



## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: WebEx

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April 27, 2020

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisors Singer, Bateman, Guard, Hicks, Lightfoote, Venuti, and Wickham.

### OTHERS PRESENT

Interim County Administrator Brian Young, Chairman Jack Marren, Supervisors Ingalsbe and Vedora, County Attorney Holly Adams, Finance Public Health Director Mary Beer, Planning Director Tom Harvey, Sustainability & Solid Waste Management Director Carla Jordan, Assistant County Attorney Art James, Casella General Manager Brian Sanders, Casella Engineer Amy Dill, Sr. Planners Regina Sousa and Betsy Landre, Associate Planner Tim Jensen, Economic Developer Michael Manikowski, Economic Development Specialist Sue Vary, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Grants Coordinator Peter Brown, Outside Counsel J. Stravin, Cornell Cooperative Extension Director Tim Davis, Finger Lakes Visitor Connections President Valerie Knoblauch, Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Diane Foster.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Singer.

### MINUTES

Supervisor Wickham made a motion to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Quality Committee meeting on March 16, 2020. Supervisor Venuti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### COVID-19 UPDATE

Public Health Director, Mary Beer gave an update of the COVID-19 Pandemic, noting the following:

- We have had 95 positive cases as of today, we are averaging 1-2 new cases a day
- 39 of those cases are with the Ontario Centers Nursing Home
- We 11 people are currently hospitalized
- We have had 9 deaths
- We still need to be cautious and practicing good
- She has met with Bob Duffy to discuss the challenges they are having with testing and what re-open Finger Lakes looks like
- The three hospitals in the county will be reopening elective procedures tomorrow

Ms. Beer then answered questions from committee.

## CASELLA

- ◆ *Update*

Mr. Mark Johnston presented the following updates:

- He has been providing updates daily to Brian Young and Carla Jordan
- Two of the planned horizontals have been installed, along with two unplanned horizontals
- They have brought in a new contractor to keep the work moving forward with the intermittent weather
- The vacuums are not installed yet on the newer lines on the slope
- Vertical wells have been installed and they are working on keeping oxygen out of them
- They have brought in additional engineering personal to evaluate the gas collection system and the flares on site
- They have completed a de-watering assessment on the system
- They will be installing additional pumps on the de-watering systems once they have the engineering design
- They are looking to get another flare running

Mr. Johnson then answered questions from committee.

## SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLID WASTE

- ◆ *NYSDEC April 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting*

On April 14<sup>th</sup> Ms. Jordan, Casella, and assistant County Attorney Art James had a call with NYS DEC. This meeting was originally supposed to be a follow up meeting for the meeting at the beginning of the year after the horizontals were installed. Since not all the horizontals are installed Casella gave a robust update report to DEC. DEC went over the items in their most recent NOV and what information and action plans must be submitted by the end of the month by Casella to DEC. DEC has requested that Casella and the county have monthly meetings as things move forward.

- ◆ *Calendar of Events*

The calendar of events is currently being updated as events have had to cancel/reschedule the planned events. A new calendar will be published a revised calendar as soon as they can. All information will be updated continuously on their website.

- ◆ *Strategic Plan*

The strategic plan is moving forward. They released their latest recycling survey on Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>. This survey after six days had 660 people respond to the survey so far.

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Amendment to Contract with Causewave Community Partners for the Development of a Strategic Plan*

Ms. Jordan presented a resolution to amend the current contract with Causewave Community Partners for the development of a strategic plan.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Lightfoote. Motion carried.

- ◆ **Resolution:** *Award Contract*

Ms. Adams presented a resolution to pay for legal assistance for the

*with Hodgson Russ, LLP,  
Legal Assistance to Ontario  
County for Operations at the  
County Landfill*

landfill out of the Sustainability and Solid Waste department budget.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Guard. Motion carried.

## **TOURISM**

### ◆ *Updates*

Ms. Knoblauch shared the initiatives and website changes that her and her staff are working on. They are also working with the Economic Development department on how they can regrow the tourism industry once things reopen.

### ◆ **Resolution:** *Designating National Tourism Week – May 3-9, 2020*

Ms. Knoblauch presented a resolution to designate national tourism week. Even during these tough times our tourism is still important to recognize.

Supervisor Hicks motioned to approve this resolution. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Economic Developer, Mike Manikowski, presented two appointment resolutions for Deborah Brown

### ◆ **Resolution:** *Appointment to the Ontario County Industrial Development Agency*

Supervisor Lightfoote motioned to approve these two appointments as a block. Supervisor Bateman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### ◆ **Resolution:** *Appointment to the Ontario County Local Development Corporation*

Mr. Manikowski noted that he has been working with Bob Duffy on how to restart the economy and putting together an advisory economic council. He is happy to report that roughly 65% of our manufacturing has still been able to keep going as they have been essential.

## **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Ms. Landre presented two resolutions authorizing contributions to the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization.

### ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorizing Contribution to Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization Toward Seneca Lake Watershed Management Planning for 2019*

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve these two resolutions as a block. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried. Supervisor Guard abstained from the resolution with Hobart and William Smith Colleges as he is employed by them.

### ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorizing Contract with Hobart and William Smith Colleges for Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization 2020 Partnership Support Project*

### ◆ **Resolution:** *Authorization to Accept Round I Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning Grant for Honeoye Lake Aeration*

Ms. Landre presented a resolution to accept grant funds for the Honeoye Lake aeration destratification system feasibility study.

Supervisor Wickham motion to approve this resolution. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

*De-stratification System  
Feasibility Study*

- ◆ **Resolution:** Authorization to Contract with American Equipment, LLC for Skid Steer Brush Cutter Rental – FLCC Water Quality, Flood Resiliency, and Habitat Improvement Project
- ◆ **Resolution:** Authorization to Contract with Kahill Resources, LLC for Tracked Off-Road Hauler– FLCC Water Quality, Flood Resiliency, and Habitat Improvement Project
- ◆ *Census Update*

Mr. Harvey presented to resolutions for equipment to keep the FLCC water quality, flood resiliency, and habitat improvement project moving forward.

Supervisor Bateman motioned to approve these two resolutions as a block. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Harvey talked about a mistake in the census mailings in rural areas. They are working to remedy this. The Planning Department has printed flyer to be placed in the Foodlink boxes being distributed at the food drives and at DSS. They are also working on a larger social media presence to encourage more responses.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

- ◆ *Updates*

Brian Young gave the following updates:

- Census flyers are going to be given out in the Foodlink boxes this week
- The county is anticipating a 50% reduction in State Aid this year and through 2024
- He has formed a group to work on reducing the 2020 budget and beyond
- State resources of N95 masks have been exhausted and they have currently on order 25,000 masks
- He and others have been on calls with Bob Duffy and others to talk about reopening

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE  
EXTENSION**

Tim Davis reported on the following:

- A produce market in Gorham has opened with proper procedures
- The dairy industry is struggling, and they are working on online educational material for dairy farms
- The 4-H program has started the “Mask Task”
- Their parenting course participation is going up and the series will be extended by 2 meetings
- They will be holding a virtual “Just Plant it” meeting, visit the website to register

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 2:56 PM, Supervisor Bateman made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Wickham, to go into executive session regarding discussion on 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, and to confer with counsel; motion carried.

At 3:27 PM, Supervisor Wickham made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Hicks, to leave executive session; motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Supervisor Lightfoote seconded by Supervisor Wickham, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kristin A. Mueller,  
Clerk to the Board

APPROVED