

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
KENNEDY, OBERACKER, MARIETTA, FARWELL, MARTINI
April 14, 2020
1:30pm

Please note the meeting attendance as follows:

Present in person at the Otsego County Office Building Board Chambers,
197 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326:

Board Chair Bliss
Representative Kennedy
Representative Oberacker
Treasurer Allen Ruffles

Present remotely via video conference:

Representative Marietta
Representative Farwell
Representative Martini
Barbara Ann Heegan, President/ CEO of the Otsego County Chamber of
Commerce
Cassandra Harrington, Executive Director of Destination Marketing
Corporation for Otsego County
Karen Sullivan, Director of Planning
Erik Scrivener, Senior Planner
Tim Peters, Executive Director of Otsego Rural Housing Assistance, Inc.

Present remotely via conference phone: Sally Santangelo of CNY Fair
Housing

**OTSEGO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and DESTINATION MARKETING
CORPORATION OF OTSEGO COUNTY—TREASURER ALLEN RUFFLES (in
person), BARBARA ANN HEEGAN, and CASSANDRA HARRINGTON via video
conference**

Treasurer Allen Ruffles, Barbara Ann Heegan, President/ CEO of
Otsego County Chamber of Commerce, and Cassandra Harrington,
Executive Director of the Destination Marketing Corporation of Otsego
County, presented and reviewed information, including but not limited to
the following:

- a COVID-19 Economic Impact Task Force has been formed

- Barbara Ann Heegan and Cassandra Harrington shared a planning and roadmap presentation
- supportotsego.com—website, produced with the help of Mark Drnek of Oneonta and Sweet Home Productions, is a resource for information about local business operations during the COVID-19 pandemic

Treasurer Ruffles requested the Committee's support of a Love Your Locals small business marketing campaign. Representative Oberacker motioned in support of the campaign. Seconded, Farwell. Roll call vote. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

PLANNING/TRANSPORTATION—KAREN SULLIVAN and ERIK SCRIVENER, and TIM PETERS of OTSEGO RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE, INC. (ORHA) via video conference

Karen Sullivan, Director of Planning, Erik Scrivener, Senior Planner, and Tim Peters, Executive Director of ORHA, discussed funding sources for a portion of the SRDI Cherry Valley Senior Housing project. Representative Oberacker motioned to approve awarding \$25,000 to ORHA from the NY Main Street program income for the SRDI Cherry Valley Senior Housing project. Seconded, Farwell. Roll call vote. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to award approximately \$9,000 (+/-, or the remainder of the NY Main Street funding) to the HAMP for Microsoft Azure Platform as a Service (PaaS) hosting. Representative Martini motioned to approve the use of the funding. Seconded, Oberacker. Roll call vote. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan emailed the Committee prior to the meeting details outlining proposed changes to the County contract with Leatherstocking Trolley to include maintenance costs. Karen Sullivan requested approval to amend the contract with Leatherstocking Trolley to include the maintenance expenses. Representative Martini motioned to approve amending the contract. Seconded, Oberacker, Farwell. Roll call vote. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to renew the 1-year cost share agreement with the Village of Cooperstown to operate the Cooperstown Trolley. Representative Martini motioned to renew the agreement with the Village to operate the Trolley. Seconded, Farwell. Roll call vote. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to amend Resolution 160-20200401- Suspending County Monthly Loan Repayments for 60 Days Due To the COVID -19 Pandemic to extend the suspension of payments through the month of June 2020, since the April 2020 payments had already been made at the time of the Resolution. Representative Oberacker motioned to amend Resolution 160-20200401 to include the month of June. Seconded, Martini. Roll call vote. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to award the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) ME 868133-19 to Thoma Developer for grant administration services. Ms. Sullivan said there was uncertainty about whether or not the program would continue as planned, however awarding the funds to Thoma would allow the administration of the grant to take place as soon as it is possible. Representative Oberacker motioned to approve awarding the CDBG 868133-19 funds to Thoma Developer for grant administration. Seconded, Martini. Roll call vote. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan and the Committee discussed possible changes to grants and funding sources in the future pending considerations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to the withdrawal of, reallocation, reprogramming, or repurposing various funding sources.

Karen Sullivan requested approval for the Director of Weights and Measures to attend the NYS Annual Weights and Measures Training in the approximate amount of \$400. Ms. Sullivan said the conference expenses are budgeted in the 2020 budget. Representative Oberacker motioned to approve the training. Seconded, Farwell, Martini. Roll call vote. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

FAIR HOUSING – SALLY SANTANGELO of CNY FAIR HOUSING via conference phone

Sally Santangelo, Executive Director of CNY Fair Housing, requested a letter of support for the agency to be the recipient of a fair housing grant. Representative Oberacker motioned in support of providing a letter of support for the agency to be recipient of a fair housing grant. Seconded, Martini. Roll call vote. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

COVID-19 IMPACT FUND—REPRESENTATIVE MARIETTA

Representative Marietta requested the Committee's support for an impact fund to be setup for support services and assistance for COVID-19

in Otsego County. Representative Oberacker motioned in support of setting up an impact fund for COVID-19. Seconded, Martini. Roll call vote. Total: 2,410. Ayes: 2,410. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS

The Committee discussed the pending status of the annual Community Events Grants program, including but not limited to: the program has been disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee would like to see the earmarked funds be granted, however some events have already occurred, some events have been cancelled, and the grant amounts are still to be determined. The Committee was in consensus to review the topic again at the May Intergovernmental Affairs Committee meeting.

The Committee did not set a date for their next meeting, and was in consensus that the date would be determined at a later time. The Committee adjourned.