

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
October 12, 2021

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 via Zoom Videoconferencing.

Members Present: K. Wildoner (Chair), M. Pasquale, G. Baldwin (Voting Representative for J. Shaw), B. Weslar (Voting Representative for K. Myers), S. Ryan.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Hilderbrant M. Kaminsky, Cindy O'Brien, K. Beebe M. Tanzini, C. Hall, R. O'Donnell, J. Scott Legislature; J. Garnar, C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, County Executive; J. Knebel, OMB; T. Behan, Personnel; L. Boulton, DPW; J. Hess, Chamber of Commerce; P. Dewing, OES; D. Smith, Solid Waste Mary McFadden, Health Department; B. Lucas, C. Cramer, Planning; B. Murphy, OET; R. LaClair, WPNH; V. Gialanella, Resident.

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:22 PM. Mr. Baldwin made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Pasquale.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROOME COUNTY AND THE VILLAGE OF ENDICOTT FOR MANAGEMENT OF ENJOIE GOLF COURSE AND RELATED FACILITIES

Ms. O'Brien asked why the County still manages Enjoie Golf Course. Mr. Garnar stated that it brings in revenue, allows the Dick's Sporting Goods Open to stay in the area and doesn't affect taxpayers in a significant way. Mr. Knebel also stated that next year it will generate a surplus.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOME COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2021-2022

Responding to a question from Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Lucas stated that it was geared to help businesses hire more residents from low-income backgrounds, replace revenue and prepare for any future pandemics.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER BINGHAMTON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU/VISIT BINGHAMTON FOR FUNDING FROM THE MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR 2022

Responding to a request for an update from Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Hess stated that this agreement allows her to better market our community.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL NEW YORK TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2021-2022

Responding to a question from Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Cramer stated that this is a one-time housing grant that will be run by the Community Foundation.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) POWER STUDY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Responding to a request for an explanation of the grant by Ms. Ryan, Ms. Lucas stated that ARC funding is given to communities with high coal powered presence, and it will provide better networking and broadband enhancements to help modernize our infrastructure.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2020-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2020-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#33 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE AID FOR LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 7 OF 2021, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTERS 257-40 AND 317-9 OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE"

Ms. Ryan asked if municipalities were notified ahead of time about the increase in dumping prices, Mr. Garnar stated that letters were sent out to the affected municipalities and that none responded or expressed concern. Ms. Beebe expressed concern regarding the proposed increase in the minimum fee going from \$5 to \$10. Mr. Hilderbrant asked if Ms. Smith knew the number of residents that bring their own trash to the landfill. Ms. Smith stated that she did not know the number, but it has been increasing and that is why the minimum fee is increasing too. Mr. Garnar stated that costs for the landfill are directly associated with the cost to keep the landfill running. Ms. Ryan asked if this fee increase may reduce the number of trips made by residents, Ms. Smith stated that yes it should.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Weslar. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.