

JOINT TRANSPORTATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

A joint meeting of the Transportation and Rural Development Committee and the Economic Development and Planning Committee of the Broome County Legislature was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Transportation and Rural Development

Members Present: S. Herz (Chair), S. Buchta, T. Cleary, J. Marinich for M. Diffendorf,
S. Messina

Members Absent: None

Economic Development and Planning

Members Present: J. Garnar (Chair), T. Cleary, S. Herz, J. Hutchings, R. Keibel

Members Absent: None

Others Present: R. Petkash, Planning; T. Stark, Employment and Training; K. McKinney, Info Tech; M. Kalka, M. Gerchman, Budget; P. Brennan, D. Fauci, County Exec's Office; C. Beardsley, D. Hickling, Aviation; L. Rollison, Public Transportation; J. Starks, J. Graham, ECC Technologies; M. Bowers, Z. McKenna, NYSDOT Planning; J. Hess, Chamber of Commerce; J. Gregory, STERPDB; C. Madden, Hotel Motel Association; B. Klipsch, M. Nirchi, E. Denk, C. Marion, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Transportation and Rural Development committee at 4:02 pm. Ms. Buchta moved the agenda, seconded by Mr. Cleary.

The Transportation and Rural Development Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#42 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH BUNN HILL FOOD SERVICE FOR VENDING, BEVERAGE AND GIFT CONCESSION AT THE GREATER BINGHAMTON AIRPORT FOR 2010

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#43 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE GREATER BINGHAMTON AIRPORT'S CAPITAL PROJECTS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#53 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE GREATER BINGHAMTON AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Heldover from a previous session

#584 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE/TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2010

The Economic Development and Planning Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2009-2010

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH O'BRIEN AND GERE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2008-2009

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#59 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BINGHAMTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BLDC) FOR MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FOR THE NORTHSIDE GROCERY STORE PROJECT FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE FOR 2009-2010

Mr. Hutchings made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cleary to amend the resolution to better reflect the intent of the request. A copy of the revised resolution was provided to all the members.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

Mr. Herz announced that this concluded this portion of the meeting. Ms. Messina made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cleary. The meeting adjourned at 4:11. Following the meeting adjournment several presentations were given.

Mark Bowers and Zach McKenna from the New York State Department of Transportation Planning Department gave a presentation on Sustainable Development, Smart Growth and Smart Code. They explained that Smart Growth is neighborhood livability; better access particularly for pedestrians, bicycles, and wheel chairs, less traffic; thriving cities, suburbs and towns; shared benefits; lower costs, lower taxes and keeping open space open and that SmartCode is an integrated land development ordinance that folds zoning, subdivision regulations, urban design, public works standards and basic architectural controls into one compact document; it is a unified ordinance spanning scales from the region to the community to the building. A copy of the information that was provided to the committee members is on file with the minutes.

Jen Gregory from Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board introduced John Graham and Joe Starks from ECC Technologies. Mr. Starks gave a presentation on a proposed fiber optic spine that would run from Bath to Albany and incorporate an eight county area. ECC Technologies is looking to develop a collaborative partnership between public and private sectors for the purpose of implementing fiber optic infrastructure. He stated that Otsego and Chemung have already committed and is looking for a letter or resolution of support from Broome County.

Darcy Fauci, Judy Hess, Christine Madden and Eric Denk addressed the committees on issues related to the taxi industry in Broome County. A committee was formed by the Chamber of Commerce in 2008 to study this issue and this committee recommended a County-wide taxi cab regulation and enforcement program. There have been many complaints about the quality of taxi service and the lack of enforcement of existing fragmented regulations in Broome County. Ms. Fauci stated that users of taxi cabs should have safe, reliable and consistent service. She also stated that municipalities that currently have their own regulations are in agreement that it should be a County operation and plan to rescind their local regulations. Ms. Fauci stated that it is her recommendation that administration and enforcement of a new taxi regulation should fall under the Department of Public Works Division of Security, with them monitoring the airport and the intermodal transit terminal and elsewhere.

The presentations concluded at 5:40 pm.