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PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

JULY 1, 2008 4:45 P.M. LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS

Present: M. Robertson, Chair (arrived 4:50 p.m.); C. Chock; M. Sigler; F. Proto; and P. Mackesey
Staff: E. Marx, Commissioner of Planning and Public Works; K. Fuller, Deputy Clerk of the
Legislature; J. Leccese, Planning Department

Call to Order and Changes to Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 4:47 p.m. by Ms. Mackesey, Vice Chair.

**RESOLUTION NO. - AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A RURAL SMALL BUSINESS
LOAN FOR THOMAS HOEBBEL/THOMAS HOEBBEL
PHOTOGRAPHY FROM THE RURAL SMALL BUSINESS LOAN
FUND**

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Mr. Sigler, to recommend approval of the following
resolution to the full Legislature.

Ms. Robertson arrived at this time.

A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 5; Noes – 0. RESOLUTION
ADOPTED.

At this time a brief discussion of the Rural Small Business Loan program occurred. Members
discussed a desire for more open advertisement of the availability of the loan. In addition, the members
were advised of the rural areas of the County that would be eligible for the loan. It was noted that the
maximum amount is \$25,000; at the present time there is \$100,000 available in the fund for use. In
response to Mr. Sigler's comment about giving maximum loans, Ms. Leccese said there have been several
that were limited to \$15,000. During the discussion regarding advertising the loan availability,
suggestions were made to provide information not only to lending institutions but Town Boards,
Cooperative Extension, and to the local newspaper publications, as well as utilizing the Public
Information Officer. Mr. Marx noted the funds are somewhat limited and it would not be advisable to
over-advertise the program. *Ms. Leccese will provide legislators with the map and criteria for the
program.*

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund was expanded
in 2004 to provide low-interest loans to small businesses (microenterprise businesses), and

WHEREAS, these loans are made using repaid United States Department of Housing and Urban
Development Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds targeted for economic
development activities, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Rural Small Business Loan Fund Oversight Committee
reviewed an application and proposal for an equipment loan to Thomas Hoebbel to purchase updated and
expanded photography equipment to allow for further growth and adaptability at Thomas Hoebbel
Photography in the Town of Caroline, and

WHEREAS, the Oversight Committee has fully assessed the ability of Thomas Hoebbel to make
timely payments on monies loaned from the Rural Small Business Loan Fund, and

WHEREAS, enhancing and supporting economic development efforts that expand rural income
opportunities are policies supported by the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality
Committee, That the County is hereby authorized to sign a Loan Agreement with Thomas Hoebbel,

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RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator be authorized to sign all documents related to this loan, and that the County Finance Director be authorized to adjust the budget in the following manner:

REVENUES

8693.44700 Repaid Econ. Dev. Loans \$25,000

EXPENSES

8693.54400 Program Expense \$25,000

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-25

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.