

AGENDA

Planning, Economic Development, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee

Friday, January 29, 2016 - 3:30 PM

Legislature Chambers, Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building, Ithaca, NY

1. **Call to Order (3:30)**
2. **Public Comment (3:30)**
3. **Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency Appointments (3:35)**
 - a. **RESOLUTION:** Appointments to Industrial Development Agency (ID # 6100)
4. **Economic Development Project (3:40)**
 - a. **RESOLUTION:** Budget Adjustment to Appropriate Funds for Economic Development Project (ID # 6098)
5. **Support of the Timely Construction of Black Oak Wind Farm in the Town of Enfield (3:45)**
 - a. **RESOLUTION:** In Support of the Timely Development of the Black Oak Wind Farm Project in the Town of Enfield (ID # 6108)
6. **Committee Administration (4:00)**
 - a. Discuss Committee Name/Goals
 - b. Liaison Assignments
7. **Adjournment (4:15)**



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 01/29/16 03:30 PM

Department: Clerk of the Legislature

Category: IDA (Industrial Development Agency)

Functional Category: Industrial Development Agency

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. *DOC ID: 6100*

Appointments to Industrial Development Agency

WHEREAS, Section 856 of the General Municipal Law authorized that the Tompkins County Legislature designate the members of the Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) by resolution, and

WHEREAS, members of the TCIDA who are also members of the Tompkins County Legislature shall be appointed annually by the Chair of the County Legislature subject to the approval of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, non-legislator board members shall be appointed for a term of two years by the same process, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Economic Development, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the following members be appointed to the Industrial Development Agency to serve at the pleasure of the Legislature, effective immediately:

Rich John - Member, Tompkins County Legislature
James Dennis - Member, Tompkins County Legislature
Will Burbank - Member, Tompkins County Legislature
Martha Robertson - Member, Tompkins County Legislature
Jennifer Tavares - TCAD representative
Grace Chiang - Member, At-Large (term expires 12/31/16)
Svante Myrick - Member, At-Large (term expires 12/31/17)

RESOLVED, further, That James Dennis serve as the Chair of the Industrial Development Agency,

RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature is authorized and directed to file with the Secretary of State a Certificate of Appointment.

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Tompkins County
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee
From: Ed Marx, Commissioner of Planning
Date: January 21, 2016
Re: Budget Adjustment Allocating Funding for Economic Development Project

Action Requested

Approval of a resolution accepting a contribution of \$35,000 from the Tompkins County Development Corporation (TCDC) to pay the entire cost of the Airport Industrial Park Feasibility Study.

Background

At its October 2015 meeting the PEEQ Committee approved issuing of a Request for Proposals for the above-referenced project. An RFP process has been completed, including participation by the Airport Manager and TCAD, and the team of Clark Patterson Lee and Camoin Associates have been selected to perform the study. The Planning Department is now requesting that the County budget be adjusted to allow acceptance of funds from the TCDC to support the project.

Financial Implications

Funds from the TCDC will cover the entire cost of the Airport Industrial Park Feasibility Study.

Contact

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Attachment: Memo_Resolution Authorizing Funds for Economic Development Project (6098 : BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO APPROPRIATE



SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. *DOC ID: 6108*

**In Support of the Timely Development of the Black Oak Wind Farm
 Project in the Town of Enfield**

WHEREAS, the 2015 *Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan* includes the policies to “Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to reach a minimum 80 percent reduction from 2008 levels by 2050 and reduce reliance on fossil fuels across all sectors” and “Increase the use of local and regional renewable energy sources and technologies”, and

WHEREAS, the *Tompkins County Energy Roadmap* documents that wind energy has the potential to provide a significant portion of electricity demand within Tompkins County while decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, the Black Oak Wind Farm Project is proposing the installation of seven 2.3 MW wind turbines, with a total generating capacity of 16.1 MW of electricity, and

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Board issued a Findings Statement in January 2015 on the Black Oak Wind Farm Project’s Environmental Impact Statement which states that the project “avoids or minimizes adverse environmental effects to the maximum extent possible”, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Planning Department reviewed the Black Oak Wind Farm Project pursuant to *New York State General Municipal Law §239 -l, and -m* in March 2015 and the only recommended modification was that the project restore vegetated buffers at stream crossings affected by the project and this recommendation was supported by the Town of Enfield and the project developer, and

WHEREAS, the Black Oak Wind Farm constitutes a \$40 million investment in clean, renewable energy, and

WHEREAS, the Black Oak Wind Farm has entered into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with the Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency that will generate \$98,770 in annual revenue to the Town of Enfield, Tompkins County, Odessa-Montour Central School, and the Ithaca City School District for 15 years, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we continue to aggressively make the transition to renewable energy in Tompkins County, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Economic Development, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature supports the development of the Black Oak Wind Farm Project without further delay.

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