

Minutes  
Planning and Development Committee  
August 17, 2004

Members Present: Committee Chair Michael Behling, Legislators Robert Boice, Kathleen LaClair, Barry Ormsby, Philip Reed, James St. Croix and Board Chairman Robert Thomas

Others Present: Legislators Kenneth Blankenbush, Gino Zando, James Nabywaniec, and Carolyn Fitzpatrick, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy County Administrator Michael Kaskan, County Attorney John Hartzell, Budget Analyst Greg Hudson, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Planning Director Bruce Armstrong, Employment & Training Director Marty DelSignore, Stenographer Kathryn Holloway

Chairman Behling called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

In the absence of objection or correction, Chairman Behling declared the minutes of the July meeting approved.

Legislator Ormsby introduced Jay Boak, Superintendent of Jefferson-Lewis BOCES, who reported that BOCES is gearing up to provide adult training in order to take advantage of the RCI job opportunities in the building trades. Susan Dudley, BOCES Director, advised that BOCES continues to satisfy the training and re-training needs of the technical workplace. She noted that BOCES has developed a new alignment with businesses to provide internship work for students, and address new industry standards. She added that students receive certificates in various trades and accreditation through the National Center for Construction Education Research. Ms. Dudley noted that 46% of BOCES students go on to post-secondary education.

Chairman Behling introduced a resolution amending the 2004 budget in relation to the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program, and entertained a motion for discussion. Such motion was made by Legislator St. Croix and seconded by Legislator LaClair. Planning Director Bruce Armstrong advised that Jefferson County serves as the HOME Consortium's lead county and through Jefferson County, DANC provides day to day administration and program delivery. He noted that the Consortium has received over \$15 million from HUD to date to assist in the rehabilitation or purchase of housing in the three-County region. Mr. Armstrong noted that of 211 similarly sized programs throughout the Country, the North Country HOME Consortium ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in a review by HUD. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Behling introduced a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Community Action Planning Council to promote fair and equal housing, and entertained a motion for discussion. Such motion was made by Legislator Ormsby and seconded by Legislator Reed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented. (Legislators James St. Croix and Kathleen LaClair, who serve on the CAPC Board of Directors,

abstained from voting.)

Chairman Behling introduced a resolution establishing a time and place for a public hearing on the inclusion of viable agricultural land in a certified agricultural district, and entertained a motion for discussion. Such motion was made by Legislator St. Croix and seconded by Legislator Reed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. on a motion by Legislator St. Croix, seconded by Legislator Reed and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Hagemann  
Clerk of the Board