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**Columbia County
Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development
Public Hearing
Thursday, September 9, 2010 11:37 a.m.**

The hearing was opened to the public at 11:37 a.m.

Present at the meeting were:

John H. Tramburg
Robert R. Westby
Andy Ross
Robert L. Hamele
Mark Witt

Lois Schepp, Comptroller
Nancy Elsing, CCEDC
Brian Frost – Appleton Papers, Inc.
Shonna Neary
Cindy Devine

The public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development Program (CDBG-ED) was held in the Columbia County Accounting Office to discuss the following information:

- Basic overview of the CDBG program
- Total funds available
- Types of activities eligible using CDBG funds [Economic Development]
- Activities proposed for the CDBG-ED application/project.
- Potential for residential displacement

Along with discussion of the economic development needs of Columbia County, an overview of the proposed project, which would expand the company’s capsule manufacturing facility, was provided. The \$306,000 CDBG-ED application includes \$300,000 to Appleton Papers, Inc. and \$6,000 payable to Columbia County for administration of the grant. The funds will be utilized by Appleton Papers, Inc. to purchase equipment. If the project proceeds as planned, it could create as many as 10 new positions, besides retaining the current number of employees.

Brian Frost, Plant Manager, described the project and noted that while initially the company would be adding general labor positions, as the business continues to grow, they expect to add maintenance, supervisory, and accounting positions.

Public hearing was closed to the public at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert L. Hamele, Secretary

Cindy Devine, Recording Secretary