Under the current COVID-19 emergency/Executive orders, this committee meeting was not physically open to the public at the County Office Building. The meeting was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Members:  Representative Kennedy- present, in Board Chambers  Representative Oberacker- absent, via zoom  Representative Marietta- present, via zoom  Representative Farwell- present, via zoom  Representative Martini- present, via zoom

VETERAN’S AFFAIRS – SID LOEFFLER via Zoom

Sid Loeffler requested approval to cancel one of the leases with Enterprise and to continue with the other for a 2021 Ford Transit all-wheel drive van at $1,077.46/month, which includes some equity from the 2017 lease from the change of plan. The 2017 will be the back-up van. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 1,876; Absent: 534-Oberacker. Motion carried.

Represented Kennedy inquired about an update on Vetra. Sid stated that the MOU between NYS Department of Veteran’s Affairs and the Veteran Service Officers has been signed and will be implemented once the photo op and other publicity items are taken care of.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS – LORI LEHENBAUER AND MICHAEL HENRICI via Zoom

Michael Henrici requested approval to fill the Deputy Commissioner (D) position as it will become available after August 21, 2020. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Martini. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 1,876; Absent: 534-Oberacker. Motion carried.

Lori Lehenbauer stated that delivery personnel and temporary positions were cut from the budget prior to the extra work involved with the absentee mailings. Ms. Lehenbauer is hoping to get a delivery person and will need temporary help for both the General and Presidential Elections and is relying on other departments for their continued assistance and will be willing to help again if needed. Ms. Lehenbauer appreciates and is thankful for the departments who have assisted in the past. The extra work consists of data entry, envelope stuffing, packaging and phone calls.

PLANNING - ERIK SCRIVENER, TAMMIE HARRIS AND SHANE DIGAN via Zoom
Erik Scrivener requested approval to amend Resolution No. 150-20200401 – Accepting the Grant Funding from NYS Census 2020 Complete Count Outreach Grant and Formulate Agreements with Non-Profit Government Agencies - for a 50% reduction to Census-related funding reduced to $57,147 with an anticipated spending of $9,881.50 with only Catholic Charities and a revised plan (submitted on August 10, 2020 by Shane Digan). Representative Martini moved to amend contract associated with Resolution No. 150-20200401. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 1,876; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.


Erik Scrivener requested approval of a payment plan for Emily Roberts, Green Earth Store, for $12,554.01 with a requested repayment of $350/month. The funding was through the Micro Enterprise Program. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Martini. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 1,876; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Tammie Harris requested approval to retire buses fleet #8226 and #8228. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 1,876; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Tammie Harris requested approval to add an ADA Transit Package to Lot G bus purchase not to exceed $20,000. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 1,876; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener explained his preliminary budget for 2021. He gave the committee an update on the Tiny Homes (Agency Housing) project, as there is much unknown with Covid, he will be developing a request for bids as five units need to be constructed before the snow falls. SUNY Delhi is expected to build two more units. Four units are on site that need to be completed plus the building of an additional one for a total of five.

Tammie Harris explained her Public Transportation Budget and said most of the budget is covered by grant funds except 10% of the bus purchase.

Erik Scrivener updated the committee on the I-88 Corridor Study and the next step is having a sub-consultant (EDR) to do site visit to review wetlands. EDR will be submitting to SHPO for a review.

THE COOPERSTOWN, ONEONTA, OTSEGO COUNTY FILM PARTNERSHIP, INC d.b.a. FILM C.O.O.P. - GREG KLEIN

Greg Klein updated the committee on accomplishments including forming a Board of Directors, in January they voted to officially form as a 501c6 non-profit, ten members plus a possible additional, Greg voted in as board
President, Judith Pachter of Milford is the secretary/treasurer, certificate of incorporation as The Cooperstown, Oneonta, Otsego County Film Partnership, Inc. dba Film C.O.O.P., filed 1024 form with the IRS pending letter, joined NYCON and a beta website www.film-coop.com. Their hopes are to get on the state website for regional film offices and create a regional name. They are lobbying for Cooperstown and the Leatherstocking region. They are in the process of joining the two Chambers and the professional film commission group, AFCI (Association of Film Commissioners International). Mr. Klein would like the Board Chair to approve, sign and designate Film C.O.O.P. as the official film office of Otsego County.

Representative Kennedy requested approval to designate the Cooperstown, Oneonta, Otsego County Film Partnership, Inc. dba Film C.O.O.P. as the official film commission office for Otsego County. Representative Marietta moved for approval. Seconded, Martini. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 1,876; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

OTHER

Representative Kennedy and the committee discussed the Community Events Grant program including but not limited to: cancellations, repurposing grant funding, intentions of the program, reaching out to people, restrictions, concerns from the public, applications and organizations getting direct permission from Empire State Development.

The committee discussed a resolution and recognition plaque in the Community Center for Karen Sullivan. Representative Kennedy requested approval for a resolution or develop plans to create a commemorative plaque at the Community Center to honor Karen Sullivan for her contributions to Otsego County. Representative Marietta moved for approval. Seconded, Martini. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 1,876; Absent: 534- Oberacker. Motion carried.

The committee briefly discussed the Planning Director position, the future of virtual and in-person meetings and budget meetings convening.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned at 2:25 p.m.