

CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING  
November 1, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Legislator Ann Petrus, Chair, Cynthia Aikman, Vice Chair, Legislator George Fearon, Legislator Francis Mitchell, Legislator Roger Mills

EXCUSED: Legislator Timothy Lattimore, Legislator Paul Pinckney

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Lynch, Director, Department of Planning and Economic Development, Ted Herrling, Director Employment and Training, Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant, Department of Planning and Economic Development, Doug Ververs, Executive Director Cornell Cooperative Extension, Justin Murphy, The Citizen

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ann Petrus called the meeting to order on Tuesday November 1, 2011 at the Cayuga County Office Building, Caucus Room #1, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor at 5:33 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES: Motion by Fearon to approve minutes of October 4, 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mills.  
All in favor, passed.

APPOINTMENTS: None

RESOLUTIONS:

**11-11-PL-1 Authorizing Cayuga County to become a member of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiative (ICLEI-USA)**

Motioned by Aikman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitchell to approve resolution. Steve Lynch stated that membership in ICLEI-USA is a requirement for reimbursement from the USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant. Climate Change/Carbon footprint inventory software program is included with the membership.  
All in favor. Members indicated their approval by signing the resolution.

**11-11-PL-2 – Authorizing the signing of a contract with the United States Geologic Survey for continued operation and maintenance of a satellite linked flow gaging station on the Owasco Inlet.**

Motioned by Aikman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George to approve resolution.

Steve explained the station measures nutrient loading and stream levels for flood warning events. Committee discussed the Water Quality Management Agency (WQMA) funding sources and how the FL-LOWPA funds are utilized. Discussion continued on the Soil and Water weed harvesting program on the lakes and the potential need for a new harvester. The committee suggested having WQMA and Soil and Water complete an assessment of current and future needs for a new harvester.

All in favor. Members indicated their approval by signing the resolution.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (CCE) UPDATE – Doug Ververs, Executive Director

- Successful attendance at the Household Hazardous Waste Event and Electronics Drop Off events held in October. Another electronics event will be held in November at the Auburn City Landfill.
- CCE partnered with the Ag Museum for a Halloween event with over 450 children and adults attending.
- USDA Rural Development Round Table session will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with CEDA.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING – Ted Herrling, Director

Ted reported that the county unemployment rate has remained stable at 6.9% for September and August.

Ted announced that he will be retiring at the end of the year and has provided the County Administrator with a succession plan.

ADJOURNMENT: Mills motioned to adjourn the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting at 6:06 p.m., seconded by Aikman. All in favor, passed.

Next Planning & Economic Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant

**Motion to approve minutes, 1<sup>st</sup> Fearon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mahunik. All in favor, passed. – December 1, 2011**

