

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
JANUARY 22, 2014
NOT APPROVED

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, S. Burt, D. Decker, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall
(Absent: D. Fanton)

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, L. Bliven, J. Budinger, P. Curran, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, L. Gridley, G. Hanchett, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, N. Koegel, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, S. Torrey (Guest: J. Porter, Alfred University)

Media Present: No media present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Appointments to Region 9 Fish & Wildlife Management Board

The Chairman of the Board plans to appoint John Lewis of Wellsville, NY, as the Sportsmen's Representative member of the Fish and Wildlife Management Board, and Zoltan Szabo of Wellsville, NY, as the Sportsmen's Alternative Representative Member of the Fish & Wildlife Management Board, for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2014, and expiring December 31, 2015, subject to confirmation by the Board of Legislators. Following a brief discussion regarding the backgrounds of the candidates, approval of the appointments was made on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

The Chairman of the Board made the following appointments to the Region 9 Fish and Wildlife Management Board to serve a term of two years, commencing January 1, 2014, and expiring December 31, 2015, subject to confirmation by the Board of Legislators: Legislative Representative Member: Dwight R. Fanton and Alternate Legislative Member: Aaron M. McGraw. Approval of the appointments was made on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Appointments to the Soil & Water Conservation District Board

The Soil and Water Conservation District Board requests the Committee to consider reappointing Theodore L. Hopkins of Fillmore and appointing Karl Graves of Wellsville as Legislative members of the Soil & Water Conservation District Board for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2014, and expiring December 31, 2014. Approval of the appointments was made on a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Additionally, the three-year term of Rodney K. Bennett as At-Large Member on the Soil and Water Conservation District Board expired December 31, 2013, and the Soil and Water Conservation District has indicated that it would like to have Mr. Bennett reappointed. Approval of the appointment was made on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Renewable Energy Program at Alfred University

Jeffrey Porter, Director of Sponsored Research Administration at Alfred University, met with the Committee, representing AU Electrical Engineering Professor Xingwu Wang, to discuss a renewable energy survey to determine the level of interest among farmers and landowners in Allegany County. Dr. Wang, he said, is leading this project and would like to survey farmers and landowners to measure understanding and interest regarding various forms of energy technologies, e.g., wind, solar, biomass. He indicated that Dr. Wang had been approached by a company in Colorado which makes biomass gasifiers sized to suit users' needs. Dr. Wang's request of the Committee was to have access to farmers' and landowners' names as well as the support of the Committee. Discussion followed regarding current biomass operations in the State. Legislator Ungermann noted that he had visited such a site in Geneva where a farm built a \$2.8 million anaerobic digester which uses manure, yogurt waste, and spoiled silage to create the electricity that runs the farm operation as well as sends energy back into the grid. He added that it's a slick operation and worth looking at. Cornell Cooperative Extension Representative Lynn Bliven said that Cooperative Extension is willing to work with the University to distribute information to producers. Some discussion also speculated on where such an operation might be located as many of the County farms might be too small to operate such a project on their own. Legislator Burt made a motion that Allegany County support Dr. Wang's survey for the development of a waste-to-energy program and provide contacts for the completion of the survey. The motion was seconded by Legislator Ungermann and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack was not in attendance.

Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Cooperative Extension Representative Lynn Bliven gave the Committee an update of Extension activities, noting that this is a busy time for them because there is no planting so Extension is focusing on programs to help local farms with business management in the areas of dairy, fruit, vegetable production, and trying to resurrect programming in beef management. Other items of interest included helping producers prepare for the cold weather, particularly as it relates to animal care and health. She said they are working with Alfred State which is interested in launching a composting program. Ms. Bliven also noted that Extension is revisiting the Right to Farm laws in conjunction with the Farm Bureau. She said that the objective is to alleviate farmer/neighbor conflicts by educating both sides. She added that we want to maintain our quality of life and that agriculture is a vital industry in Allegany County. When asked, Ms. Bliven said there are some positives to the recent cold spells, one being the destruction of the emerald ash borer. She added that if the weather is consistently cold, the livestock is not particularly bothered. However, the shifts in temperature are not good for the animals. Ms. Bliven said that Cooperative Extension plans some pesticide trainings in March so independent producers can apply pesticides themselves. It was also noted that the recent Southern Tier Crop Congress organized by Extension Staffer Aaron Santangelo was very successful. Chairman Crandall returned to the topic of the Right to Farm Law, wondering if there was any action necessary to be taken by the Board at this time. County Attorney Tom Miner indicated that the local law (from 1996) should probably be reviewed and brought up to date, but that the Committee should have that revised information before supporting a resolution at this time. He

added that Allegany County enacted one of the earliest laws of this type and that later laws enacted by other counties are more explicit than our current one. Chairman Crandall also asked Ms. Bliven about an Albany-area initiative called Field-Goods and whether Allegany County had anything comparable. Ms. Bliven responded that the Field-Goods Program is dedicated to delivering food of superior taste, freshness, and nutritional value and to being a good partner to farmers. Local folks buy a subscription (there are several size options) and deliveries of seasonal produce (mostly) are delivered to a central location for subscribers to retrieve their products. Ms. Bliven noted that the program is not only about connecting local farmers to local consumers, but it is also a nutrition program. She indicated that some health insurance plans will offer savings on premiums if their clients buy into healthy eating programs. She also said that Allegany County is in the early stages of connecting local producers with local consumers and named several local farms that participate in similar activities: Canticle Farms, Living Acres, and farms in Scio and Little Genesee, to name a few. She predicted that we will see more of this type of activity in the future.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey told the Committee that Round 19 of the Ag Non Point Sources Grant contract has been approved by the State, and that the District is awaiting payment. The funded projects will be installed in summer 2014. Round 20 grant application is due March 31. He also said that his office is working on designs for this year's construction projects. Finally, he said, the Ag and Farmland Protection Board met December 20, 2013, and approved the Ag District #2 report. He reminded the Committee that there will be a public hearing on January 27 before the Board meeting.

Youth Bureau

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards highlighted some of her recent activities, including her attendance at the two-day Allegany County Counselors' Association Counselors' Classic Basketball Tournament, a positive youth activity during the Christmas break. She also said that the OCFS (Office of Children and Family Services) has been billed and all funding received for 2013. She said Allegany County is ahead of many other counties that have not filed their Resource Allocation Plans for 2013 which is a requirement to receive funding. She said that preliminary figures for the State Budget indicate that, should current tentative figures remain as they are, the Youth Bureau will see an \$1,100 decrease in funding from 2013 (from \$47,506 in 2013 to \$46,398 in 2014). The numbers are still up for debate, she said, but she will keep the Committee updated as the information unfolds. She also told Committee members that last February she had taken four of the five Youth Board members to Albany for a leadership conference. She noted that not only did the students have a good time, but that it was a valuable learning experience. She plans to take four students again this year, February 10-11, noting that three of the four were in attendance last year. She said it's a jam-packed 36 hours with leadership training, a meeting with Senator Young and Assemblyman Giglio, as well as a tour of the Capitol.

New Business

County Planner Kier Dirlam took a moment to inform the Committee that although he would probably not be a regular attendee, because most of the responsibility for the ag districts have been transferred to the Soil & Water Conservation District, he would be happy to attend to answer questions or assist in any way he could.

Legislator Ungermann asked County Administrator Mitch Alger about a water/sewer project taking place in Steuben County at the intersections of routes 390, 15, and 21. Mr. Ungermann wondered how the project is being funded, whether by grant, private developer, or other means. And once we determine that, is there a way Allegany County can use that information in order to get water and sewer facilities at the Crossroads. Mr. Alger agreed to look into it.

Good of the Order

Legislator Ungermann asked Mr. Torrey whether the land in the ag district report had been reviewed parcel-by-parcel to avoid tax exemptions where there shouldn't be any. Mr. Torrey responded that no, they were not reviewed individually, but that the report no longer has an effect on taxes.

Attorney/Client Session

County Attorney Tom Miner requested an attorney/client session. A motion to go into attorney/client session at 1:55 p.m. was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried. Motion to leave attorney/client session at 2:10 p.m. was made by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Following attorney/client session, a motion was made by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried to refer the issue of access to the Budinger property in Angelica to the Public Works Committee. **Refer to Public Works Committee**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2014
NOT APPROVED**

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, S. Burt, D. Decker, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

Others Present: M. Alger, P. Curran, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, G. James, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, J. Luckey, T. Miner, B. Riehle, C. Santora

Media Present: No media present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:48 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Acceptance of the Snowmobile Grant

A resolution was requested approving a contract between Allegany County and the Allegany County Federation of Snowmobilers whereby the County acts as sponsor for applications for snowmobile trail development and maintenance assistance grants through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The 2013-14 application was approved for \$99,295 and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the agreement. Allegany County will operate as a pass-through to the Federation of Snowmobilers. Sufficient funding was appropriated in the 2014 Budget to A7185.483 with a like sum credited to revenue account A7185.3089.00. No budget adjustments are necessary at this time. Prior to the vote, it was noted that this is an annual arrangement. Legislator Ungermann noted that this agreement is good for tourism in the County and that the snowmobile clubs work hard to maintain the trails and post signage. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 19, 2014
NOT APPROVED**

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, S. Burt, D. Decker, (Absent: D. Fanton, N. Ungermann)

Others Present: L. Ballengee, L. Bliven, C. Braack, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, M. Healy, C. Jessup, J. Luckey, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, S. Torrey

Media Present: D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried to approve the Planning & Economic Development Committee minutes of January 22 and 27, 2014.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack informed the Committee that he had been in discussion with the Department of Public Works to set tentative dates for an auction of unneeded items left in the old church building and, subsequently, the demolition of the old church building. The tentative dates are October 4, 2014, for the auction, and October 18, 2014, for the demolition. Mr. Braack was clear, however, that these dates could change depending on projects that might be scheduled by the DPW in other areas. He indicated that DPW will have the final "say" in setting the dates. He indicated that the SEQR report is near completion. He added that discussion has also focused on the possibility of reactivating the County property auction of "excess stuff" which had been discontinued several years ago. Legislator Burt offered his services as a consultant when the decision to hire an auctioneer is made. A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried, to have Mr. Braack go ahead to work with DPW in regard to the tentative plans for the auction and demolition.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Cornell Cooperative Extension Representative Lynn Bliven told the Committee that she had been in contact with Professor Wang of Alfred University in regards to the survey he wants to conduct with farmers and other landowners in the County regarding their knowledge of and interest in renewable energy technology. She distributed a survey that they had been working on and accepted suggestions and comments from the Committee members. She also fielded questions from the Committee to inform them of exactly what Dr. Wang is trying to accomplish via this instrument and subsequent study. Ms. Bliven also distributed a document summarizing a variety of upcoming educational programs being sponsored by Cooperative Extension. Included among these are Farm Disaster Preparation Certificate Training, Affordable Health Care Act, Southwestern New York Pasture Expo, Pesticide Certification Training, Cow Comfort

& Handling Training, CCE Rural Landowners Workshop, Field Crop Update, Better Forage for More Profits, Small Farms Summit, Southern Tier Berry School, Poultry Production Workshop, On-farm Poultry Processing Workshop, Winter Dairy Management Program, Dairy Farm Business Summary, Dairy Profit Teams, and Dairy Acceleration Program. Ms. Bliven can be contacted at lao3@cornell.edu for more information or to register for any of the programs.

Soil & Water Conservation District

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey addressed the group, saying he did not have a lot to report this month. His area is working on grant applications, filing annual reports, and planning for next year. He noted that last month he told the Committee there had previously been some discussion with the DEC regarding access to the Weir Lot. At that time, the DEC seemed rather negative about the discussion. This year, said Mr. Torrey, the DEC seems more willing to work with the District, so he will pursue this avenue and see what access the County will get. He is looking more at long-term access than a one-time deal.

Youth Bureau Coordinator

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Coordinator Director Linda Edwards entertained questions and comments on her pre-filed monthly report. And, although information about attending the Youth Leadership Forum earlier this month would formally appear in next month's report, she wanted to highlight the positive experience. Four of the five members of the County Youth Board traveled to Albany February 10-11 with Ms. Edwards and other County Youth Board members to attend the Forum. They had an opportunity to meet Senator Cathy Young and Assemblyman Joe Giglio and have their pictures taken with them. The group did a self-guided tour of the Capital, spent time on the floor of the Assembly Chambers where they had their pictures taken at the podium holding the gavel, and saw assembly members in action. The purpose of the trip is to lobby for the proposed \$1.3 million add-on to keep the funding level for this year. Ms. Edwards noted that the youth enjoyed the 36-hour trip and that she has requested Privilege of the Floor at the March 10 Board meeting so the students can talk about the experience and the benefits they derived from it.

Good of the Order

Legislator Burt returned to the topic of the auctioneer for the historical items in the old church. He asked County Attorney Tom Miner if it would be "allowable" for him to offer his services, gratis, as the auctioneer in order to save the County money. Mr. Miner said he would look into the legalities of such an offer.

Legislator Graves distributed several documents for possible discussion at next month's meeting: three articles regarding hydraulic fracturing in Pennsylvania and a list of Allegany County Real Property Holdings.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MARCH 19, 2014
NOT APPROVED**

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, S. Burt, D. Decker, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

Others Present: L. Bliven, P. Curran, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, L. Gridley, G. Hanchett, D. Healy, R. Hollis, T. Hopkins, C. Jessup, T. Miner, T. O'Grady, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, R. Sobeck-Lynch, S. Torrey

Media Present: No media present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of February 19, 2014.

Appointments to Youth Board

At the March 10 Board meeting the Chairman of the Board re-appointed the following as members of the Allegany County Youth Board for terms expiring March 25, 2017, subject to confirmation by the Board of Legislators:

Deborah Aumick, District I
James Galatio, District II
Sherry Weirich, District III
Ralph Eastlack, District IV
Amy Jacobson, District V

Approval was granted, following a brief bio on each appointee by Youth Board Director Linda Edwards, on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

Prepare Resolution

Soil & Water Conservation-Scott Torrey

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Director Scott Torrey updated the Committee on his area's current and upcoming activities, including:

- construction, as soon as the ground is ready, of two manure storage facilities, two concrete feed lots, a milk house waste system, and two grazing systems;
- assisting the Wellsville Country Club with steam erosion on its golf course;
- assisting the Town of Amity with erosion issues on Philips Creek.

Round 20 Grant application is due March 31; they are applying for approximately \$690,000 for six farms in four different watersheds. And the Ag District 2 Report has been submitted to the Department of Agriculture and Markets and is awaiting approval.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Cornell Cooperative Extension Representative Lynn Bliven told the Committee that her office is in the process of rescheduling some events that had been cancelled due to weather the previous week, including a Small Farm Summit. Also, she said, this is Ag Literacy Week (March 17-21), and volunteers throughout the state will read a book with an agricultural theme, "Who Grew My Soup?" to second graders. Ms. Bliven went on to alert the Committee to an influx of porcine epidemic diarrhea (PED) which is caused by a virus. This virus is spread through manure-contaminated objects such as (but not limited to): vehicle tires, boots and clothing, equipment such as shovels, tractors, etc., and contaminated feed and water. Additionally, markets, buying stations, and means of swine transport are considered major avenues of exposure to PED virus. It is also spread animal to animal. There is no approved vaccine to immunize a herd against PED. Strict bio-security is the best way to minimize the chance of introducing PED virus to swine herds. In light of the above situation, Cooperative Extension will work with producers to increase bio-security measures. Finally, Ms. Bliven noted that at last month's meeting, there was some question regarding whether the unusually cold winter would cause the demise of invasive forest pests. She distributed a document from Cornell University. Briefly, the Emerald Ash Borer will not be affected by the temperatures in New York State this year. Additionally, the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid can survive and adapt to the cold. In fact, she said, perhaps all that the cold weather is simply creating a more resilient insect!

Farmers' Survey

Ms. Bliven indicated that Cooperative Extension had received the letter and survey from AU's Professor Wang and that those would be mailed out shortly. She added that once the responses were received by Professor Wang, she was certain he would share that information.

Youth Bureau

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards referred to her pre-filed report, saying that she participated in the Office of Youth Development Conference call on February 13, where she learned that Allegany County is the only County within the six Western New York counties (Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Wyoming, and Allegany) which has a zero balance for 2013, meaning that we have billed the state and received all our reimbursements for 2013. She was very happy and proud to report that! She also told the Committee that she has been planning the Youth Board Annual Awards Dinner which is scheduled for April 30 at the Wellsville Country Club. She has sent out requests for nominations for the youth recognition awards and is awaiting responses.

Old Business

Legislator Burt reminded the Committee that he had asked if it would be permissible (i.e., legal) for him to offer his services as an auctioneer to the County when the County is prepared to rid itself of some items that are now housed in the old museum. He noted that County Attorney Tom Miner had investigated this proposal and found it to be legal. Mr. Burt said that although he has not officially committed to doing so yet, and before he does commit to

conducting an auction, he would like to take a tour with County Historian Craig Braack to see what's available.

Good of the Order

Legislator Graves distributed an article regarding hydrofracking which mentioned a coalition called Southern Tier Residents for Economic Independence which favors well-regulated, responsible development of natural gas. He also distributed that organizations vision statement. He asked the Committee if it would be in favor of having a representative of that group attend a future Resource Management meeting. Members were generally in favor of hearing, not only from that organization, but also from those with opposing views (for the benefit of the new Board members). Additionally, Legislators Ungermann and Root told the Committee, respectively, that this type of drilling has been going on in New York State for approximately 60 years, and that New York State has the most stringent regulations in the nation. Legislator O'Grady noted that although it wouldn't hurt to hear from these groups, that ultimately, the State will decide whether fracking will be allowed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
APRIL 16, 2014
NOT APPROVED

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, S. Burt, D. Decker, C. Crandall (Absent: N. Ungermann)

Others Present: M. Alger, C. Braack, L. Edwards, G. Hanchett, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, T. Miner, B. Riehle, D. Root, C. Santora, R. Sobeck-Lynch

Media Present: No media present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of March 19, 2014.

Hazard Mitigation Team

A document was distributed regarding the Hazard Mitigation Team which is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Chairman of the Board. Committee members include

- Jeffrey Luckey, Allegany County Office of Emergency Services
- David A. Decker, Allegany County District II Legislator, Member of Resource Management Committee
- Guy R. James, Allegany County Public Works Superintendent
- Kevin (Fred) Demick, Allegany County Highway Superintendent Association President
- H. Kier Dirlam, Allegany County Planner (GIS Mapping)
- Darlene Wells, SWNY Chapter of American Red Cross
- Tom Hull, Allegany County Deputy Public Health Director (Environmental Health)
- Scott Torrey, Allegany County Soil and Water Conservation District Executive Director

Other information included several pages regarding Plan Maintenance Procedures (Section VIII of the Plan). Legislator Graves indicated that this was an "FYI" for the Committee members.

County Historian

Monthly Report

County Historian Craig Braack said he had nothing to report, but Legislator Burt wanted to inform the Committee of his research in trying to determine if an auction of County historical items would be a viable enterprise. To that end, he said he had toured the third floor of the County Building as well as the old museum building. His findings are as follow: the metal desks on the third floor would serve the County best to be sold as scrap metal. According to calculations made in conjunction with County Recycling Coordinator Tim Palmiter, the County could realize about \$290 by selling the 14 metal desks. It was his recommendation to send out a message to County offices that there are metal filing cabinets available as well. Mr. Burt also contacted Martha Roberts to see if she and the Allegany County Fair Committee might like any of the items for display at the Fair Grounds. It was decided to arrange a tour so that they could inspect the available items. Mr. Braack wanted to set the record straight: absolutely no museum-quality items will be given up, as none exist. Much has been destroyed by humidity

over the years. That being said, Mr. Burt's recommendations included selling all metal items now at their scrap price as auction prices may be less; invite Ms. Roberts and her Committee to tour the historical items and solicit their input; do not yet contract with an auctioneer; if we decide to engage an auctioneer (providing Mr. Burt does not do it gratis), solicit bids from them; revisit our options following Ms. Roberts' tour and input; and, if she and her Committee decide to take some of the items, decide what to do with the rest. He suggests taking sealed bids on the "leftovers" as package(s) if they will actually sell. That way, no commission is lost to a hired auctioneer. The Committee agreed to proceed with Legislator Burt's written recommendations as presented on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Director Scott Torrey was unable to attend the meeting.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger first explained that usual Cooperative Extension Representative Lynn Bliven is at a carcass evaluation program called "From Hoof to Rail." The goal of the program is to give producers skills to raise quality carcasses in a timeframe that is profitable and to teach them skills to be able to communicate with processors and consumers. Additionally, Cooperative Extension is wrapping up the organization of a Risk Management Conference to be held at JCC. Cari Rincker, a lawyer from Manhattan, and co-author of *Field Manual: Field Guide for New York Farmers and Food Entrepreneurs*, will serve as the keynote speaker and leader of one of the sessions. The Conference will cover many topics, including, farm safety, good agricultural practices, farm transfer planning, farm leasing, and labor regulations. It is funded by a grant through the Risk Management Association at the University of Delaware. Cooperative Extension is also putting out a dual county newsletter, which is wrapping up this week, but there is still time to take advantage of an advertising opportunity. Ms. Hunsberger left paperwork for anyone interested in taking out an ad. On the nutrition front, Cooperative Extension is writing a grant for a farm to school program to educate and facilitate getting more local fresh foods into the schools and other institutions. The two other food educators teach Eat Smart New York programs—which is a food stamp (SNAP) educational program. Their level of involvement in the community has been increased by Cornell, and they are now required to have 1,000 events per year, so they are definitely getting out there and reaching people. On the 4-H front, they recently held a Hippology (horse science) Bowl and three people are going to States at the end of the month; additionally, there will be a dog obedience program in mid-May, there will be a quilt raffle at the Fair (\$1 per ticket) and a clothing review at the Opera House in Cuba in June. There will also be a shooting sports program in Olean at the Rod and Gun Club, May 17-18, for shotgun and archery instructor certification. Cooperative Extension is looking to get a grant for a two-day workshop to improve farmers' understanding of good agricultural practices (GAP) and help them become GAP-certified so we can connect local farmers with local school lunch staff. Although Southern Tier West may pursue the same grant, whichever local entity might get it will work with the other to reach the farmers. STW has been offering a lot of farmers' market education programs. Legislator Burt inquired whether there were any programs for having students build portable greenhouses so they can grow their own vegetables. Ms. Hunsberger noted that unfortunately, when crops come in, most schools not in session. Though that is not the reason,

there is nothing on deck at this time. She said she feels it should be incorporated into school curriculums, but right now, Cooperative Extension is not working on anything like that.

Youth Bureau

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards highlighted the Youth Board Annual Awards Dinner which is scheduled for the end of the month, saying five youths have been selected for recognition. She went on to say she wanted to give the Committee an "FYI" regarding a call she had received from her state rep from GTSC (Governor's Traffic Safety Committee) which notified her that ACCORD Corporation, which, for many years had been doing the child safety seat program, had decided not to continue. This means ACCORD will not be applying for the grant which is due May 15. The rep asked Ms. Edwards if she knew any agency in the County that might want to step into the breach. Despite the feeling that the rep wanted the Youth Bureau to pick up where ACCORD left off, Ms. Edwards said she has neither the staff nor the time to pursue this new avenue. She has been calling agencies and will continue to call others to invite them to the Traffic Safety Board meeting next week to see if she can generate any interest among them. Some suggestions she received from the Committee included asking local police departments, the Sheriff's Office, Cooperative Extension, the Rural Health Network, to name a few. The grant, she said, allows for the purchase of child safety seats and booster seats as well as training so staff are able to install or inspect safety seats at events such as Health Fairs throughout the County. The grant does not pay for salaries, just seats. Chairman Crandall commiserated as he related a story about a time the Board decided not to continue with a program whose grant funding had dried up, characterizing that issue a "hot topic."

On a related topic, Ms. Edwards said she is still doing the Bike Safety Program, and is scheduling bike safety sessions with second graders in the County for early June. She says a new wrinkle has been added: new federal requirements (enforced by the State) state that all helmets and promotional items must be made in the United States. Ms. Edwards is finding that a difficult task, but the State rep advised her to document her research into locating such items, and then do what needs to be done.

Southern Tier Residents for Economic Independence-Scott Kurkoski, Esq.

Mr. Kurkoski was unable to attend the meeting, but Legislator Graves distributed an email he had received from Mr. Kurkoski, asking that Committee members read it and determine whether or not they would like Legislator Graves to re-issue the invitation for Mr. Kurkoski to attend a future Resource Management meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
APRIL 28, 2014
NOT APPROVED

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, S. Burt, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall
(Absent: D. Decker)

Others Present: M. Alger, C. Braack, H.R. Budinger, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, C. Jessup, T. Miner,
B. Riehle, T. Ross, R. Sobock-Lynch

Media Present: No media present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:46 p.m. by Resource Management
Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Agreement with Allegany County Agricultural Society

Committee members reviewed a draft resolution approving an agreement with the Allegany County Agricultural Society for the storage and display of various items in the holdings of the County Museum.

Legislator Scott Burt distributed copies of Schedule A which will be attached to the resolution and represents the items from the County Museum that the Fair Board would like to see stored/displayed at the Fairgrounds. It was noted that all items will remain the property of Allegany County and will be marked as such. Legislator Burt stated that the majority of the items remaining are generic antiques. Committee members were in agreement that they would like to authorize the Fair Board to take additional items that may be found as things are moved out, and they discussed various ways to authorize this. County Attorney Thomas Miner stated that he will add the following sentence to the agreement, "Items may be added or deleted to Schedule A with the consent of both parties as evidenced by the initials of the County Historian and a representative of the Society next to any addition or deletion." A motion was made by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to approve the resolution and agreement as amended. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Committee members briefly discussed what should be done with any items that are leftover. Legislator Burt suggested packaging all leftover items into approximately three packages and then taking bids on the packages. Legislator Burt also mentioned that members from the Andover Historical Society had questions about the items that were in the basement and after touring the area, they agreed that the majority of the items are generic antiques. Committee members agreed to revisit the subject of what should be done with leftover items after the Fair Board/Agricultural Society have removed all of the items that they would like.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Rigby Riehle, Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MAY 21, 2014
NOT APPROVED**

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, S. Burt, D. Decker, N. Ungermann
(Absent: C. Crandall)

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, L. Bliven, L. Edwards, S. Ellison, J. Foels, L. Gridley,
G. Hanchett, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, K. LaForge, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B.
Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, R. Sobeck-Lynch, S. Torrey

Media Present: D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn/A. Kibbe, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management
Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of April 16, and April 28, 2014.

Departmental Reports:

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack was unable to attend the meeting.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Director Scott Torrey told the Committee that his department has begun construction on a manure storage facility on a farm in the Town of Independence. He also said that five farm projects are currently in the design stage and are scheduled to be completed this year. The State budget for Soil & Water was increased by \$1,225,000 which will result in an approximate \$26,000 increase for Allegany County for project implementation and operation costs.

Weir Lot Timber Sale

Mr. Torrey requested approval to re-bid the Weir Lot. He reminded the Committee that last year only one (low) bid had been received because of the difficulty in accessing the lot. That issue has been resolved, and in the meantime, prices for the timber have risen. The request to re-bid the Weir lot using the typical process of sending out packets to prospective buyers was approved on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Both Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger and Extension Representative Lynn Bliven gave the Committee a report on that organization's activities. Among those were the Governor's Dairy Acceleration Program (DAP) which provides farms the

opportunity to receive between \$3,600 and \$6,000 for environmental plans, facilities expansion design, and business planning. Some farms have applied for multiple areas. The DAP recommends facilitation of local projects by an Extension Educator in the County. Allegany County has four farms approved for the program with at least one more in the works. Ms. Hunsberger added that there is an increasing number of dairy farms as more people are requesting to be added to the newsletter mailing list which had not previously been included. As regards farmer programming: there is a pasture meeting planned for Friday (May 23) which provides an opportunity for producers to visit other farms, see different management practices, and share ideas in a field setting. This is the first in a series for the grazing season. She went on to say that they are getting a lot of calls from people looking for land to purchase as well as requests for crop land rental rates. Some callers are looking for farm employment.

Ms. Bliven went on to say that she is still working on trying to get more beef farms. The ag census just came out and there is a potential to grow the beef industry and doing more financial management. There was a training last week for poultry processing on farms which focused on education: not only producing a product, but also food safety which is a shift in focus from 10 years ago when it was simply processing. Cooperative Extension is also setting up GAPs training (Good Agricultural Practices) for the Amish community although there may be other groups who may want to participate. However, the group that is working with the produce auction is realizing that this will be a good move for them to help sustain the growth of the produce auction. She went on to say that she is working on the following state-wide projects:

New York State Ag and Markets is looking at revisions for small-scale slaughtering facilities. Some changes being proposed may have an impact not only on existing businesses, in that the new regulations may determine whether or not they can stay in business. Some of these changes will impede the growth of slaughtering and processing facilities if some of these proposed regulations go into effect. Of course food safety is of primary importance, but many of the new regulations have to do with facility set-up such as separate bathroom facilities for men and women which has little to do with the safety of the food and which could close down smaller processors. She added that she is working with others at Cornell to submit feedback confirming our concern for food safety, but also alerting them to concerns about keeping our businesses going as well.

The Cornell Small Farms Program is important for Allegany County, she said as it will provide support for transitioning farmers (those who have been farmers for between three-nine years) which includes about 15 percent of farmers in Allegany County. We want to keep those businesses going because the failure rate is high. This program will provide a support network to communicate what resources are out there.

She is also working with Canaseraga which is looking to add a farmers' market and working with a Rushford economic development organization which is also potentially looking at a farmers' market, but is currently working on a community garden.

At this point, Legislator Burt introduced into the discussion a letter which had been received by the Legislators which raised several questions about the Amish communities in the County.

The questions that were raised included:

-Homemade Bake Stands: are the kitchens inspected by the Department of Health?

No, but they are overseen by NYS Ag & Markets. The specific one referenced during the meeting was the Home Processing Exemption (Home Kitchen). These are not licensed facilities, but they are limited to producing non-potentially hazardous foods i.e., cakes not requiring refrigeration, cookies, two-crust fruit pies, bread, rolls, fruit jams, jellies. They are required to have potable water documentation and annual water testing for private wells. Currently individuals

complete a Home Processor Registration Request form and submit it to NYSDAM. There is no inspection of the facility. NYSDAM may review processing procedures if it deems necessary. This would occur if there were a concern or complaint. The requirements are the same for everyone.

-Do the Amish collect sales tax?

There is no sales tax on food items; however, should they be selling flowers, for example, then sales tax should be charged.

-Any safety regulations, for example, at lumber mills for safety of employees/children?

When their own children are working the business, it is left to the family's best judgment.

-Amish drivers on the road—is there an age limit for drivers?

There is no age limit because an Amish buggy is a non-motorized vehicle, but any Amish driver must follow all driving regulations and should not ride the shoulder of the road. In fact, the Traffic Safety Board is taking a look at the Amish population and the issues relating to their traveling on the roadways. Previously, Linda Edwards, the STOP-DWI Coordinator and Youth Bureau Director had told the Public Safety Committee that she is part of a group working on rules and regulations for Amish conveyances as pertains to lights, the "slow-moving" rectangle, etc. The group is investigating what laws are on the books currently and what possible changes may need to occur. There will also need to be a strategy in place to educate the Amish community on any changes. This activity is meant to ensure the safety of all people using local roads.

-Do the Amish have building codes/sanitary codes?

Department of Health does inspect to be sure that privies meet the state environmental and safety regulations for privies and gray water. The Department of Health enforces sanitary codes for the Amish.

-Horse Droppings

Other counties have enacted legislation for "waste catchers" for horses. Some discussion ensued whereby it was determined that forcing this type of legislation can be met with resistance and potential lawsuits (which in the past have been decided in favor of the Amish). However, past practices have shown that when the Amish and the English discuss expectations and solutions, they often come to amicable agreements.

Legislator Ungermann noted that some cities have farmer/neighbor dinners which include the farming community and the non-farming community. If The Amish were also involved, it might be possible to set up a dialog where some of these things could be discussed in a neighborly fashion instead of through legislation. He added that he thought that most Amish want to get along with their neighbors and probably are not aware that they are causing offense. He added that he suspects that if they can be involved in discussion about such matters, that might help the situation.

The 4-H Program

There is an approved 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Thirteen volunteers and staff from both counties attended a weekend-long training workshop. We are currently certified in shotgun and archery with hopes of attaining certification for pistol and rifle next year.

Dog obedience classes begin this evening, May 21, in Rushford with 12 members registered. They look forward to showing off what they learned on Monday, July 14, during the Allegany County Fair.

4-H will host the Western District Clothing Revue on Friday, July 18, at the Fair.

Quilt ticket sales will begin on Friday.

4-H has been making its presence known at the Cuba Cultural Center and Food Pantry on a bi-monthly basis. They offer hands-on STEM-related (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities for youth (and adults) to participate in.

Horticulture

Colleen is working with large box stores and local seed providers to encourage them to use Cornell's Vegetable Variety list to stock their yearly seed displays and to educate them on blight issues. Additionally, she is training Master Gardeners for the helpline so they can answer incoming gardening calls. She also provides articles to newspapers weekly, and she appears monthly on the radio. Additionally, she is working with Alfred-Almond School and North East Integrated Pest Management Center on weed and insect management which will continue throughout the summer. Cooperative Extension is also offering Woodland Plant Walks, Woodland/Pond Ecology Girl Scout Presentations, and garden talks at Garden Clubs. They are working with Genesee Valley School on a school garden; they hosted Gardening Day in Wellsville (21 participants--(donors Tinkertown Hardware and Bluestone Perennials) and are also working with Master Forest owner volunteers. Finally, they worked with BOCES intern Kylie Hint and Genesee Valley Central School 4th grades for presentations on trees.

AU Farmers' Survey

Cornell Cooperative Extension Representative Lynn Bliven told the Committee that to her knowledge, Dr. Wang is compiling the raw data at this point. She added that she thought that he had gotten a fairly good response rate of over 20 percent. She had no additional information at this time as it is Dr. Wang's survey, but Cooperative Extension was happy to facilitate it. Going forward, she said, Cooperative Extension would certainly be happy to work with Alfred University if the opportunity arises.

Cooperative Extension Budget Issues

Executive Director Laura Hunsberger gave the Committee an overview of the financial issues that Cooperative Extension is facing in Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties. She said that the books for 2013 are usually "closed" in March, but because of her being new, and because there are two counties involved, Cooperative Extension was granted an extension. It was during this closing out process that a \$96,000 deficit was discovered. She added that this was shocking to her—not only that there was so great a deficit, but also in learning how the finances had been organized and managed in the past. In order to create the upcoming 2014 budget, which she conceded, should have been done late last year, she has had to make some difficult decisions. Among them, a consolidation of contracts for copiers, etc., elimination of services such as lawn mowing and office cleaning, and revision of phone and internet options. This was done to reduce normal monthly operating expenses. Unfortunately, she also had to look at eliminating positions. The staff has been reduced by two, and those not included in outside funding have gone on furlough (one day per pay period). Also, a Fundraising Committee has been started on an association-wide basis. Ms. Hunsberger said she is looking for advice and guidance on how to request additional funding from Allegany County to help support the association for the remainder of the year. Legislator Fanton said it looked as if Catt County has not been contributing much to the support of the association. Ms. Hunsberger agreed, saying that because the budgets operate independently, the deficit in Allegany County is much smaller than the other. She added that she also plans to ask the Catt County Legislature for additional money. Legislator Fanton added that he would not like to see Allegany County funding

supporting Cattaraugus County programming. Ms. Hunsberger concurred. Other options for cost reduction were mentioned: e.g., consolidating the two offices, which Ms. Hunsberger agreed sounded good on paper, but in reality would not be so easily accomplished. Legislator Hopkins said he would like to see some concrete figures and then would like to meet with Ms. Hunsberger and County Administrator Mitch Alger to explore options. Legislator Graves requested a proposal from Cooperative Extension which would outline the needs and financial requests of that organization. Ms. Hunsberger was directed to prepare such a proposal on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Youth Bureau Director

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards drew the Committee's attention to her April 2014 report, highlighting the Youth Board Annual Awards dinner which had been held on April 30, saying that it is always a good thing to see good kids recognized for their service to their communities. Additionally, Ms. Edwards is scheduled to conduct bicycle safety information sessions to second graders (primarily) the week of June 6. She added that she has located an American company that produces bicycle helmets and the order had been placed.

Good of the Order

Legislator Burt updated the Committee regarding the historical items that will be displayed at the Fair, saying it seemed as if the Fair Committee could use some help, so he volunteered to help set up the display of the items the week of June 3 for two or three days, and possibly have a small press conference to apprise the public of this change.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
JUNE 18, 2014
NOT APPROVED**

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, S. Burt, D. Decker, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, T. Barber, L. Bliven, J. Boyle, C. Braack, M. Burke, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, A. Hughes, J. Hughes, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, M. Krywe, M. Milliman, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, C. Santora, G. Scott, F. Sinclair

Media Present: D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of May 21, 2014.

Resolution in Support of an “Act to Amend the Environmental Conservation Law in Relation to Proper Screening of Waste Derived from Oil & Gas Drilling Operations”

(Introduced by Senators Young, Grisanti, Marcellino, Little, O’Mara)

Former Allegany County Legislator Frederick Sinclair briefed the Committee members and other meeting attendees on the importance of this pending legislation, saying that it will more fully identify and classify the wastewater that results from different types of drilling. This, he says, will lead to better and more appropriate handling/disposal of this waste. He added that the feeling locally is that it will support drilling if it can be done safely. Mr. Sinclair requested that the Committee craft a resolution in support of this proposed Act and to send that resolution to InterCounty and NYSAC as well. It was noted that there is no Assembly sponsor of this bill at this time. There was some discussion of how this wastewater is currently handled and what dangers it poses if not handled correctly. Legislator Ungermann noted that radon is a naturally occurring element in varying amounts found everywhere. Mr. Sinclair agreed that it may be naturally occurring, but that doesn’t exempt it from being of concern. Following comments by members of CCAC (Concerned Citizens of Allegany County), the Committee agreed to craft a resolution in support of the Bill and to send the resulting resolution to InterCounty and NYSAC on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Clean Water Resolution

Clerk of the Board Brenda Riehle told Committee members that she had received a request from Tim Bigham, Area Field Supervisor, New York Farm Bureau, to update a resolution adopted by the Allegany County Legislature in 2012 opposing the Clean Water Act draft guidance proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency. Some discussion followed; comments were made declaring that the new regulations could very well put farmers out of

business and that the EPA seemed to be over-stepping its bounds. Legislator Pullen noted that everyone is in favor of clean water, but the proposed new EPA regulations would mean that any drainage ditch or low spot in the road would come under EPA jurisdiction, paralyzing industry and agriculture and more. Legislator Ungermann noted that probably Congress' intent is good as regards the Clean Water Act, but when the bureaucrats start writing the rules, that's when issues get out of hand. He added that in Allegany County, much of the flooding problems with streams and rivers could be alleviated, and at less cost, if we were allowed to simply remove debris from our local waterways, but we can't do that anymore. The problem, he said, is the people who promulgate the rules. The Committee members reviewed the documents attached to their agenda packets, and being familiar with the previous resolution, agreed to support a new, updated resolution and send it on to InterCounty and the Association of Counties (NYSAC) on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

County Historian

Monthly Report

County Historian Craig Braack told the Committee that with the help of Legislator Scott Burt and a great crew from the Department of Public Works moved artifacts from the old church to the Angelica Fairgrounds. He added that the summer help was exemplary. He commended Legislator Burt on his help and his "eye" for setting up the display. In all, Mr. Braack was pleased with this process. Legislator Burt distributed photos of the display and asked that resolution 92-14 which had been adopted previously be amended as follows:

Paragraph 4 of the current agreement with the Fair states:

"All of the items shall be individually marked in an inconspicuous area with the following notice-"PROPERTY OF ALLEGANY COUNTY-DO NOT SELL OR TRANSFER."

Legislator Burt's concern was that because of the large quantity of small items, and because physically placing tags on them will detract immensely from the display, he proposed (with County Attorney Tom Miner's approval) the above paragraph be amended to add the following:

"If it is not feasible or appropriate for display purposes to mark an item, a photographic record that documents such item may be made in lieu of individually marking such item. If any item is moved from the main County historical display to another Fair display, then it must be physically tagged. If items are boxed for storage, the sealed box may contain just one tag securely affixed to its outside."

Approval to amend Resolution 92-14 as above was given on a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. **Prepare Amended Resolution**

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Cornell Cooperative Extension Representative Lynn Bliven told the Committee that this is a very busy season answering questions regarding pest and disease issues from producers. She also distributed copies of Cooperative Extension publications "Field Crops Memo," which

goes out twice a month during the growing season, and provides a heads-up to producers regarding what they should be looking for and what is coming from the east which will generally be coming our area, and "VegEdge." She said that they are printed in color to help producers more accurately identify the pest or disease about which they have questions. They are also fielding questions regarding the emergence of poisonous plants and toxicity to animals. She also said that she is working on the upcoming Famer-Neighbor Dinner which is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at the Amity Rescue Squad Hall in Belmont. She added that more details will follow and a formal invitation will be issued shortly.

Discussion of Funding Issues

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger requested an attorney/client session.

Attorney/Client Session

The Committee entered attorney/client session at 1:40 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. The Committee exited attorney/client session at 2:16 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a report which was included in the Legislators' agenda/information packets.

Youth Bureau

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards highlighted items on her pre-filed monthly report, saying that she continued her Bicycle Safety school presentations and that the helmets she ordered had arrived. Forty-five helmets will be given out at the County Fair in July, she said. She added that the Prescription Drug display would return to the County to be exhibited in the Firemen's Building at the Fair.

Accept and Appropriate NYS Office of Children and Family Services Allocation (\$50,679)

Ms. Edwards requested a resolution to accept and appropriate the 2014 Youth Development Program allocations from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$50,679.

Pass thru Programs from OCFS	\$ 24,072
Allegany County Sponsored Programs	16,919
Direct Pay to Municipalities from State	9,688
	\$ 50,679

It was noted that the \$16,919 for the Allegany County Sponsored Programs and the \$9,688 labeled as a Direct Pay to Municipalities from the State do not need to be included in the County's budget adjustment. The \$24,072 that the County will accept as "pass-through" funding should be appropriated as follows:

Pass thru Programs from OCFS (\$ 24,072)

Appropriations	Revenues	Award
A7327.489 (Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau)	A7327.3820.00	\$ 500
A7312.486 (Houghton College)	A7312.3820.15	\$3,700
A7312.488 (Allegany Council on Alcoholism)	A7312.3820.85	\$3,167
A7313.488 (Allegany County Mental Health)	A7313.3821.07	\$3,300
A7318.486 (Allegany County E&T)	A7318.3822.02	\$4,868
A7318.487 (Southern Tier Traveling Teacher, Inc.)	A7318.3822.03	\$2,825
A7318.489 (Literacy West, Inc.)	A7318.3820.50	\$1,440
A7321.483 (Allegany County on Alcoholism)	A7321.3825.00	\$4,270

Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

201 Resource Allocation Plan

Ms. Edwards also requested a resolution approving the 2014 Resource Allocation Plan agreement with Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in relation to the State's allocation of funds to the County for providing youth services under its Comprehensive Youth Services Plan. She also requested that Chairman Crandall to be authorized to execute such Plan Agreement. A portion of the funds to be received under such Plan agreement shall be appropriated from time to time to cover the costs under sub-contractor service provider agreements as may be approved by this Board. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

New Business

Legislator Graves' Report on Lake Erie Watershed Discover Meeting

Because the meeting had run over-time, Legislator Graves requested that Committee members read his report. Briefly, he indicated that the issue of flood insurance will likely be a hot topic in the near future because lending institutions may not lend money unless an entity has flood insurance. This is a topic the County should consider.

Good of the Order

Legislator Ungermann told the Committee that he is a member of the Resource Conservation and Development Committee (RC&D) which did a study with Alfred State on wood biomass. RC&D wondered if there would be any interest in a methane digester utilizing some of the waste from Saputo and Empire Cheese as well as manure. He talked about a farm he had visited near Geneva, NY, which generates all the power for the farm using spoiled silage, manure, and yogurt plant waste. Additionally, there is enough power generated to sell back to the grid as well. He inquired whether this Committee would be interested in talking about the development of something like that. The consensus of the committee was that it would like to hear more, but no formal plan or action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
JULY 16, 2014
NOT APPROVED**

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, S. Burt, D. Decker, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Bliven, H. Budinger, R. Chamberlain, D. Fanton, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, S. Torrey

Media Present: No media present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of June 18, 2014.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack was not in attendance at the meeting.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Cornell Cooperative Extension Representative Lynn Bliven gave the Committee a brief overview of current Cooperative Extension activities. These included that Cooperative Extension Horticulturist Colleen Cavagna is working with the New York State IPM (Integrated Pest Management) program. She is also working with Alfred State and the Alfred-Almond School District on a program this summer to promote understanding of how to best manage pests with the least impact on the environment. Schools are now being included in this programming because they now have different regulations on how they can manage pests and what they can use for treatments. Ms. Bliven feels this program can be expanded to include other school districts as well. This summer Cooperative Extension has been conducting "pasture walks;" each has a different focus based on the type of farm entity (livestock, crop management, pest management, weed control, etc.). Ms. Bliven invited the Legislators to the annual 4-H Market Animal Sales of beef steers, lambs, goats, hogs, poultry, and rabbits. The sale begins at 6 p.m. Ms. Bliven distributed passes for those who wish to attend. There was some discussion of factors affecting meat prices, including the viral disease in pigs. She noted that despite approval of vaccines, sanitation at the farms remains the best way to control the virus. She added that pork prices will continue to rise until the virus is under control. Legislator Burt commended Ms. Bliven on her report; however, he said, a written report submitted in advance would be very helpful.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger also addressed the Committee, saying that she had met with select members of the Cattaraugus County Legislature regarding additional funding. They requested an outside audit, so she will investigate

possibilities through Saint Bonaventure University's Accounting Program. She was hopeful for a positive outcome by the end of August.

Soil & Water Conservation-Scott Torrey

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey told the Committee that his area had completed manure storage at Will Hall's farm in Whitesville. The cost was approximately \$173,000 of which \$123,000 was covered by a state grant. Mr. Torrey also said that his area had been awarded three of four grants in the State's Round 20 Ag Non Point Grant, totaling \$464,000. These funds will be used for five farms in Allegany County for pastures and fencing and manure storage. He said they had hosted a soil health workshop at Chris Reinhold's farm in Whitesville, and that they are assisting the Towns of Allen, Amity, Angelica, and West Almond with FEMA projects. Finally, they are looking at flooding issues in Andover and Shongo, he said. Legislator Burt commended Mr. Torrey for his patience and imparting of information during a recent meeting with local landowners.

Weir Lot Bids

Mr. Torrey said that the bid opening regarding the Weir Lot had occurred on July 7, 2014. There were three bids, he said, noting that last year they had received only one bid on this lot. This year's bids, he added, were considerably higher than the bid last year. Based on this information, Mr. Torrey recommended accepting the bid from R.T. Chamberlain Logging and Trucking of Belfast, NY, for \$81,001.99. Approval to accept the bid was granted on a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. **Refer to County Attorney to Prepare Necessary Agreement**

Youth Bureau Director-Linda Edwards

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards was unable to attend the July meeting as she was staffing her booth at the Allegany County Fair. However, her monthly report was distributed to Committee members in advance and included in their agenda packets.

Good of the Order

Rob Chamberlain of R.T. Chamberlain Logging and Trucking told the Committee he was happy to be the high bidder on the Weir lot. He added that he was also happy the bid would be awarded to an Allegany County firm.

Attorney Client Session

County Attorney Tom Miner requested an attorney/client session. A motion to go into attorney/client session at 1:21 p.m. was made by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. The Committee exited attorney/client session at 1:43 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AUGUST 20, 2014**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, C. Crandall (Absent: S. Burt, D. Decker, N. Ungermann)

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, L. Bliven, C. Braack, L. Edwards, D. Fanton, L. Gridley, D. Healy, R. Hollis, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora

Media Present: D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Crandall, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of July 16, 2014.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack distributed several documents dealing with the stained glass windows in the old County Museum. Gummers Custom Glass of Hornell submitted an estimate for "removing stained glass windows and frames, board[ing] up openings, screw[ing] plywood onto the stained glass frames for protection and for shipping. 9 openings. Total cost-material and labor: \$5,400." The other contact Mr. Braack made was with a John Phillips, Jr., of Associate Crafts, Gilbert, AZ, who indicated that the windows are "very low end" and "need to be completely restored. They would not fair [sic] well in the used market. The \$5,400 is a good price; however, I personally would not bother saving them unless you wanted to restore them and use in another building." Mr. Braack proposed two options. The first would be to set time aside to advertise in the classifieds and in antiques publications to have interested parties come and view the windows. He suggested giving a deadline for bids to be submitted and a deadline by which the windows must be removed. Then the County would review the bids and make a decision. The second option would be to let the windows fall with the building. It was, however, his opinion that the second option would not be popular with the locals. He added that in his opinion, the County would be held blameless if it made every effort to save them and/or received a professional opinion not to expend a lot of energy, time, and money to save the windows. Another option mentioned was to take sealed bids for the windows to be sold individually. If someone wanted them all, s/he would need to submit multiple bids. That led to the question of whether the County should consider bidding the Museum to companies in the business of salvaging materials from old buildings. It was noted that there is a metal ceiling, copper in the basement, and some lumber and the windows could be salvageable. There was also discussion of whether or not the specs should include the bidder's responsibility for grading and "finishing" the site. There was some concern voiced that that might decrease the number of interested parties. It was finally decided to authorize the County Attorney and County Administrator to develop an RFP to address this issue, with the specs written in a couple of different ways. The Committee supported that decision on a motion made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Chairman Crandall, and carried. **Refer to the County Attorney and the County Administrator**

Cornell Cooperative Extension **Monthly Report**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources Issue Leader Lynn Bliven presented her monthly report to the Committee, saying, that Cooperative Extension's summer workload is directed by consumer calls. They continue to field calls on insect and disease management in crops; invasive species, and poisonous plant concerns from livestock producers, as well as disease, pest, and soil management inquiries from commercial and home gardeners. She went on to say that Late Blight (LB) has been confirmed in Erie, Wyoming, Allegany, Wayne, Yates, Livingston, and Genesee counties, and is suspected in a couple of other Western NY/Finger Lakes counties. The continued wet weather has been very favorable for blight development. The disease has spread rapidly where growers haven't been able to maintain a tight spray schedule due to excessive rain. A new LB strain, Mating Type B, has shown up on two small farms 25 miles apart in Allegany County. All other LB strains for the past 40+ years have been Type A1 or Type A2. Nothing is known about the origin of this new strain or its sensitivity to specific fungicides, so it must be assumed that it is not sensitive to mefenoxam fungicides (Ridomil and other products). Fortunately, the majority of LB samples from the area that were tested have been US23, sensitive to mefenoxam fungicides. She informed the Committee that the August Walk & Talk meeting is tonight in Freedom. The new Cornell vegetable pathologist, Sarah Pethybridge, will be at the meeting. Producers will have an opportunity to meet the newest faculty member, have input on what diseases could use more research, and learn about soil-borne disease management, which is her area of focus. Sarah is the second specialist added to the Team this season; Darcy Telenko, who specializes in weed management, started in May. During the most recent Pasture Walk, Specialist Keith Waldron with the NYS IPM Program shared information on current research in management of insect pests that can have a significant impact on animal comfort which in turn affects production and farm economics. Beneficial insects were also discussed along with management techniques which favor "beneficials" while controlling pests. Ms. Bliven went on to tell the Committee of upcoming Extension programming:

September Programming:

- Fall pH Clinics: August 25-September 30 throughout the County;
- NYS IPM School Conference: September 17, a Multi-County Program on Integrated Pest Management in Schools with Alfred-Almond School as the Demo School set up by CCEACC;
- Maintaining Pasture Systems to Meet Your Farm Goals-September 19;
- Farmer-Neighbor Dinner: Wednesday, September 24; reservations required by September 12;
- Sportsman's Wildlife Food Plot Expo: September 27;
- Commercial Vegetable Program: September 29: Multi-County (NY & PA) Program to discuss disease and weed management in vegetable production, hosted by CCEACC.

Ms. Bliven added that Extension Staff is busy this time of year planning fall and winter program events.

Fall/Winter Programming:

- Beginning Farmer Courses: October 6-November 14. Pastured Poultry-Profitting from Layers, Broilers, Turkeys, and Ducks /Soil Health: Building the Farm from the Ground Up;
- Garden to Kitchen: Master Gardener Program-Soup Workshop, October 25--this program will show home gardeners how to turn their harvests into delicious soups;
- Agricultural Risk Management Conference-November 3;

--Commercial Grape Program November 6th Multi-County (NY & PA) Program discussing vineyard site selection, pests, IPM, varieties, establishment, trellising, pruning, etc.

--Fall Gardening Day-November 13.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey was unable to attend the meeting; however, he submitted a written report which included the following information. Soil & Water had completed the following projects in the last month:

- Fencing – A dairy operation in Rushford and a beef operation in Independence.
 - Total costs of the projects came to \$25,666 with a state grant covering \$17,500 of the cost.
- Manure storage – A dairy operation finished a bedded pack barn in Independence.
 - Total cost of the project was \$49,215 with a state grant covering \$33,000 of the cost.

Additionally, projects that Soil & Water will be completing this year include:

- Two manure storages in Centerville
- Two fencing projects in Almond and Independence
- A manure handling system in Centerville
- Two silage waste treatment systems in Centerville and Granger
- A farm drainage system in Rushford
- Two roofed concrete animal feeding barns in Independence
 - These projects will have a total cost of around \$200,000 with state grants covering up to 75 percent of the costs.

Soil and Water staff members have also been busy working with four town highway departments, assisting them with FEMA evaluations of storm damage from this spring. Projects that we will be assisting with include culvert replacements and repairs, stream and ditch stabilizations, and ditch cleanings.

Youth Bureau Director

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards directed Committee members' attention to the following items on her report for July 2014: On July 25, she attended a picnic at Cuba Lake hosted by Legion Riders for DSS foster care youth. She said it was a pleasant day where the youth enjoyed typical picnic fare and enjoyed a variety of water sports as well. Ms. Edwards noted that she plans to recognize both the Legion Riders and the cottage owners at the Youth Bureau dinner in the Spring. Other activities outlined in Ms. Edwards' report included: meeting with new Youth Court Coordinator Sabrena Beaton to review required OCFS (Office of Children and Family Services) paperwork; attending the GED Graduation hosted by Southern Tier Traveling Teachers; participating in Office of Youth Development (OYD) Conference Call; attending a Youth Court Board meeting; attending the Senior Picnic for Office for the Aging; and beginning site visits for evaluation process of OCFS-funded agencies and programs using Program Quality Assessment (PQA).

Amendment of Resolution No. 130-14 in Order to Accept & Appropriate OCFS Funding to Towns & Villages

Ms. Edwards requested an amendment of Resolution No. 130-14 (July 17, 2014) which approved the 2014 Office of Children and Family Services Subcontract Agreements for Youth Programs and Provided Program Funds. Since this was approved, the Youth Bureau has been

notified that all claims must be paid by the County, then sent to the state for reimbursement. Therefore, she requests that the resolution be modified to accept and appropriate funding to towns and villages as listed on the attached sheet. This funding is in the amount of \$9,688. (**FISCAL IMPACT:** 100% State Aid) Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Chairman Crandall, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Old Business

County Treasurer Terri Ross told the Committee that pursuant to last month's discussion regarding the proposed National Fuel Storage facility, her Office has since obtained a larger map, but they could not overlay that map with the tax map. However, she plans to have a list available for the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Chairman Crandall, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, S. Burt, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall
(Absent: D. Decker)

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Bliven, C. Braack, H. Budinger, J. Budinger, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, L. Gridley, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, T. Ross, R. Soback-Lynch, S. Torrey

Media Present: D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Crandall, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of August 20, 2014.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack noted that he had nothing to report this month. He added that he is waiting for the legalities regarding the demolition of the Old Museum to be completed. County Attorney Tom Miner said that his office was currently working on the environmental study and suggested that the requests for the development of an RFP for the demolition work be referred to Public Works. Some discussion followed regarding how the RFP should be written, with the outcome being that the specs should be written in a couple of different ways and should include salvaging the windows. A motion to have Public Works do the RFP for the demolition of the Old Museum was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried. **Refer to Public Works** Prior to the meeting's adjournment, Legislator Burt requested that Mr. Braack provide a brief written report at the meetings; Mr. Braack agreed to do so.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Director Scott Torrey distributed a written monthly report to Committee members. Among the items included in the report:

Projects completed in the last month included fencing for a dairy operation in Independence, a manure handling system for a dairy operation in the Town of Centerville, and a farm drainage system for a dairy operation in the Town of Rushford. Mr. Torrey's report also included the note that construction has begun within the past week on two other projects: a covered animal feeding barn in Independence and silage waste treatment systems in Centerville. Additional projects to be completed this year include two manure storage facilities in Centerville, a fencing project in Almond, and a silage waste treatment system in Granger. Mr. Torrey added that his area has closed out one grant and has begun closing out another. There is currently over \$1.3 million in grant projects approved to be completed between now and 2018. He also reported that Rob Chamberlain has begun doing preliminary work on the Weir Lot, particularly as concerns access roads. He added that next month he would have information regarding the sale of timber on the C. Horner Lot in Angelica which would be a softwood sale. Mr. Torrey added that his area continues to work with FEMA and the affected municipalities,

noting that it was more of a project than he had anticipated. Legislator Fanton noted that at a recent meeting of local highway superintendents, he had received compliments (and appreciation) for the work done by Mr. Torrey and his staff in the Town of Allen. Legislator Burt then inquired about an issue with Purdy Creek in Willing. Mr. Torrey responded that he had talked to the Town Supervisor, but he seemed unwilling to proceed with gravel removal which would be a tremendous help at this time.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Agriculture & Natural Resources Issue Leader Lynn Bliven gave the following report: The Farmer Neighbor Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24. She added that registrations will be accepted through today. Other programs scheduled by Cooperative Extension include: Maintaining Pasture Systems to Meet Your Farm Goals, September 19, is a Pasture Walk for livestock producers. Aaron Santangelo and Ms. Bliven will discuss management strategies to increase productivity and reduce problems with weeds and poisonous plants. This field day is sponsored by NOFA-NY through the USDA Risk Management Agency, Outreach and Assistance Program. Additionally, the Sportsman's Wildlife Food Plot Expo is scheduled for September 27. This is a new program being offered by our agriculture team for wildlife and hunting enthusiasts. The program will include educational workshops and exhibits from area businesses that supply products and equipment for food plot preparation. A Commercial Vegetable Program, scheduled for September 29, is a Multi-County (NY & PA) Program discussing disease and weed management in vegetable production hosted by CCEACC. Pesticide certification credits will be available to growers attending this meeting. This meeting will be hosted by Colleen Cavagna. The Dairy Margin Protection Program is a new program established in the 2014 Farm Bill. Tom Parmenter attended the "Train the Trainer" workshop in Syracuse last week regarding this new initiative, and he will be hosting an educational meeting on this in conjunction with Allegany County FSA Director Nicole Ayers on Tuesday, September 23. On Tuesday, September 30, Ms. Bliven will be presenting a webinar on Equine Forage Management Technique. This will be hosted by the Certified Horsemanship Association, promoted nationwide. The session will address the economic, environmental, and animal health benefits of pasture management for horse owners. October is BQA. (Beef Quality Assurance) Month. Ms. Bliven will be offering training on Tuesday, October 14, from 6 – 9:30 p.m. at the Alfred State College Farm. This training is open to either beef or dairy producers who are not currently BQA certified or producers looking for recertification credit. Producers who certify or recertify during this statewide promotion will be entered in a drawing with a Grand Prize \$250 gift certificate for Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health Products and additional prizes of 10 gift certificates for two 50# bags of FrameWork Mineral courtesy of Kent Feeds. In addition, every producer attending a BQA training during the BQA month promotion will receive a coupon toward Merial animal health products.

Youth Bureau Director

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards had pre-filed her report for August 2014. Included in the report were the following items: Ms. Edwards participated in OYD (Office of Youth Development) Conference Call on August 12; she attended a Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting and Training on Cultural Competency and Best Practice Working with LGBTQ Individuals on August 14; and she attended PPAC (Partners for Prevention in Allegany County) Pill Drop Media Planning Meeting on August 18. Additionally, she met with staff of WZKZ to tape a radio ad and interview with Vicki Grant on Pill Drop Day. At the Pill Drop Day on September 27, we anticipate that we will reach the \$1,000,000 mark in drugs turned in. When asked how

that figure is determined, Ms. Edwards responded that each pill that is collected is assigned an average "cost" of \$10. Therefore, based on the number of pills collected over the past 10 years, as well as the anticipated number to be collected, it was predicted that the program is on track to reach the \$1,000,000 mark. She added that Pill Drop Day will occur between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the 27th, and that there will be a press conference at 2 p.m. in Cuba at the Cuba Fire Hall. The pill drop-off site in Wellsville is the Main Street Fire Hall. Other August activities included attendance at a Suicide Youth Subgroup meeting on August 21; attendance at an Environmental Strategies Meeting on August 27; and attendance at a meeting with the Suicide Coalition on August 21 to begin planning Suicide Awareness Walk on September 10. Additionally, Ms. Edwards continued site visits for evaluation process of OCFS-funded agencies and programs using Program Quality Assessment (PQA)

Old Business

Update on the Map for the Potential Increase on the Gas Storage Field in Independence and Willing

County Treasurer Terri Ross distributed a list of properties in Independence and Willing that could be involved in the proposed expansion. Ms. Ross said they could not do an overlay of the maps, so her office needed to look up all the parcels in the proposed new district. There are 58 in Independence and 175 in Willing. Legislator Ungermann inquired whether the new field would increase National Fuel's assessment. Ms. Ross responded that she assumed that it will. There was some discussion regarding the effect on landowners in the storage field area. Chairman Crandall inquired about the status of this plan. County Attorney Tom Miner indicated he had heard nothing additional (after the initial contact) up to this time. Legislator Graves indicated that there are hearings being conducted.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Burt seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 15, 2014**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, S. Burt, D. Decker, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall
(Absent: D. Fanton)

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Bliven, C. Braack, L. Edwards, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, C. Jessup,
K. LaForge, J. Luckey, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, S. Torrey

Media Present: D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management
Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of September 17, 2014.

**County Historian
Monthly Report**

County Historian Craig Braack provided the Committee with a variety of documents: the job description for the position of County Historian, a catalog of programs that he presents at area events and functions, and his report of activities for the month of September. He recalled that when he was hired, he was told to “take it to the people,” which he has taken to heart, evidenced by the number of speaking engagements and the scope of programs available. In addition to his day-to-day activities of managing the office of the County Historian, Mr. Braack presented 10 talks to various groups, photographed the historic passenger train in Canaseraga, and attended a meeting of County Town Historians in Hume. Legislator Burt inquired whether the documentation of historic items had yet been completed. Mr. Braack responded it remains a top priority.

**Soil & Water Conservation
Monthly Report**

Soil & Water Conservation Director Scott Torrey distributed his monthly report which included projects which had been completed during the past month: a silage waste treatment system for a dairy operation in the Town of Centerville; a manure storage facility for a dairy operation in the Town of Centerville, and a covered animal feeding barn for a dairy operation in the Town of Independence. Projects that will be completed prior to the end of the construction season include a manure handling system in Centerville, a fencing project in Almond, a silage waste treatment system in Granger, and a bedded pack barn in Independence. He added that his Department continues to work with FEMA and Town Highway Departments dealing with May’s storm event. He added that Soil and Water assisted the Town of Caneadea in the last month repairing a collapsed portion of East River Road. Mr. Torrey invited any interested Legislators to go with him to any of the projects Soil and Water had been involved with. Fire and Emergency Services Director Jeff Luckey noted that he had received many positive comments about the work of Soil and Water.

Sale of Timber on the C. Horner Lot, Angelica (softwood)

Mr. Torrey requested approval to solicit bids from logging companies to harvest softwood on the C. Horner Lot, located in the Town of Angelica. The Lot is 125 acres of mixed hardwood and softwood timber. Mr. Torrey indicated that the old softwoods are not growing and he would like them removed so the hardwoods can grow. Approval to bid the C. Horner Lot was granted on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Cornell Cooperative Extension **Monthly Report**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources Issue Leader Lynn Bliven distributed a list of activities in which the Extension had engaged as well as an overview of upcoming events. Included in her report was the Farmer Neighbor Dinner which she said had a good turnout and was deemed a success. Also noted was the Beef Quality Assurance training which was held at Alfred State on October 14. She indicated that it was good to be able to hold it at the college as several students were in attendance. She went on to note that Beginning Farming online courses for aspiring and start-up farmers would begin soon. She would be doing the Poultry course (BF130 Poultry) and Aaron Santangelo, Agriculture Community Educator, would conduct the Soils course (BF 110 Soils). There will be one more Pasture Walk this season to be held October 24 in Whitesville. On October 25, Colleen Cavagna will conduct a "Soup-icious" workshop teaching local gardeners (and buyers of produce) how to make homemade soups from their vegetable gardens. On October 30, a Vegetable Washing Workshop will be held in Centerville, she said, which is a way to increase food safety for consumers. It will also help small producers learn how to build a small-scale washing unit. On November 3, there will be a Risk Management Conference for all areas of farming, which will cover such topics as how to maintain records, labor regulations, managing employees, legalities, and insurance information. There will be seven seminars from which participants may choose, depending on their focus. The Cornell Cooperative Extension Annual Meeting will be held November 6 at the Palmer Opera House in Cuba. Because CCE has seen more interest in grape growing locally, on November 6, there will be an IPM (Integrated Pest Management) and Managing Vineyard Pests which will be held in conjunction with the Grape Team from Chautauqua County. Pesticide credits will be available as well. CCE continues its monthly gardening local radio program as well as weekly news articles. WNY Regional Economic Development Council has established a fund similar to what USDA Rural Development has offered before. The challenge with the Rural Development grant is that it is moving away from allowing producers to purchase equipment. This new grant will allow for equipment purchases. She added that CCE is working with a couple of farms, and possibly a third, to help them identify how this will best work for them. This is, she said, a nice added grant opportunity to allow growers to add equipment to help them move into value-added processing. Ms. Bliven distributed a brochure regarding FarmNet and FarmLink programs which are run through Cooperative Extension on a state-wide basis. These help farms in crisis and offer services such as counseling, succession planning, etc. FarmLink focuses more on linking people who want to farm with available land. Finally, Ms. Bliven said that the Belmont CCE office had been receiving calls regarding the reduced hours of some staff members. She added that the office hours would be covered. When asked if there had been any "movement" with the Catt County office, Ms. Bliven noted that they had been anxious for an audit and that Executive Director Laura Hunsberger is moving forward as quickly as possible to satisfy Catt County concerns. Legislator Burt inquired whether Ms. Bliven had seen any information regarding New York State's proposed five-statewide medical cannabis growing and distribution centers. Ms. Bliven responded in the negative.

Youth Bureau
Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards highlighted several items on her pre-filed monthly report. Among the items noted was Ms. Edwards' attendance at the Regional Youth Justice Team Meeting where there was significant interest in the Juvenile Arson Program, and she was able to share information with several other counties in Western New York. Ms. Edwards said her area is working through the billing for the youth programs. We are paying claims and seeking reimbursement and the money is coming in from the State, and Allegany County is ahead of other WNY counties. She informed the Committee that the Office of Youth Development, which oversees all of our Youth Development programming, has been renamed by the State to the Bureau of Youth Development. She noted that the SADD Conference is Friday. Finally, Ms. Edwards said that she will be traveling to the STOP-DWI Conference in Lake Placid for several days next week, she will attend the Youth Bureau Conference in Syracuse for two days the following week.

Old Business

Potential Increase in Gas Storage Field in Independence and Willing

County Attorney Tom Miner had nothing to report at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2014**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, S. Burt, D. Decker, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, H. Budinger, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, D. Scholes

Media Present: No media present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Attorney/Client Session

The Committee entered attorney/client session at 11:30 a.m. on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. The Committee exited attorney/client session at 12 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried.

Allegany County Authorized to Provide Matching Funds toward the Cost of an Independent Audit of the Accounts of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties

Following attorney/client session, the Committee agreed to share the cost of an outside audit of the accounts of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Allegany and Cattaraugus counties. The Allegany County share would be \$7,500 which would come from Contingency. The original resolution which the Resource Management Committee received with the agenda would be amended for the afternoon's Board meeting, allowing Allegany County to reserve the right to request an expanded audit if deemed necessary. The amended version of the resolution was approved to come off the floor at the afternoon's Board meeting on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, S. Burt, D. Decker, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

Others Present: M. Alger, S. Alsworth, L. Bliven, H. Budinger, L. Edwards, D. Healy, R. Hollis, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, M. McCormick, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora

Media Present: D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Burt, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of October 15 & 27, 2014.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a written report. Legislator Graves gave Committee members time to review the report. Legislator Burt commented on Mr. Braack's presentations, particularly the one held in Scio at the end of October. Mr. Burt said that there were probably 120 people in attendance and that Mr. Braack does an excellent job.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation's Agricultural Environmental Planner Scott Alsworth distributed Director Scott Torrey's monthly report, most of which included wrapping up the final projects for the construction season and doing ag planning with numerous farms in the County. Additionally, Soil and Water plans to hire a District Technician to help handle the increased work load from grants Soil and Water has received.

Approval of C. Horner Bid Award

Mr. Alsworth went on to request approval to accept the high bid on the C. Horner Lot which was submitted by Ayers Earthmoving & Forestry Services, Inc., located in Strykersville, with a bid of \$24,180. This bid was higher than expected, said Mr. Alsworth. When asked if there was any advantage to waiting to re-bid the lot, Mr. Alsworth indicated that there did not seem to be a potential to do much better. His advice is to clear it out, except for the hardwoods, and get something else growing, and we would be better off. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Cornell Cooperative Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources Issue Leader Lynn Bliven told the Committee that her area is busy wrapping up current programs and planning for spring courses. The online classes expands the number of people who can enroll in the classes, but they also allow Cooperative Extension to make it economical to offer the classes when there

may only be two or three producers in Allegany County who want those classes. She added that she had attended the Veterans in Agriculture Summit, which she said, came out of the statewide Beginning Farmer Network Team. The Team realized that veterans have many of the same skills seen in many of our farmers, and we would like to try to expand opportunities for veterans to find employment on existing farms or to help those who want to establish a farm of their own. So this is an attempt at a more concerted effort to aid those folks. One of the challenges that surfaced initially is how to reach the veterans. There are a lot of services for veterans out there, so this is a first step, bringing all veterans' services together. Ms. Bliven said it was a great meeting, and she was glad to be a part of it. She added that it was an opportunity to make connections, and she hopes to work on some specific programs. She also mentioned a grant for veteran training, noting that she was part of a state-wide grant submission. A segment of that grant specifically targets increasing outreach to veteran beginning farmers, and there will be a pilot program in Allegany County funded through that grant. Another part of that grant is a beginning farmer initiative targeted at the transitioning years (5-7 years), a time when it is critical for farmers to re-strategize what they are doing. That will also be another pilot program in Western New York out of that grant fund. Collaborators at that meeting included:

- Cornell Small Farms Program
- NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
- Division of Veterans Affairs
- Farmer Veteran Coalition of New York
- New York Farm Viability Institute
- National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT)
- Cornell Cooperative Extension

Ms. Bliven reminded Committee members of the tremendous resource that is the New York Extension Disaster Education Network (NY EDEN). She added there is a page for winter storms: Winter Preparedness, Safety Issues, Snow Loads on Roofs, Tree Damage & Recovery. She suggested referring friends, etc. who are experiencing this major snow event in the Buffalo area to access that site for valuable information. Ms. Bliven noted that there will be a PEVD Meeting December 10. The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the New York Pork Producers is scheduling a series of informational meetings around western New York on Swine Enteric Coronavirus Diseases. This includes Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PEDV) and another recent disease, Porcine Delta Coronavirus (PDCoV). Ms. Bliven will host the meeting at the College Farm at Alfred State on (December 10) which will focus on what producers can do to prevent and/or limit disease in swine, emphasizing biosecurity issues as well as the potential for vaccines at breeding farms to hopefully reduce the spread of disease. Finally, Ms. Bliven went on to say that she is planning for the Spring courses (classroom trainings and full-day workshops) to be held before the producers need to get back outdoors. Some of the programs include: Crop Congress – January 9, 2015; Winter Dairy Management, Rural Landowners March 7, 2015; Pasture Expo, Cow Comfort and Handling Training, GAPs, Beginning Successful Small Farms Program - February 2015; Marketing for Profit: Tools for Success-Feb/March -Farmer Market Federation/SARE funded course for direct to consumer marketing.

Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger offered the following update as well: As a result of the \$7,500 approved by Allegany County to help fund the independent audit, three proposals were presented to the two Legislatures (out of the seven CPA firms that had been contacted). R.A. Mercer of Cattaraugus, NY, was selected to perform

the audit which is to occur from early December to about January 15. Ms. Hunsberger is trying to contact the firm to ask for sufficient lead time to gather the necessary documentation. She went on to say that within the appropriation for Cooperative Extension for Catt County is \$84,000 (up from \$50,000 from last year) for the 4H Program. This was characterized by Committee members as a step in the right direction. Additionally, she said, they are getting the same \$20,000 through the Department of Economic Development which covers the Grape Team and the Vegetable Team, and the remainder will go to pre-approved ag program. She noted that last year there was a program on hops, one on backyard poultry, and one on organic vegetable production. Ms. Hunsberger said she has met with the Farm Bureau in Catt County in order to get some support to increase ag funding on that end. She said Cooperative Extension had held its annual meeting on November 6 and three new Board members were appointed. They are Sue Fontaine who has been sitting on the Board since the spring; Joan Wissert from Literacy West; and John Carter, who also sat on the board previously and was President for awhile. Ms. Hunsberger said that the \$343,000 proposed 2015 Budget in Allegany County allows Cooperative Extension to bring the programming staff back to full-time status. Right now, all programming staff covered by the appropriation are working three days per week. She added that they are also working on a new website. Finally, she said, there is a meeting of representatives from Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, and Allegany counties with Senator Cathy Young on November 24.

Youth Bureau Director Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards reviewed some of the activities listed on her pre-filed monthly report, including her presentation at the Wellsville Monday Club on October 6, where she talked about her job responsibilities and responded to members' questions. On October 28-29, Ms. Edwards attended the Annual Youth Bureau Conference in Syracuse. Because she had received a full scholarship for the Conference which covered the registration and the hotel, and because she rode with staff from Catt County, the only cost to Allegany County was a \$12 meal! Additionally, Ms. Edwards wanted to give the Committee a "heads-up" regarding assessment issues. The following day, Ms. Edwards would be attending a required State Youth Bureau Training in Waterloo on assessments of Youth Bureau programs. She reminded the Committee that three years ago, the State instituted a QYDS (Quality Youth Development System) Program that required goals and objectives and service opportunities to be put in for all of our programs. The State now wants to evaluate that QYDS System. We have been offered a couple of opportunities; the one Ms. Edwards selected is the PQA (quality assessment) which can be done by her and members of the Youth Board; however, she feels that with the training, which is titled "Results-based Accountability," the State may be pushing the use of an expensive computer program that is associated with that (assessment) program. She said she is uncertain at this point if the State will force that on us, but she wanted to give the Committee an FYI that the State is at the point now where it is looking at assessment of what is being done (such as how many youth in the program, what the programs are doing, is it a safe atmosphere, etc.).

Old Business

Potential Increase in Gas Storage Field in Independence and Willing

There was nothing new to report on this issue.

New Business

The NYSERDA – Solar Policy Workshop, scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at SUNY Fredonia, has been cancelled because of the recent heavy snowfall.

Legislator Ungermann suggested that the new solar field being constructed at Houghton College serve as a test ground to see if it's worthwhile for Allegany County to worry very much about using solar as an energy source. He went on to say that we don't get enough sunshine locally to make solar energy a particularly viable energy source. He added that the same is true for windmill-generated power. Even windy hills do not offer enough wind to make power generation viable. He added that the payback just isn't there for these types of projects. His suggestion is to obtain feedback from the Houghton project before investing heavily in such a project for the County. Chairman Crandall said that getting that information is in the works.

Good of the Order

Legislator LaForge told the Committee that Jim Braunscheidel of Scoville Brown, the Company which had bid the project of salvaging the windows and other materials from the Old Museum had asked Mr. LaForge to provide some people to help when he pulls the windows. In the interest of full disclosure, Mr. LaForge said that he would donate that requested man power because he wishes to see the project succeed. He wanted to be assured that he would be able, legally, to do this. County Attorney Tom Miner said that because the County's contract is not with LaForge, he did not see a "conflict of interest" issue in this matter.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 17, 2014**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, S. Burt, D. Decker, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, C. Braack, H. Budinger, Curran, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, J. Foels, L. Gridley, G. Hanchett, D. Healy, R. Hollis, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora

Media Present: D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Amendment & Approval of Minutes

It was brought to our attention that the action following the approval of the C. Horner Bid award is incorrect. Please replace "Prepare Resolution" with "Prepare Contract" (as below).

Under "**Approval of C. Horner Bid Award**"

Mr. Alsworth went on to request approval to accept the high bid on the C. Horner Lot which was submitted by Ayers Earthmoving & Forestry Services, Inc., located in Strykersville, with a bid of \$24,180. ... Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. ~~Prepare Resolution~~ **Prepare Contract**

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of November 19, 2014, as amended.

County Historian

In addition to his monthly report which listed his activities for November 2014, which included a number of talks for a variety of local groups, County Historian Craig Braack informed the Committee of his intention to retire effective March 1, 2015. However, because he said he has serious doubts about retirement, he proposed that following his official retirement and some travel plans, that he return part-time as County Historian. He was hoping for two days per week, beginning June 1, 2015. He was seeking Committee support, which he received. He added that he will continue as Records Management Officer. He also said he will volunteer here a lot. He said he would like to continue presenting his programs and talks, but was seeking a little more freedom over the use of his time. It was determined there was no need to take action at this time, but in the very near future, the arrangement for his part-time employment would be determined and brought back to Committee for action.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Director Scott Torrey was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a written report which was included in Legislators' agenda packets.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Cornell Cooperative Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources Issue Leader Lynn Bliven was unable to attend the meeting. In her stead, Resource Educator Tom Parmenter gave a report on CCE dairy programs. Some of the details of the report included: 64 percent of the almost 100 dairy operations in Allegany County have used or participate in services or programs provided by the association. In total, the farms working with CCE generate over 21 million dollars in gross sales per year with all of the Allegany County dairy farms grossing over 33 million dollars in 2014. Allegany County has seen approximately six "start-up" dairy farming enterprises over the last year, with most of these utilizing the services offered through CCE. Allegany County CCE has worked with several producers during the past year as they made applications through the Governor's Dairy Acceleration Program (DAP) designed to assist dairy producers with environmental planning, facilities design, and business plans that will increase profitability and help fill the demand for milk for the ever-increasing yogurt production in NYS. The Farm Bill passed by Congress this year included a component of risk management for dairy farmers through the Margin Protection Program (MPP) which replaces current programs that deal with the possibility of steeply volatile milk prices. This program is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) with Cooperative Extension responsible for the education and consultation outreach to producers.

Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger gave a brief update on the progress of the audit (being done by R.A. Mercer of Cattaraugus, NY), saying that it had begun, but she felt it was going well so far, she was doubtful that it would be completed by mid-January. Additionally, she distributed the 2014 Annual Report/2014-15 Calendar.

Youth Bureau **Monthly Report**

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards had submitted a monthly report for November that was included with the agenda. Noting that it had been a busy month, she highlighted the fact that she had attended the Bureau of Youth Development regional training on outcomes and performance measures in Waterloo on November 20 (during the big snow storm). Although the final process has not been determined, Ms. Edwards wanted the Committee to know that three years ago, the State instituted a QYDS (Quality Youth Development System) Program that required goals and objectives and service opportunities to be put in for all of our programs. The State now wants to evaluate that QYDS System. We have been offered a couple of opportunities; the one Ms. Edwards selected is the PQA (quality assessment) which can be done by her and members of the Youth Board; however, she feels that with the training, which is titled "Results-based Accountability," the State may be pushing the use of an expensive computer program that is associated with that (assessment) program. She said she is uncertain at this point if the State will force that on us, but she wanted to give the Committee an FYI that the State is at the point now where it is looking at assessment of what is being done. Ms. Edwards went on to say that she will again be taking Youth Board members to the Youth Leadership Forum in Albany, February 9 and 10, 2015.

Old Business

Potential Increase in Gas Storage Field in Independence and Willing

Legislator Graves indicated that this issue remains at a "standstill."

NYSERDA – Solar Policy Workshop (Still waiting for new date and time)

Legislator Graves noted that he had not yet received any notification indicating whether this event would be rescheduled.

New Business

A copy of a letter Chairman Crandall had written to Governor Cuomo and DEC Commissioner Joseph Martens regarding limited hydrofracking permits in Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Steuben, and Tioga Counties, in June 2012 was distributed to Committee members. The letter inquired what criteria were used to determine which counties would receive these permits. It also inquired why Allegany County had not been included. Chairman Crandall also asked in the letter how Allegany County could be included. Chairman Crandall believes that Allegany County should push to be included in whatever is going on and move that forward. he hasn't seen any up-to-the-minute information, but if there will be a push along the Southern Tier, Allegany County should be included.

Subsequently, it was noted that there had been an unverified report that the Governor had issued a "no" decision regarding hydrofracking in New York State. Legislator LaForge felt the County should not act until we know for certain whether that decision had actually been rendered. If there is any action necessary, a resolution could come off the floor on Monday (December 22).

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Burt, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried

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