

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Held Via Audio Webinar**  
**Pursuant To Temporary Emergency Orders**

**Members: Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Montgomery & Jonke**

**Tuesday**

**May 11, 2021**

The meeting was called to order via audio webinar at 6:33 P.M. by Chairman Gouldman who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Committee Members Jonke, Montgomery and Chairman Gouldman were present.

**Item #3 - Discussion/Update/Putnam County Business Council/PCBC Chairman Michael Bucci**

Chairman Gouldman stated tonight we have PCBC Chairman Michael Bucci, Former PCBC Chairwoman Jennifer Maher, and PCBC Vice President of Government Affairs Bill Nulk presenting.

PCBC VP of Government Affairs Nulk indicated that PCBC Chairman Bucci is having connection problems. He stated the PCBC has grown over the past decade which represents the entire business community of Putnam County. He stated the PCBC has worked to build positive relationships with elected officials at all levels of government. He added that the PCBC has worked to make residents aware of the strong businesses and services in their community. He stated the PCBC has brought many programs to business for guidance on how to handle the pandemic, as well as identifying available funding. He stated he is proud to be part of the proactive PCBC.

Chairman Gouldman stated the PCBC has done a great job and is an asset to every business in the community.

PCBC Chairman Bucci thanked Chairman Gouldman for the invitation to the meeting. He stated he has experience in the non-profit sector with helping small businesses. He stated Putnam County has a massive appetite for advocacy and working through tough times. He stated since the pandemic began, the PCBC has had 42 events through various formats. He gave an overview of some of the programs that have been offered. He stated the PCBC recently has looked into forming its own legislative priorities.

PCBC VP of Government Affairs Nulk this is a continuation of what has been done over the past few years. He stated in the past there has been forums with elected officials. He stated these events provide an opportunity to network and connect.

Legislator Montgomery welcomed PCBC Chairman Bucci and thanked him for the overview. She stated she would love to invite him to a Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce meeting.

PCBC Chairman Bucci stated he used to run the Mahopac-Carmel Chambers of Commerce. He stated the goal of the PCBC is to bring the Chambers together and has its own strengths. He stated they are not trying to take members away from the local Chambers.

Legislator Jonke stated now more than ever our small businesses need assistance.

Legislator Albano thanked the PCBC for their efforts.

Chairman Gouldman thanked the PCPB for their time and the information provided.

**Item #4 - FYI/Unemployment Report – Duly Noted**

**Item #5 - Other Business**

PCBC VP of Government Affairs Nulk provided information on the Consolidated Funding Application parameters.

Legislator Montgomery stated there are many funding opportunities.

**Item #6 - Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 6:52 P.M., Chairman Gouldman made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Ed Gordon.