

**Herkimer County Legislature
County Planning & Development
Friday, March 5, 2021
Via Zoom
9:30 a.m.**

Persons Attending:

Kurt J. Ackerman (Chairman of Co. Planning)
William Weakley (Co. Planning committee member)
Peter J. Campione (Co. Planning committee member)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (Co. Planning committee member)
Bob Hollum (Co. Planning committee member)
Patrick E. Russell (Co. Planning committee member)
Vincent J. Bono, Chairman of the Legislature
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer
Brandy Serow, Secretary to Co. Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer
John Piseck, Exec. Director of IDA

(Non-Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator Mark Gaworecki
Legislator Robert J. Schrader
Legislator Raymond Johnson
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator John L. Brezinski
Legislator Peter F. Manno
Legislator Raymond Smith
Legislator Ray Donley
Legislator Frederick J. Shaw, Jr.

Absent:

N/A

Mr. Weakley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Ackerman marked present.

Items discussed:

COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

1. CDBG – Hale Manufacturing – Authorize application
2. Other – Status of LDC

Committee Vote Record

COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Weakley: “The only thing on our agenda is CDBG-Hale Manufacturing. I have no information on that so please speak if any one does.”

John Piseck: “That was one of the Resolutions that you just passed in order to have the Public Hearing in order to support the grant for them. They have sold their building in Frankfort and they are purchasing a new building in Schuyler and part of the grant to them to reopen will be the CDBG grant retention of those employees. Without that support they would not be able to reopen again so we are very excited that

you and the County have agreed to move ahead with this grant. I will answer any questions if anybody has anything.”

Mr. Weakley: “Is there any other comments or questions for John?”

Mr. Schrader: “Is that an existing building that they purchased or a new structure?”

John Piseck: “That is an existing building that they are buying.”

Mr. Schrader: “Thank you.”

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Campione, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous

Mr. Weakley: “Anything under other for County Planning and Development?”

Mr. Johnson: “Mr. Chairman, I just have one question. I just want to know the status of the LDC? We asked last year and haven’t heard any information on it. Can we just get any updates on what is going on?”

Mr. Bono: “As of lately, projects that were pre COVID, the nursing homes and the housing projects have not gone forward. They didn’t move ahead but when that happens we can do that in a flash. John, do you have anything else?”

John Piseck: “Sure. Thank you Mr. Chairman. There is a cost associated with the LDC. Not only administration but we will need to add to a website, fill out AVO reporting. There are quite a few things involved with it and we don’t have any projects. We really should move ahead at this time at the advice of counsel. The largest one that we are working on, Valley Health Services, that is on hold as Mr. Chairman mentioned because of COVID. They are still wanting to move ahead with that which is a \$50 million dollar project. We are hoping to see that towards the end of this year with my last conversations with them but as soon as things progress with that we will have to form that group.”

Mr. Johnson: “Thank you. Just in regards to the cost, can we get a break down of what the cost will be? Where does that come out of? Does the County bare that cost or who pays for the cost of starting it?”

John Piseck: “There is some upfront cost that we anticipate taking any fees out through the formation and the doing of the project. That is why we have held off. Yes, the County is the lead on that. The County would have to front any of the cost. Like I mentioned, it would be website, some filings of the AVO report. As we get closer we will gladly get out any cost sheets that will be involved.”

Mr. Johnson: “Thank you.”

Mr. Weakley: “Anything thing else under other? If not, can I get a motion to adjourn County Planning and Development?”

Item #2 – Discussion only. No vote taken

On motion of Mr. Campione, seconded by Mr. Malta the County Planning & Development committee adjourned at 9:35 a.m.