN’S, RECORDS AND SHOP ACCESS ROADS CAPITAL PROJECT MADE BY MRS. LANDO.  SECONDED BY MR. HANNA.  ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

B. **Planning**

1. **Public Hearing Authorizations** – Mrs. Dlugos requested authorization to hold public hearings relative to the 2017 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Well & Septic Program and to close out the 2016 CDBG Well & Septic Program.
MOTION: AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARINGS RELATIVE TO THE 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT WELL & SEPTIC PROGRAM AND THE 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT WELL & SEPTIC PROGRAM MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.

2. Authorizing a Local Government Efficiency Grant Application – Mrs. Dlugos requested authorization to submit, with the City of Corning, a Local Government Efficiency Grant to apply for funding to provide for more efficiencies between our two transit systems and to see if there is an opportunity to save money. This application will be submitted through the Consolidated Funding Application process.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF CORNING, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

3. Woodlands Community Update – Mrs. Dlugos informed the committee that we have completed the CDBG grant with them and had a monitoring visit with OCR (NYS Office of Community Renewal). Woodlands still has more infrastructure work to do. There has been a change in the funding stream and OCR is motivated for them to do another application for CFA (Consolidated Funding Application) funding. Since we held a public hearing in March for the other CDBG grant, we are asking the legal team at OCR if we can use that public hearing for this new application. She hopes to know by July if we need to hold another public hearing and then will submit a resolution for the Legislature’s approval to make the application. If the application is approved, we would also need to enter into a cooperation agreement with Hornellsville and they would also need to hold a public hearing. Mrs. Dlugos stated OCR is also trying to forward funding without the need of another application and they reached out to us to be an applicant.

Mr. Mullen asked what would these funds be used for? Mrs. Dlugos replied they need to upgrade the electrical service as it is currently undersized. There are 96 homes and the coop is owned by the homeowners. She stated she will keep the committee posted on where this goes. The application is due July 26, 2019.

4. Recognition – Mrs. Lando stated she would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Dlugos for all of her efforts for being the interim Deputy County Manager. Mrs. Dlugos replied she felt very honored that Mr. Wheeler and the Legislature had the trust in me.

IV. OUTSIDE AGENCIES
A. Steuben County Industrial Development Agency
1. Activities Update – Mr. Johnson stated that he would like to congratulate the County on hiring Mr. Brewer. He has had the opportunity to work with Mr. Brewer on a number of projects through REDEC.
   a. Phillips – Mr. Johnson stated he has nothing to report at this time.
   b. Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA) – Mr. Johnson informed the committee this is their busy time of the year. They are working on three economic development projects. He noted this year applications are a little slower than typical, but this tends to be fairly cyclical. There are a couple of infrastructure projects that J.C. Smith is working on. In the Village of Hammondsport they continue to work on the sewer treatment project. An Economic Development Administration (EDA) application has been submitted for Prattsburgh to design a sewer treatment facility to support Empire Telephone. Additionally, the City of Hornell has submitted an application for a $10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative.
   c. Manufacturing Automation Systems – Last year this company submitted a CFA (Consolidated Funding Application). This company started out four years ago; they moved into the Lindley-Presho School and have started manufacturing upgrades. They are now talking about expanding behind the
facility and are anticipating hiring 17 more people. They are up to 35 employees right now. This is a great success story all the way around.

d. Gunlocke – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that the company had significant layoffs at the beginning of the year. During their transition they have been in constant contact with us. Manufacturing is picking up again and they need to call people back. They are going to do that through a temp agency system and are trying to be cautious. There are two things that have impacted them. First with the tariffs with China, the wood prices have been all over the board. Second, most people do not want a wood finish anymore. The good news is they are committed to Wayland and are working through their issues. We will continue to meet with them.

e. Renewable Energy – Mr. Johnson stated renewable energy has been keeping us very busy. We have received the first application from the Baron Wind Project. This is a $400 million project and they are in the final phase of Article 10. In twenty years, it is anticipated they will generate $30 million in tax revenue, of which $6 million will come to the County over that period. The total region will benefit as they will generate $90 million over twenty years. There will be a need for over 200 construction jobs to build this. The first public hearing will be held on June 19, 2019 in Fremont. We only need to hold one public hearing, but we will hold two meetings; one at 2pm and one at 6pm at which time we will take public comments. Our role in this is to convey economic assistance. We expect they will start clearing in November with construction to start in the spring. Mr. Johnson stated we expect the Eight Point Wind application in July and the following spring the application for the Canisteo Wind Project.

Mr. Malter asked have names been submitted to the board and where are those boards? Mr. Johnson replied the State has not appointed the Article 10 Review Boards as of yet. The County has submitted names.

Mr. Mullen commented you can Google Matter Master and find all of the information about the wind project. He asked since approval for the projects comes from the siting board, is the public hearing to determine if a PILOT is appropriate? Mr. Johnson replied yes. General Municipal Law states that we have to take comments from the public on the project. We are actually doing a review of the Article 10 approval from a compliance standpoint, and we are going to do our own acceptance of these funds as if we were doing a SEQR. The siting board is the lead agency. He explained Eight Point Wind had to do an Article 10 and Article 7 as they are running transmission lines, so they are requesting a PILOT on the transmission lines and a PILOT on the turbines.

Mrs. Ferratella asked are they using prime agricultural lands for these projects? Mr. Johnson replied not much. Wind projects are much different then solar projects. For the Baron Hill Wind Project, most of the turbines will be 599 feet and will generate 4 megawatts of power.

f. PARIS Reporting – Mr. Johnson informed the committee they have completed their PARIS reporting and he will be presenting to his board their project performance. In 2018, the IDA had 42 active projects that supported 3,641 jobs which represented an increase of 590 jobs. These active projects in 2018 also generated a payroll of $833 million and represented a capital investment of $206 million. During 2018 these active projects generated $9.4 million in PILOT revenues.

g. Legalization of Marijuana – Mr. Johnson stated we had gotten a huge influx of interest in hemp, and now that has dried up. Most of the hemp companies have cannabis marijuana businesses they support as well. His assumption is those companies looked at hemp as a way to get their foot in the door and that they would just skip the hemp and wait for marijuana to become legal. He stated he thinks there will be a big push to grow and there will likely be some processing that goes along with it. What that means is yet to be determined. We have taken the approach that it is Cornell Cooperative Extension’s role with regard to the growing of new produce. If it came to processing, then that’s where our role comes in. We will not take a stand either way, but if it goes and there is an opportunity to create jobs, then we will have to take a look at it.
Mr. Shirley commented Cornell Cooperative Extension has hired a hemp specialist. Mr. Ryan commented there are federal programs out there that assist farmers and if the federal government does not legalize marijuana, then those farms will not get any assistance.

h. **I-86 Innovation Corridor Project Update** – Mr. Johnson informed the committee that today at 3:30 p.m. at the Arnot Mall Event Center, there will be an update on the workforce development component of the I-86 Innovation Corridor Project. He commented Fred Arcuri has been working on a program with Fort Drum to attend their job fair, which would potentially provide job opportunities to servicemen/women and their families in our region.

i. **Appointment to IDA Board** – Mr. Johnson stated that James Frame needed to step down from the IDA Board. He is recommending the appointment of Dean Strobel. Mr. Strobel was born and raised in Cohocton and is currently working at Upstate Niagara in Campbell. Ms. Lattimer commented Mr. Strobel really has so much enthusiasm for his job and is excited to come back to Steuben County.

j. **Industrial Park** – Mr. Haurski asked for an update on the land we have and what we have done to-date. Mr. Johnson stated we have a purchase agreement with Erie Development for the parcel of land North of Bath Dental. This property is the most undevelopable piece of property in the park. Erie Development is a subsidiary of EV Energy and they would like to put in a service center to sell fuel oil, propane, etc. They are not asking for any incentives and are purchasing for the appraised value. He stated they are also working with a regional not-for-profit organization on the potential of development the old Guthrie property that we took back.

Mr. Malter asked how much land do we have left in the park? Mr. Johnson replied we have about 60 acres of developable land between the drainage swale and the railroad. We would like to see a development of the railroad property.

B. **Cornell Cooperative Extension**

1. **Potato Specialist** – Mr. Shirley announced the new potato specialist, Margie Lund, started last Thursday.

2. **Executive Director Position** – Mr. Shirley stated the job announcement for Executive Director has been posted for weeks and the application deadline is July 8, 2019.

MOTION: **TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW, ARTICLE 7§ 105.1.F. THE MEDICAL, FINANCIAL, CREDIT OR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION, OR MATTERS LEADING TO THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, DISMISSAL OR REMOVAL OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

MOTION: **PRESENTATION OF NAMES OF PERSONS SELECTED FOR INDUCTION INTO THE STEUBEN COUNTY HALL OF FAME AND CONFIRMATION BY THE STEUBEN COUNTY LEGISLATURE MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0. Resolution Required.**

MOTION: **TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**
MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. RYAN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR.
MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR**
Wednesday, July 3, 2019
Legislative Committee Room
9:00 a.m.

Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature’s Office
NO LATER THAN NOON
Wednesday, June 26, 2019