



Sullivan County Agriculture and Sustainability Policy Committee

April 3, 2014 AGENDA

2:00 PM

Committee Members:

Cindy Kurpil Gieger, Chair, Cora Edwards, Vice-Chair, Gene Benson, Alan Sorensen, Kitty Vetter

Call to Order

Attendance

Comments: Committee Chair

Reports:

1. Office of Sustainable Energy (OSE) Monthly Report- Carol Roig & Stephen Stuart
2. Agricultural Report- Melinda Meddaugh
3. Farmland Protection Plan Update – Jill Weyer
4. DPW Update- Kristen Porter

Presentation: None

Discussion:

1. Draft Climate Action Plan
2. Response NYS Energy Plan

Resolutions:

1. To accept the Sullivan County Climate Action Plan as a working document.

Public Comment

Adjourn

OSE Activities Report for April 2014

Reporting on March 2014 activities

I. ENERGY MANAGEMENT FOR SC FACILITIES

NYPA Potential for HVAC replacement at SC Government Center

- Awaiting NYPA's proposal.
- Researching documentation of 1994 exploration of potential geothermal installation at Government Center.

Power Purchase Agreements for County/Municipal Operations

- OSE is in touch with several potential partners for PPAs.
- Carol joined Heather Brown, Josh Potosek, Ed McAndrew, and Kathy Jones in a meeting with Barbara Blanchard of MEGA, Gordon Boyd of Energy Next, and Dan Leary of Solar City to discuss a possible proposal for solar installations at County properties.
- OSE working with Chris Knapp to update and add mapping of potential County-owned sites.

County Jail Project

- Reviewed 2009 LaBella equipment specs and insulation options.

II. SC CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

We have completed revisions to the Climate Action Plan.

- Met March 4th with Cindy Geiger, Tom Cawley and Heather Brown to confirm steps needed for adoption of the County Measures portion of the plan.
- Implemented formal vote by CAP Board

III. OUTREACH ON CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

- Town of Highland adopted their pledge on March 11th.
- Letter of support for VHB for their consultation services was signed by Scott Samuelson and sent to NYSERDA.
- Next focus will include Town of Forestburgh, Villages of Bloomingburg, Jeffersonville, Woodridge and Wurtsboro.
- We will convene CAP Planning Advisory Board for Part II in May.

IV. COUNTY COMMENTS FOR THE NYS ENERGY PLAN

Agriculture and Sustainability Committee gave permission for draft of potential comments on behalf of the County regarding the NYS Energy Plan. Comment period closes on April 30.

**COMBINED: LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM,
CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
AND RESOLUTION COVER MEMO**

To: Sullivan County Legislature

Fr: Heather Brown, Research Analyst

Re: Request for Consideration of a Resolution: Accept the Sullivan County Climate Action Plan as a working document

Date: April 3, 2014

Purpose of Resolution: [Provide a detailed statement of what the Resolution will accomplish, as well as a justification for approval by the Sullivan County Legislature.]

To accept the Sullivan County Climate Action Plan as a working document with the intent of addressing the specific recommended policies and actions with a goal towards implementation

Is subject of Resolution mandated? Explain:

No, however, the County has passed several resolutions indicating its commitment to address climate change.

Does Resolution require expenditure of funds? Yes ___ No

If "Yes", provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$ _____

Are funds already budgeted? Yes ___ No ___

If "Yes" specify appropriation code(s): _____

If "No", specify proposed source of funds: _____

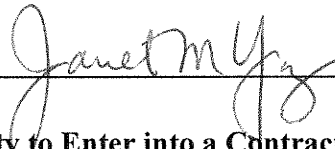
Estimated Cost Breakdown by Source:

County \$ _____ Grant(s) \$ _____

State \$ _____ Other \$ _____

Federal Government \$ _____ (Specify) _____

Verified by Budget Office: _____



Does Resolution request Authority to Enter into a Contract? Yes ___ No

If "Yes", provide information requested on Pages 2. If "NO", please go straight to Page 3 and acquire all pre-legislative approvals.

Request for Authority to Enter into Contract with [_____] of
[_____]

Nature of Other Party to Contract: ·

Other:

Duration of Contract: From _____ To _____

Is this a renewal of a prior Contract? Yes ___ No ___

If "Yes" provide the following information:

Dates of prior contract(s): From _____ To _____

Amount authorized by prior contract(s): _____

Resolutions authorizing prior contracts (Resolution #s): _____

Future Renewal Options if any:

Is Subject of Contract – i.e. – the goods and/or services Mandated? Yes ___ No ___

If "Yes" cite the mandate's source; describe how this contract satisfies the requirements:

If "No" provide other justification for County to enter into this Contract: [County does not have resources in-house, best source of the subject materials, required by grant, etc.]:

Total Contract Cost for [year or contract period]: (If specific sum is not known state maximum potential cost): _____

Efforts made to find Less Costly alternative:

Efforts made to share costs with another agency or governmental entity:

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures (Bid, Request for Proposal, Quote, etc.)

_____ *Not Applicable if* _____

Person(s) responsible for monitoring contract (Title): _____

Pre-Legislative Approvals:

- A. Director of Purchasing: Carly Jones Date 3/28/14
- B. Management and Budget: Janet Myer Date 4/2/14
- C. Law Department: S. Gaogun Date 4/3/14
- D. County Manager: John P. Stool Date 4/2/14
- E. Other as Required: _____ Date _____

Vetted in _____ Committee on _____

RESOLUTION NO. INTRODUCED BY AGRICULTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE SULLIVAN COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AS A WORKING DOCUMENT

WHEREAS, County of Sullivan (“County”) created the Climate Action Planning (CAP) Advisory Board for the purpose of developing recommendations to include in a Climate Action Plan for the County and to provide recommendations for implementation after the plan has been completed, and

WHEREAS, the CAP Advisory Board has developed the Sullivan County Climate Action Plan (“Plan”) and submitted the Plan for consideration by the Sullivan County Legislature by majority vote of the CAP Advisory Board members, and

WHEREAS, the Plan outlines the steps necessary to reduce the County’s carbon footprint while developing a thriving and sustainable economy, and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to accept the Plan as a working document, and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Legislature will consider recommendations and analyze the impacts of specific policies and actions on a case by case basis prior to implementation of any strategies contained within the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature hereby accepts the Sullivan County Climate Action Plan as a working document with the intent of addressing the specific recommended policies and actions with a goal towards implementation.