

STEBEN COUNTY AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023

9:35 a.m.

Legislative Chambers, 3rd Floor, Annex Building

Bath, New York

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Scott J. Van Etten Paul E. Van Caeselele	Carol A. Ferratella	James Kuhl
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Brenda Scotchmer	Christopher Brewer Jennifer Galvan	Jennifer Prossick
LEGISLATORS:	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Steven P. Maio Frederick G. Potter	Jeffrey P. Horton John V. Malter Brian C. Schu	Wendy Lozo Robert V. Nichols
ABSENT:	Aaron I. Mullen, Chair	Hilda T. Lando, Vice Chair	

Secretary's Note: Hilda Lando attended via Zoom, however, not under the Extraordinary Circumstance exemption.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Van Etten called the meeting to order as both the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee were not present.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Awarding RFP for Broadband**

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC OFFICERS' LAW, ARTICLE 7§ 105.1.F. THE MEDICAL, FINANCIAL, CREDIT OR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION, OR MATTERS LEADING TO THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION, DISMISSAL OR REMOVAL OF A PARTICULAR PERSON OR CORPORATION MADE BY MR. KUHL. SECONDED BY MRS. FERRATELLA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0 (MR. VAN ETTEN VOTING MEMBER)

MOTION: TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION MADE BY MR. VAN CAESELE. SECONDED BY MRS. FERRATELLA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. VAN ETTEN VOTING MEMBER)

MOTION: AWARDED THE RFP FOR BROADBAND TO EMPIRE ACCESS FOR \$8,000,000.00 WITH A MINIMUM OF 2,100 UNSERVED HOUSEHOLDS/BUSINESSES TO BE CONNECTED MADE BY MR. VAN CAESELE. SECONDED BY MR. KUHL. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. VAN ETTEN VOTING MEMBER) Resolution Required.

2. **Allocating ARPA and General Funds to New Capital Project-** Mr. Brewer requested authorization to create a new capital project entitled "Broadband in Steuben County for the Unserved". He also requested authorization to allocate \$6,196,527 in restricted ARPA funds, \$53,907 in unrestricted ARPA funds and \$1,749,566 from the County's unrestricted fund balance to this new capital project.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A NEW CAPITAL PROJECT ENTITLED “BROADBAND IN STEUBEN COUNTY FOR THE UNSERVED” AND ALLOCATING \$6,196,527 IN RESTRICTED ARPA FUNDS, \$53,907 IN UNRESTRICTED ARPA FUNDS AND \$1,749,566 FROM THE COUNTY’S UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE TO SAID CAPITAL PROJECT MADE BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. SECONDED BY MRS. FERRATELLA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. (MR. VAN ETTEN VOTING MEMBER. *Resolution Required.*

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. KUHL. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-. (MR. VAN ETTEN VOTING MEMBER)

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature