

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2016

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: M. Sopchak (Chair), K. Bernhardsen, J. Shaw, K. Wildoner, K. Myers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Whalen, N. Mone, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; J. Bernardo, County Exec's Office; J. Knebel, OMB; J. Tripp, OET; F. Evangelisti, S. Brewer, Planning; J. Hess, B. O'Bryan, Chamber of Commerce; M. Brockett, Press & Sun-Bulletin

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:16 PM. Mr. Shaw made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Myers.

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

#3 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE DISABILITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2016

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TETRA TECH, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2016

Answering a question from Mrs. Myers, Mr. Evangelisti stated that this feasibility study will determine if the Depot in Fenton is useable in the case of a natural disaster. Mr. Bernardo commented that the plan is to try to renovate the facility as a shelter in times of need and a police/fire training facility when not in use as a shelter.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER BINGHAMTON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU FOR FUNDING FROM THE MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR 2016

Mr. Wildoner stated that he wished to abstain due to a personal conflict of interest. The Committee made no objection to the abstention.

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-0, Abstain-1 (Wildoner)

#8 RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS LEAD AGENCY, CONDUCT A COORDINATED REVIEW UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND RENDER A "NEGATIVE DECLARATION" WITH RESPECT THERETO

At the request of Mr. Evangelisti, Mrs. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wildoner to amend the fourth WHEREAS and add another WHEREAS of the Resolution to read: "WHEREAS, this County Legislature, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (NYSOCR), and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) are the involved agencies, as defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act, reviewing the aforementioned project, and

WHEREAS, the NYSOCR and NYSDEC have declined to be the lead agency for the project, and".

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

#30 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TICKET TO WORK PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2015-2017

At the request of Mr. Tripp, Mrs. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bernhardsen, to amend the Resolution by replacing Exhibit "A" with a new Exhibit. A copy of the new Exhibit is attached to these minutes.

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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

#37 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#38 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BROOME COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PURSUANT TO THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#47 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH NY WIRED FOR EDUCATION, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL ON-LINE TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR 2016-2017

Mr. Tripp stated that over 750 people have participated in this program and offered to share further data regarding the program to the Committee.

Mrs. Myers stated that she would like to see a metric created in order to determine how successful and effective the program is. Mr. Tripp stated that he would work with his staff to create an evaluation/survey and would share the results of the evaluation with the Committee when it's complete.

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 Mrs. Myers, seconded by Mr. Shaw. The meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM.