## Minutes

Planning & Economic Development Committee

March 20, 2019, 6:00 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Odell, Chagnon, O'Connell, Starks

Member Absent: Himelein

Others: Tampio, Ames, Geise, McCoy, T. Odell, Atwell, Cooley, Curatolo, Dennison, Hastings

Chairman Odell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (2/20/19)

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator O'Connell

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

<u>Proposed Resolution-</u> Designating Tri-County Arts Council as the Official Arts Council for Chautauqua County

Ms. Hastings: Like I said before, the Arts Council in Cattaraugus County started about 20 years ago. For the last 17 or so years we've been serving Chautauqua County with our (*inaudible*) program that we administer for the New York State Council of Arts and recently, in the last couple of years we had made the decision that we should officially expand to officially serve the three counties of Western New York- Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegheny Counties. We started making that change with our name change to Tri-County Arts Council last year.

Chairman Odell: Rebranding.

Ms. Hastings: Yes. We did that with input from surveys from constituents and organizations that we serve and individual artists that we work with and then we went ahead and started making that transition to rebrand. So we are here just reiterating our desire to be officially

the arts council for Chautauqua County and to answer any additional questions you might have about what we bring to the County and our desire to do that.

Chairman Odell: Super. Thank you, Tina.

Legislator Starks: Thank you for all you do.

Legislator Chagnon: Welcome back. You convinced us the first time, it just took us a while to work through the process, but we're happy we're at this point.

Ms. Hastings: I appreciate the time and effort that you've put in to make sure everybody is on board with this.

(Cross-talk)

Chairman Odell: Thank you very much for everything you've done and everything you're going to do. All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

<u>Proposed Resolution-</u> Authorize Use of 3% Occupancy Tax Monies to Assist the 2019 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gerry Rodeo Event

Mr. Atwell: I'm Tom Atwell, the Rodeo Chairman and this is Paul Cooley, the Media Coordinator. Right now we're in the process of trying to- well actually, we've secured fireworks for two of the four performances. We're going to kick it off with fireworks because it's our 75<sup>th</sup> and we want to end it with fireworks. We're trying to make it the best we can make it. We're also redesigning our website to try to draw more visitors into the County. Mr. Cooley has the stats of all our contestants and where they're from. I let him handle that.

Mr. Cooley: It is quite a boost to the County economically, as well as advertising everything else in the County. Last year we had over- well, 225 contestants from 32 states and of course they go back and spread the word, so I'm sure that the County gets recognized. They come in- those 225 cowboys and cowgirls come in and bring families, they buy food, they buy feed, they shop and they visit other places and look for things to do all day long because the rodeo is only at night. I think the rodeo is a big economic boost-

Chairman Odell: Putting heads to beds.

Mr. Cooley: And the website helps us to do that.

Mr. Atwell: This year we have three hotels that have signed on to partner with us.

Chairman Odell: Who have you got?

Mr. Atwell: We've got the Holiday Inn Express in Jamestown, the Comfort Inn and the new Chautauqua Harbor Hotel.

Chairman Odell: Very good. That place is getting a lot of utilization.

Mr. Atwell: They've all been very supportive and asking for more information to give out.

Chairman Odell: I also understand that you were able to secure some funding?

Mr. Atwell: We've secured some funding from the Community Foundation.

Chairman Odell: Great.

Mr. Atwell: That's to help us bring in a six time nationally recognized rodeo clown. He's been nominated sixteen times and he's won it six.

Chairman Odell: OK, great. This will help to put more heads to the beds here in Chautauqua County. Any questions for Mr. Atwell and Mr. Cooley?

Legislator O'Connell: I've been to the rodeo and a good time is had by all. What would be an undesignated off cycle project?

Legislator Chagnon: That's our designation for the occupancy fund. We reserve a little bit of the 3% occupancy tax funds for projects like this that come up off cycle, rather than the annual cycle when they submit proposals.

Chairman Odell: Similar to the resolution we had last month for the Sheridan-

Legislator O'Connell: Oh, the roof replacement.

Chairman Odell: Yes.

Legislator Starks: I have a curiosity question. Do you think you'll have more hotels partner with you?

Mr. Atwell: We're hoping, but – I have gone to the Hampton and they say they'll get back to me. I've stopped at three because I didn't want to get too many because normally we fall on the same weekend as the Lucy Desi Festival. I was going to try the hotels downtown, but I've kind of withdrawn from that and stayed on the outskirts, except for the new Harbor Hotel.

Chairman Odell: Super. Anything else from the Committee? All those in favor? Opposed?

**Unanimously Carried** 

<u>Proposed Resolution-</u> Modifying Allocation of 2% Occupancy Tax Funding for Cleanup of Burtis Bay on Chautauqua Lake

Mr. McCoy: Good evening everyone. This is as titled, just a modification to a previous resolution. We'd like to get the money directly into the hands of the Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance for the simple reason that can expedite a contract much quicker than the County can.

Chairman Odell: I'm not going to disagree. That makes sense. Any questions?

Legislator Starks: That's the only modification, the direction that the money is going? It's the same amount of money?

Chairman Odell: Yes, the same amount that we allocated before, it's just reallocating where it's going.

Legislator Chagnon: It's the amount as needed.

Legislator Starks: And it's the reimbursement as it comes in?

Chairman Odell: Correct.

Mr. McCoy: It is worthwhile to note that this is what the Alliance was born to do.

Chairman Odell: Indeed. Any other questions? All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Use of 2% Occupancy Tax Monies to Retain Professional Services to Complete and Implement the Chautauqua Lake Weed Management Consensus Strategy

Mr. Geise: So, as the title says, this is to continue the contract with Ecology and Environment. The first contract we did with them was for just under \$10,000 and it was really to get them to review information, prepare an outline of what the strategy would look like and we've taken it much further than that. We're actually in the process of unveiling this consensus strategy soon. There's still work to be done, putting that strategy together, having a public meeting, and also developing a whitepaper regarding herbicide use. So, we want to continue that contract with E&E in the amount of \$12,000 and this will get that project done.

Chairman Odell: Any idea on the timeline?

Mr. Geise: Well, soon. In the next couple of weeks with the MOA and then the whitepaper is about 2-3 weeks after that. So, I would say within a month and a half probably.

Chairman Odell: Good to know.

Legislator Chagnon: I have two comments. First of all, E&E has done a fabulous job with this so far. I'm excited about the prospect of having them do some more work for us. The second

comment, relative to your question earlier that I described for the 3% occupancy tax off cycle reserve- there's not that for the 2%, so we're going directly to the reserve for the 2%.

Legislator O'Connell: Thank you.

Legislator Starks: I'm just recollecting that this was the neutral party to make everybody get along-

Mr. Geise: Exactly.

Chairman Odell: Anything else? All in favor? Opposed?

**Unanimously Carried** 

Proposed Resolution- Authorizing Public Hearing Regarding a Potential Application for 2019

Community Development Block Grant Funding through the New York

State Office of Community Renewal and the Uses of Said Funding

Mr. Geise: The IDA, along with our consultant Harry Sickerman (?), has been working with Webb's to not only provide them with incentives that we can do locally, but also whatever incentives are out there. So, through the community development block grant program the office of community renewal, we've been able to procure about a \$450,000 grant and it requires thatby the way, the grant will be administered by the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation, which is the 501C3 arm of the IDA, but the County must apply for the grant. As part of that we need to do a public hearing. So, it provides an opportunity for community input and that public hearing will be held before the Legislature meeting in April. So, that's really what this is and that's pretty typical that we provide an opportunity for the community to provide their input.

Chairman Odell: Any questions from the Committee?

Legislator Starks: Do you know what Webb's is planning to do?

Mr. Geise: It's a fractional ownership hotel with a restaurant and they're well down the road. They've had a lot of letters of intent- people interested in buying into this and it's a pretty significant- I don't want to say too much about it, but it's a pretty significant project.

Chairman Odell: They've got all the mechanisms including CREDC to help handle the semantics and the (*inaudible*.) Any other questions? All in favor? Opposed?

**Unanimously Carried** 

<u>Proposed Resolution-</u> Amend 2019 Budget for Feasibility Study for Hops/Barley Economic Development Project

Mr. Geise: As you'll recall Chris Lacorata, who is a businessman and was involved in the food industry for his whole life, has latched on to Chautauqua County as what he believes is the optimal place to build this fully integrated hops/barley co-op project that will not only work with farmers to grow the hops and barley, we'll will process the materials, we'll do the marketing, work with the customers- it's fully integrated. So, it's been about eight or nine months in the making. He's had a lot of meetings with stakeholders. They've done their due diligence to the extent that they can without putting a lot of money into it and they feel like this is a good project. Like he said last month, he really needs to take that deeper dive and that involves a feasibility study. It's about \$120,000 feasibility study that would be done by First Key. He is willing to pay for half of it and he's hoping that we can come up with the other half here at the County. So, we've gone out, we've met with and done applications and request letters to the foundations. I'm proud to say that this morning we found out that the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation is committing \$20,000. The North Chautauqua Community Foundation is committing \$7,500, and I'm still waiting to hear from Gebbie. So, along with the \$20,000 that we're requesting from the County, the IDA will make up the difference, or most of the difference, but we'll get as close to \$60,000 as we can. We think we can get to \$60,000. So, I'd be glad to go into more details, but again, he was pretty descriptive in his presentation.

Chairman Odell: Very thorough presentation. Committee?

Legislator Chagnon: Great project. I'm excited for the potential for this and I'm happy to be a part of it, it just pains me that we have to go to the undesignated fund balance, which I try to protect jealously. I'll save those comments for another time.

Chairman Odell: All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

<u>Proposed Resolution-</u> Amend 2019 Budget for Additional Capital Project: Development of a Brownfields Inventorying and Marketing Strategy

Mr. Geise: So, this project is really looking to take advantage of our brownfields. That sounds kind of strange, I suppose. Brownfields are contaminated sites that are located throughout the County and we have a fair amount of them. In the last year, both the City of Jamestown and the City of Dunkirk were certified for the brownfield opportunity area plans, which basically means that they now in a position to take advantage of these brownfield tax credits that the State provides for development of these projects. By the way, we have two in the County right now. We have the Edgewood Warehouse-Fieldbrook Warehouse in the North County and Jamestown Brewery. Both of those projects are taking advantage of these tax credits. We've had meetings with legal firms, consultants, the DEC and we pulled together both the City of Dunkirk and the City of Jamestown development departments, so we're all kind of on the same page and what we really don't have the expertise to do is really inventory those properties, figure out what's the best tool to use- GIS tool and how to best market them. We felt like it would behoove us to really reach out to a consultant and have them help us with this project. Basically, we got a quote from a firm- \$20,000. The IDA is willing to kick in (inaudible.) We took it to the Planning Board and

they unanimously recommended that this project get funded through the capital projects reserve account. I know it's off cycle, but I really feel that we need move on this.

One other thing I wanted to say, the way this really started out- when I first started my job here, I knew they were running out of shovel ready sites and that's something that the County Executive talked about. It's one thing to take a Greenfield and have to do all the environmental stuff on it, all the state historic preservation stuff and run infrastructure. All that stuff is very expensive and the State really – although they'll do it in the right time, they really like projects that are really more smart growth oriented, meaning that they're sites that already have the infrastructure, that are already in the right place, that are already zoned correctly, and have a lot of the due diligence already done. That's what the brownfields are. Plus, you stack on top of that the incentives- the brownfield tax credits that are available to them. So, it really makes a lot of sense for us to look at those and prioritize them and get them out to the development world and say that we have these sites and we have these incentives available. This will help us to get there.

Chairman Odell: The proof is out there. What I like best is the County Planning Board unanimously recommended it. I like it. Any questions?

Legislator Chagnon: I have a couple comments Mark. I really appreciate you bringing this idea forward because this is a very innovative idea. You and I have spoken about this. Thank you for taking it to the Planning Board. I'm not surprised that they supported it unanimously. What I do wonder about is why the IDA is only in this for 20%? It seems like this is ground zero for the IDA.

Mr. Geise: Well, if you look at- certainly, we made up a number. It could be \$8,000, it could be \$4,000. We should probably sit down sometime- I'll talk about that later when we get to our contracts- kind of all the places that we're spending money between the hops co-ops strategy and the brochure that we're doing and you'll see the fiber optic cable project that we're doing and all those have the IDA putting money in, which is great. I don't know what the right number is, but that's the number that we felt-

Legislator Chagnon: Alright.

Chairman Odell: That is kind of in line. They usually range from (*inaudible*) just trying to figure out the key formula. It probably changes from project to project. Anyone else? All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

<u>Proposed Resolution-</u> Amend 2019 Budget for Additional Capital Project: Fiber Optic Cable to Businesses In and Around Stoneman Industrial Park

Mr. Geise: This is another project that we took to the Planning Board. This has to do with approximately 14 businesses in and around Stoneman Industrial Park that have been relying on dialup service. The internet is a utility that has become really important to businesses. We do a lot of work over the internet and to have this old dialup service was really hurting them a lot. They came to us. Several businesses including Southern Tier Brewery, Water Street Brass, Classic Brass, Chautauqua Hydro Seed and they asked for help. So, we engaged DFT. They went

out, they did an assessment of what it would cost, they determined it was about a \$98,000 project and they said that they would pay for \$68,000 of it- about 69%. The IDA is committing \$3,000-3% and we're asking for the County to commit 28% or \$27,000 to the project. Basically, what this is going to pay for is the County and the IDA are paying to get it from where it dead ends now at Winch Road to the park and then DFT's portion will be running it from there to each and every business. So, this will get them all hooked up. They're thrilled. So, again, the Planning Board unanimously recommended this project to get funded.

Legislator Starks: I have a curiosity question. What are the residents in that area using for internet? Will the fiber optic- will the infrastructure being out there help the residents in the area?

Mr. Geise: That's a very good question. I don't know the answer, but that's a good point because if that infrastructure is running out there maybe they can tap into it. I haven't thought about that. I'll get you the answer to that.

Legislator Starks: I'm just curious because it's an absolute necessity.

Chairman Odell: I was really surprised that it ended at Winch Road.

Legislator O'Connell: Is there room for expansion at this industrial park?

Mr. Geise: Yeah, we've a few parcels that are available there. So, yeah, that certainly could set the stage for more things to happen there.

Chairman Odell: The exponential growth that Southern Tier has seen and enjoyed here in the last few years-

Mr. Geise: We were out there meeting with them about sewer issues and they had a presentation that was running and they were pulling it off the internet and it cut out and they said that it happens constantly. So, we actually experienced the issue while we were there.

Legislator Chagnon: Again, Mark, great project. I commend you bringing this forward. I don't mean to sound like a broken record on the money, but obviously the Planning Board, which I respect greatly, recognize that this means that with these funds that they're dedicating this year potentially would mean less money they have available for projects next year. So, again, I respect their opinion greatly so I will support it at this point.

Chairman Odell: Very good. Anything else? All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Agreement with County of Chautauqua Industrial
Development Agency for Attraction and Development of Tourism
Related Businesses

Mr. Geise: You're going to see three resolutions in a row here and the first one is for \$75,000 from the 3% occupancy tax for attraction of tourism related businesses to Chautauqua County. I wanted to talk about some of the things that we do and some of the places where we spend our money. I can talk about the success of this is the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, Webb's, the National Comedy Center, waterfront development up in the North County with the marina, the hotel up there- those types of projects. So, we're out there constantly. We have a contract with the Martin Group, which is a marketing firm out of Buffalo who is helping us with our press releases, our advertising- locally, with Sue Kellogg and Stephanie (*inaudible*) I don't know if you know them, but they do a lot of things like this. Things like we sponsor events like the Lake Erie Outdoor and Fishing show, we're working on a welcome brochure, we go to trade shows, we're affiliated with a number of groups like Invest Buffalo Niagara and we do a lot of advertising with Business First. So, these are just some of the things that we're doing out there to promote the County in terms of tourism.

Chairman Odell: All good things.

Legislator Chagnon: Mr. Chair, I would point out that the dollar amount is exactly as represented in the 2019 budget.

Chairman Odell: That is important. This is pretty straight forward, just a continuation of a current program and again, as Vice Chair Chagnon said, it's in line with the budget. Any questions? All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

<u>Proposed Resolution-</u> Authorize Agreement with the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency for Industrial Development and Promotion

Mr. Geise: So, there is some overlap with some of the previous consulting firms and others that I talked about. Certainly our membership in the Invest Buffalo Niagara, the advertising we do in Business First, we also advertise in State Book, which lists all the available sites in the County along with demographic information, Loop Net, LinkedIn, Facebook, we're also members of the New York State Economic Development Council, the New York State Association of Training and Employment professionals, we have a very close relationship with the REDC- Regional Economic Development Council and Empire State Development. Again, we do a lot of sponsorships, we do feasibility studies, we're working on a welcome brochure that's about two thirds done, we've put over \$20,000 of our own money into that, we've done a lot of environmental studies, we did the Dunkirk Grand Prix race last year- we put \$7,500 towards that, we're doing a lot of work with the airports right now. I was at a meeting today- a strategic planning meeting - the consensus strategy, the Ripley Gateway project, the hops project. We have a lot of things in the hoper right now and that all helps to get those things.

Chairman Odell: You left out the little thing in Dunkirk that no one thinks is happeningthe Athenex. Mr. Geise: Yeah, Athenex is huge. We've done a lot of work on that. We've organized all the meetings with the contractors. Kristine Morabito up there is great. She really reeled them in and nailed them down. We arranged all the meetings with the contractors. We meet with them- at least Christine does, once a month to see where things are at.

Chairman Odell: Super. Everyone good? All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

<u>Proposed Resolution-</u> Authorize Agreement with the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency for the Business Assistance Program

Mr. Geise: So, again, there's some overlap here but I want to bring to your attention that \$22,000 of the \$59,000 that's being approved here goes to the JCC Small Business Development Center. We work very closely with them. We have three business development managers. We have one that's part time in the North County, Kristine and then we have two others in the South County. They follow up- they're constantly on the phone working with businesses, helping businesses- SBDC is great because we'll get calls all the time about an idea that people have and we'll talk to them and nicely suggest they go the Small Business Development Center and meet with them and they'll help you flush out your ideas and some work and some don't. We're constantly knocking on doors. The first quarter of every year is knock on doors quarter and they're out there making calls, contacting every business in the community that has potentially taken advantage of our incentives. Again, we have Invest Buffalo Niagara- I didn't mention earlier Southern Tier West- we're affiliated with them, the EDA- Economic Development Association, ARC- Appalachian Regional Commission, all the local development entities between Westfield Development Corporation, the City of Dunkirk Development Department, Jamestown Development Department and others. We administer a \$12 million fund, which are small loans. It's called the L tech loan fund, so we have dozens of businesses that take care of that. We administer that, we do bonding though CRC and we've done projects like the JCC dorms, the Ice Arena and many others. So, that gives you flavor for our business assistance program.

Chairman Odell: Thank you.

Legislator Chagnon: It's in line with the budget.

Chairman Odell: Any questions?

Legislator O'Connell: Just listening to you talk; this is a phenomenal amount of activity that comes out of your agency.

Chairman Odell: All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Legislator Chagnon: Mr. Chairman, since Courtney is here to have a discussion with us tonight, I would like to suggest that we take the next proposed resolution and hold that until after out discussion, so it flows in logical sense.

Chairman Odell: I agree 100%

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Extension of Lease Agreement for Department of Planning & Development, Division of Economic Development at the BWB Center

Mr. Geise: So, the Department of Planning and Development- really, the Division of Economic Development, is contracting with the IDA for part of the cost of that facility that we have with BWB. This has gone down tremendously now that the planning (*inaudible*) has moved to the Welch's Building in the North County. The Division of Economic Development just takes up a small footprint. So, we're required to do a resolution approving that lease with the IDA for that space. We do get some rent from the Watershed folks, but Dave is basically- we don't charge him and part of my footprint there is also being compensated.

Chairman Odell: Just dotting "I"s and crossing "T"s. Any questions?

Legislator Starks: No. Mr. Geise, thank you for all you do.

Chairman Odell: Yes. All in favor? Opposed?

*Unanimously Carried* 

Chairman Odell: Next, we will hear form Ms. Tampio. These were not originally on the agenda. Just two resolutions that went through Public Facilities regarding the North County Water District that we though should come to our Committee as well before it's passed through to Audit & Control.

<u>Proposed Resolution-</u> Approving SEQRA Findings in Relation to the Second Modification of The Map and Plan for the North Chautauqua County Water District

Clerk Tampio: In order for the Legislature to approve the amended Map and Plan, you must first approve the SEQR findings. There is a part one, two and three of the environmental assessment form. In order to make changes or additions (*inaudible*) an addendum has been prepared by the engineers. The previous map and plan amendment, an addendum was provided at that time also. That was addendum number one this is addendum number two. Since that went out, Mr. Chagnon has asked several questions in relations to if this will impact or change part one, two or three. I forwarded those questions to our engineer and we hope to have a response by late this week or early next week that we can provide you all. I've discussed this quite a bit with County Attorney Abdella and we feel confident that we can get that information to you.

Chairman Odell: Were there any questions that came up at Public Facilities?

Clerk Tampio: I don't believe so-

Legislator Chagnon: No, I was there.

Clerk Tampio: Previously, when we did the 2017- the first amendment to the map and plan, the resolutions did come to Public Facilities and Planning & Economic Development, however, this time when we asked Attorney Abdella he asked us to send it to Public Facilities and Audit & Control because there's monetary differences in the project. So, I'm sorry if we missed you inadvertently, but that's how that happened.

Legislator Chagnon: Mr. Chairman, for the committee, and you've heard me say these words in the past, but when I'm presented with a resolution that says that the County Legislature has reviewed something, I like to review it because that's what we're attesting too. So, the Clerk was very helpful in providing the full environmental assessment form, which includes parts one, two and three, and then in reviewing that, that's what generated the questions I had. I can attest that I've reviewed it completely, but there are still some open questions that will be addressed later this week or early next week.

Chairman Odell: Yes. Very good.

Legislator Starks: Thank you Pierre.

Chairman Odell: That's important. Any other questions? All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Determining that it is in the Public Interest to Make a Second Modification to the Map and Plan for the North Chautauqua County Water District

Clerk Tampio: After the SEQR document is approved- the negative declaration is approved for this modified map and plan, and then we proceed to publically approve the map and plan amendment. It provides for- they're listed in the resolution, but it provides for some additional work in the project that's been enabled by the award of a \$3 million grant from EFC. So, in order to utilize that money, it was reviewed with the board of the North Chautauqua County Water District and they approved the engineer's recommendations for improvements. Some additions and changes were made. One of the major changes was moving the water storage tank from a proposed location in the east Town of Dunkirk, which provides water pressures, flows, etc. for water mains on Route 5 and then also in the area of the Town of Dunkirk and the Industrial Water District and so on. That has been moved to a location in the Town of Sheridan. With that change in location, it also included additional water mains to be installed to get from the Route 5 area through the Town of Dunkirk and upgrade to their pump station and upgrade the size of the 8 inch water main that they're installing, up to a 12 inch to make it the same as the rest of the system. It would also enable an interconnection with the Village of Fredonia. So, the

primary purpose is still to provide the proper flows and pressures of our regional system, as it existed before, but also to enable some redundancy within the regional system and redundancy with to the Village of Fredonia, especially in light of the fact of the proposed location of the new Brooks Hospital in the Village of Fredonia, which I believe will require a redundant source in case of a water service interruption in Fredonia's water system.

Also, proposed was an interconnection on the west side of the system with Fredonia water supply that is provided to the Town of Pomfret. The same concept for (*inaudible*) to provide redundancy in either system in the event of an emergency.

There were also some provisions for the connection on Route 5 with the Village of Westfield in the future if the Town of Westfield decides to extend their water district up to the Portland Town line. We are also pursuing additional funding from the Department of Corrections- the State. They provided funding to the Brocton system and we are pursuing an additional \$1.6 million from them. If that comes in, then there – it also was reviewed with the North Chautauqua County Water District Board- what are the priorities as far as utilizing that funding for additional items to the project. So, two of those were to remove and demolish the existing water tanks in the Town of Portland and the Industrial Water District, which will be-Portland's already out of service and it's not necessary and we have a new tank in Brocton and the industrial water district wants the new tank (*inaudible*) it's constructed it will also be taken out of service. If the funding exists from DOCS, then we'll be able to take those two structures down.

Also, the total project cost as you can see from the resolution, has increased substantially and that's because of the additional work and the \$3 million grant funding. The annual district payment for debt service has increased by about \$100,000, but it will not have an impact on the cost of water sold to the district customers, which are municipalities, because of the amount of water to be purchased through the system will increase substantially when the Athenex plant comes online and with an addition of a hundred million gallons.

(Cross-talk)

Chairman Odell: Wow, that's what they're estimating.

Clerk Tampio: Our engineers spoke with the project managers and that's the estimation when they're in full operation.

Chairman Odell: Super. Thank you for that detail.

Legislator Chagnon: I would just like commend Kathy and (*inaudible*.) They secured a three million dollar water infrastructure improvement act grant through the CFA process. It's a very competitive process, which has enabled this to proceed as it. So, congratulations and thank you for all the hard work that you do on this project.

Chairman Odell: Yes, thank you.

Clerk Tampio: If I could mention one more thing. The public notices were put in the official newspapers of the County and as we've done before, a card notice was sent to every

property within the district. That was accomplished by our staff down in the mail room- Ed Anderson, in particular.

Chairman Odell: Any questions? All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

<u>Discussion-</u> Small Business Development Center- Dr. Courtney Curatolo, Director and Mark Geise

<u>Proposed Resolution-</u> Authorize Agreement with Small Business Development Center at Jamestown Community College

Chairman Odell: Any questions? All in favor? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator Chagnon to adjourn.

*Unanimously Carried* (7:08 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed, Olivia Ames, Deputy Clerk/Secretary to the Legislature