

Agenda

Planning & Economic Development Committee

January 15, 2020, 6:00 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes (12/11/19)
- C. Privilege of the Floor
 - 1. Proposed Resolution – Confirm Appointment and Re-Appointments – Chautauqua County Food Council
 - 2. Proposed Resolution - Authorize Use of Chautauqua County 3% Occupancy Tax Undesignated Off-Cycle Project Funding for the Chadakoin River Business Plan
 - 3. Proposed Resolution – Authorize Use of Occupancy Tax Monies for Chautauqua County to Retain Professional Services to Advocate for Federal Projects and Funding
 - 4. Other

**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

SMA 12/26/19

TITLE: Confirm Appointment and Re-Appointments - Chautauqua County Food Policy Council

BY: Planning & Economic Development Committee:

AT THE REQUEST OF: Acting County Executive Stephen M. Abdella:

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Food Policy Council was created by Resolution 119-19; and

WHEREAS, a food policy council serves as a network to bring stakeholders both directly and indirectly involved in a food system together to increase communication between sectors and to strengthen and build healthy, sustainable communities; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution 119-19 provides that the membership of the Council will consist of a minimum of thirteen members, comprising seven reserved seats and six community seats; and

WHEREAS, additional seats may be added as recommended by the Council, but total membership will not exceed fifteen members; and

WHEREAS, Acting County Executive Stephen M. Abdella, has submitted the following initial appointments for action by the Chautauqua County Legislature; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chautauqua County Legislature does hereby confirm the following appointment and re-appointments to the Chautauqua County Food Policy Council:

Kate Ewer
106 Hoag Road
Ashville, NY 14710
Term Expires: 12/31/20
(Filling Term of Emily Reynolds)

Linnea Carlson
301 E. Second Street STE 301
Frewsburg, NY 14738
Term Expires: 12/31/19

Patricia Hammond
760 Deer St.
Dunkirk, NY 14048
Term Expires: 12/31/22

Elizabeth Margarito
139 Broadhead Ave.
Jamestown, NY 14701
Term Expires: 12/31 /22

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MRG 12-27-19
ABC 12/27/19
SMA 12/27/19
KMD 1/2/20
SMA (ACE)
1/2/2020

TITLE: Authorize Use of Chautauqua County 3% Occupancy Tax
Undesignated Off-Cycle Project Funding for the Chadakoin River
Business Plan

BY: Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees:

AT THE REQUEST OF: County Legislators Mark Odell and Pierre Chagnon

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Development - Division of Economic Development recently collaborated with local stakeholders (the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (“CCIDA”), the Gebbie Foundation, and the Roger Tory Peterson Institute (“RTPI”)) to complete a bathymetric survey (measure of water depths) of the Chadakoin River from McCrea Point to the Warner Dam in Jamestown to determine if it was plausible for watercraft to navigate from Chautauqua Lake downstream to the basin adjacent to the National Comedy Center; and

WHEREAS, the influx of boaters from around Chautauqua Lake and from outside of the region into downtown Jamestown by way of the Chadakoin River will benefit downtown businesses and the overall commerce of the City of Jamestown and the County; and

WHEREAS, the results of the survey revealed there are no major obstructions, meaning that non-motorized watercraft and small-to-medium sized motorized boats could navigate downstream to the basin provided the appropriate infrastructure and related improvements are developed; and

WHEREAS, the next phase of this initiative is to determine what economic and environmental-related infrastructure projects need to be undertaken to make this a reality, which are to be identified and conceptualized as part of a strategic business plan; and

WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Development - Division of Economic Development, the CCIDA, and the Gebbie Foundation, working with local partners including the RTPI, City of Jamestown, and the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (“BPU”), developed a scope of work, which will be a component of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit qualified firms to develop a Strategic Business Plan (hereinafter referred to as “the Plan”) for that portion of the Chadakoin River from McCrea Point downstream to the Warner Dam; and

WHEREAS, the CCIDA, the Gebbie Foundation, and the BPU, working with other local partners, recently sent out letters to prospective private and public funders to cover a portion of the cost of developing the Plan, and several commitments have already been pledged in the amount of \$35,000 with more financial commitments expected; and

WHEREAS, the CCIDA and the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (“CREDC”), who will be managing the project, seek to hire a qualified consultant to assist in the completion of the Plan, which details projects needed to be undertaken that will provide the means by which the Chadakoin River can be navigable by small-to-medium sized motorized watercraft from the McCrea Point boat launch to the basin behind the National Comedy Center; and

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WHEREAS, the Plan, with a cost estimated not to exceed \$60,000, will identify projects (both economic and environmental-related) and marketing recommendations, resulting in conceptual drawings, costing, a proposed timeline, suggested partnerships, and the identification of funding sources in order to implement prioritized projects over a time frame of three (3) to five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, this Plan involves both water quality and tourism development components, and will establish the groundwork for guiding the ultimate activation of the Chadakoin River for greater public use; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that approximately 75% of the project's cost will be borne by the support of area businesses, foundations, the City of Jamestown, the BPU, the CCIDA, and CREDC; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Adopted Budget includes an appropriation of \$38,144 for projects proposed outside the application cycle for the 3% Occupancy Tax Tourism Promotion Fund, and all of said appropriation is currently; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to designate \$10,000 of the 3% Occupancy Tax Tourism Promotion appropriation for undesignated off-cycle projects to assist the CCIDA and CREDC with advancing this project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chautauqua County Legislature designates \$10,000 from the 3% Occupancy Tax Tourism Promotion fund for undesignated off-cycle projects to assist the CCIDA and CREDC in advancing the Chadakoin River Business Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into any and all contracts necessary to implement the terms of this resolution.

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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
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DWM 12-16-19
ABC 12/19/19
SMA 12/19/19
KMD 12/20/19
KLC 12/24/19
SMA (ACE) 12/24/19

TITLE: Authorize Use of Occupancy Tax Monies for Chautauqua County to Retain Professional Services to Advocate for Federal Projects and Funding

BY: Planning & Economic Development and Audit & Control Committees:

AT THE REQUEST OF: Acting County Executive Stephen M. Abdella and Legislator Pierre Chagnon:

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County's Lake and Waterways are invaluable assets for Chautauqua County that enhance the environment and quality of life, provide recreational and tourism opportunities, and spur economic development; and

WHEREAS, the health and usability of Chautauqua County's Lakes and Waterways have been threatened by numerous factors at various times including, but not limited to, decreased water quality, point source pollution, introduction of non-native species, excessive erosion, sedimentation, flooding and drainage issues, and the decreased ability to launch and navigate watercraft within harbors and waterways; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 178-11, the Chautauqua County Legislature authorized the establishment of the Lake Erie Management Commission (LEMC) to prioritize and select Lake Erie watershed projects for funding that conform to the recommendations outlined in the Lake Erie Management Plan, seek additional funding for Lake Erie watershed projects, and undertake such other initiatives and coordination activities for the betterment of the Lake Erie watershed; and

WHEREAS, projects undertaken by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), such as the much needed maintenance dredging and rehabilitation of breakwaters at Chautauqua County's shallow draft recreational harbors in Barcelona, Dunkirk and Cattaraugus Creek, are of low priority when compared to large deep draft commercial harbors with significant shipping tonnage; and

WHEREAS, federal funds, such as those appropriated under the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), are initially prioritized by the USACE staff located in Buffalo, Cleveland and Washington D.C. for inclusion in the President's budget, which is then allocated by members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives during federal budget negotiations, and Chautauqua County, as a small rural county, is at a distinct disadvantage with respect to its ability to advocate for its fair share of federal funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolutions 106-16, 266-16, 282-17 and 298-18, Chautauqua County has retained the professional services of NEXUS Government Relations (NEXUS), a consultant specializing in water resources, programming, federal projects, and obtaining federal funding, since 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 each year; and

WHEREAS, NEXUS has helped to deliver \$1.875 million in Federal funding to Chautauqua County for maintenance dredging in the recreational harbors in Barcelona and Dunkirk; and

WHEREAS, NEXUS has collaborated with Chautauqua County to facilitate Congressional authorization for Chautauqua Lake flood control and environmental restoration; supported increased funding levels and a number of projects eligible for the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Section 107, Small River & Harbor

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Improvement Projects program promoting funding availability for the Dunkirk Harbor improvement projects; supported increased funding levels and a number of projects eligible for USACE Section 205 Small Flood Control Projects program including promoting funding availability for Cattaraugus Creek ice jam remediation efforts, authorization for Cattaraugus Creek for the flood control project, and authorization for Silver Creek for the flood control project; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County desires to extend its agreement for professional services with NEXUS throughout the 2020 calendar year at a cost not to exceed \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, LEMC shall provide one-third (\$5,000) of the cost to retain NEXUS from LEMC's annual 2% allocation and Chautauqua County shall provide the remaining two-thirds (\$10,000) of the cost from the 2% Occupancy Tax Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the fund balance in the 2% Occupancy Tax Lakes and Waterways Reserve Fund is approximately \$145,424; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Chautauqua County Legislature hereby authorizes LEMC to represent Chautauqua County's interests in advocating for increased federal funding and projects and that LEMC will provide one-third (\$5,000) of the cost to retain NEXUS from LEMC's annual 2% allocation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Legislature hereby authorizes the use of the 2% Occupancy Tax Reserve to provide the remaining two-thirds (\$10,000) of the cost to retain NEXUS; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Fund Balance be appropriated as follows:

INCREASE THE USE OF FUND BALANCE:

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;and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Finance is authorized and directed to make the following amendments to the 2020 Adopted Budget:

INCREASE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT:

A.8020.WTRS.4 Contractual—Planning—Watershed Administration \$10,000

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