



PUBLIC HEARING-ORLEANS COUNTY LEGISLATURE
March 26, 2024 at 4:25 p.m. CDBG Broadband Grant

Present: Chairman Lynne M. Johnson, Vice Chairman William Eick, Legislators: Donald Allport, Merle Draper, John Fitzak, Fred Miller, Ed Morgan, County Attorney Kathy Bogan; Chief Administrative Officer John C. Welch, Jr.

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to order at 4:29 p.m.

Clerk of the Legislature Stenshorn read Public Hearing Notice.

Legal Notice, Notice of Public Hearing, Orleans County. Orleans County will hold a public hearing on March 26, 2024 at the Legislative Chambers located at 14016 Route 31, Albion NY 14411 at 4:25 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Orleans County's current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project # 857CVPF23-21, Broadband, in the amount of \$1,999,833.00. The CDBG program is administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR), and provides resources to eligible local governments for housing, economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. The hearing will provide further information about the progress of the ongoing CDBG project will also be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart 1 of the CFR and in compliance with the 4 requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Orleans County Legislative Chambers is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact April Flesch at 585-589-7053 at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Members of the public may also attend the Public Hearing and provide comments via Zoom.com or by telephone at 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 85336464419. Written comments may also be submitted to Clerk of the Legislature, 14016 Route 31W, Albion, NY 14411. To be considered, comments must be received by 3/29/2024. Dated at Albion NY, March 15, 2024, Lisa Stenshorn, Clerk, Orleans County Legislature

Chairman Johnson introduced CAO John C. Welch, Jr.

Mr. Welch stated the low to moderate income grant has had the last tower in the Town of Gaines come online. Thus far, we have been disappointed by the number of households that have reached out for the grant for equipment in their households. That number is 31, which is less than we expected and hoped for. We are looking for the conclusion of this grant to put in four micro sites that will be in the Villages of Albion and Medina. This will allow a high density of low to moderate income households to have a better signal. When this is completed there will be better opportunities for the low to moderate income households to be able to sign up for that in those areas.

Chairman Johnson opened the floor for public comment. Chairman asked two more times for public comment. Hearing no comments, Chairman Johnson closed the Public Hearing at 4:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Stenshorn".

Lisa Stenshorn, Clerk of the Legislature
Orleans County Legislature