

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

**DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2006**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS BENTLEY  
VANNESS  
MASON  
GERAGHTY

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR GIRARD

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING:

CANDACE KELLY, DIRECTOR

DEBORAH COALTS, NUTRITION COORDINATOR

DEBBIE FITZGIBBON

REPRESENTING THE EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING ADMIN.:

WILLIAM RESSE, DIRECTOR

SHARON SANO, SENIOR COUNSELOR

ROBERT HUMMEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORKFORCE  
INVESTMENT BOARD

LAMAR HILL, CEO - INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF  
NANOTECHNOLOGY REGIONS

WILLIAM THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

JOAN PARSONS, COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FISCAL  
SERVICES

JOAN SADY, CLERK

SUPERVISORS:

CAIMANO

CHAMPAGNE

GABRIELS

KENNY

MERLINO

SHEEHAN

STEC

TESSIER

F. THOMAS

PAT TATICH, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT

MARGARET SING SMITH, DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH BUREAU

JOANN MCKINSTRY, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE  
COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FISCAL SERVICES

REPRESENTING ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

LOUIS BUCK, DEAN FOR THE ACC CENTER FOR PERSONAL  
& PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WILLIAM LONG, VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
SERVICES

PAUL MAZUR, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT & ACADEMIC  
AFFAIRS

W. SHELDON HURST, INTERIM DEAN FOR ACADEMIC  
AFFAIRS

TODD SHIMKUS, ADIRONDACK REGIONAL CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE

MAURY THOMPSON, *THE POST STAR*

AMANDA ALLEN, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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Mr. Bentley called the meeting of the Federal Programs Committee to order at 9:35 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Candace Kelly, Director of the Office for the Aging, who distributed copies of her agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes*. Mrs. Kelly advised that agenda items 1a through 1e were resolution requests as follows:

- 1a) Requesting authorization to submit the Annual Implementation Plan for 2007-2008;
- 1b) Requesting the extension of the existing contract with Lisbeth Caples, Registered Dietician, in the amount of \$30 per hour for the term commencing January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 for Dietician services;
- 1c) Requesting the extension of the existing contract with Warren County Health Services to allow \$4.80 per meal reimbursement for those employees participating in the Long Term Home Health Aid Program for the term commencing January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007;
- 1d) Requesting the extension of the existing contract with Warren/Hamilton A.C.E.O. Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$18,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 for transportation to and from mealsites;
- 1e) Requesting the extension of the existing contract with the Town of Chester for an amount not to exceed \$4,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 for the lease of the mealsite location in the Town of Chester.

Mr. Mason asked if the costs of all of the requests listed were included in the 2007 Budget and Mrs. Kelly replied affirmatively.

Motion was made by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to approve items 1a through 1e as outlined above. The necessary resolutions were authorized for the December 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and copies of the requests are on file with the minutes.

Mrs. Kelly apprised that agenda item number two detailed the continuation of contracts under Titles IIIE, IIIB, IIIB Transportation and IIID. She explained that she had included in the agenda four charts reflecting the totals for these contracts, which were still in effect. Mrs. Kelly noted that the funds required to facilitate these contracts were already included in the 2007 Budget.

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The remaining agenda items, Mrs. Kelly advised, were simply informational items which included the 2006-2007 HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) schedule and guidelines and the December 2006 Newsletter for Seniors. She noted that her Department was more than halfway through the list of scheduled HEAP visits during which her staff assisted with the completion of applications for heating and food stamp assistance. Mrs. Kelly apprised that recently assessors had also been included in these meetings to assist with the completion of tax forms. She said that the meetings had been very helpful to the community because a variety of assistance could be found at one location. Mrs. Kelly noted that attendance at these meetings had decreased slightly due to the ability to apply for assistance by mail.

Mrs. Kelly advised that she had also included a copy of a letter of appreciation received from an elderly reader of the Newsletter for Seniors. She said it was nice to see that the Newsletter was well received and appreciated.

In closing, Mrs. Kelly noted that a copy of the Budget Performance Report had been included in the agenda for the Committee's review. She advised that her Department seemed to be on target in all areas except the food budget. Mrs. Kelly said that approximately 91% of the Budget had been used leaving about \$31,000 for the month of December. She noted that this was a problem because on occasion the monthly cost of food had totaled over \$40,000. Requests had been made for staff to use whatever food was available at their facility and to conserve as much as possible to make the remaining funds last for the full month, Mrs. Kelly apprised.

As the Office for the Aging agenda review was complete, privilege of the floor was extended to William Resse, Director of the Employment and Training Administration. Mr. Resse distributed copies of his agenda to the Committee members, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

The first item of the agenda, Mr. Resse apprised, was a request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,000 to rectify an insufficient appropriation of a Federal grant.

Motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Resse noted that Robert Hummell, Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board, was in attendance and Mr. Resse asked Mr. Hummell to update the Committee on the status of the Federal grant he had coordinated along with ACC (Adirondack Community College). Mr. Hummell reminded the Committee that he had made a presentation outlining the grant at the October Committee meeting. He said that unfortunately, no further information had been received as to the status of the grant; however, he noted, an announcement was expected shortly. Mr. Hummell summarized that the \$2.1 million grant would essentially establish a workforce development

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partnership between educators and the private industry of the region. He noted that the grant named ACC as the applicant and involved 15 other partners such as Hudson Valley Community College, Schenectady Community College and a number of other learning institutions.

Mr. Resse introduced LaMar Hill, CEO of the International Alliance of Nanotechnology Regions, who was in attendance to give a presentation on the influence and expansion of the nanotechnology industry.

Mr. Hill gave a detailed power point presentation to the Committee members which included several charts and informative descriptions of the nanotechnology industry and its rapid growth all over the world. It also reflected that the worldwide demand for technology workers had become greater than the supply and the shortage may become critical, due to a lack of individuals educated in this area.

*For a more detailed accounting of Mr. Hill's presentation, please review the power point presentation, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.*

The impending arrival of the large nanotechnology company AMD to the region would result in the tremendous opportunity for qualified individuals to obtain well paying positions, Mr. Hill said. He added that it was important for local learning institutions to develop educational programs in the nanotechnology field to prepare individuals for this evolving job market. Furthermore, these nanotechnology companies would likely encourage continued education for entry level positions, Mr. Hill noted.

With respect to the actual construction of AMD's building, Mr. Hill advised that the company in charge of constructing the facility had already set up training headquarters at the Watervliet Arsenal. He said that 200 to 300 construction workers were trained each year for this purpose. Mr. Hill advised that the construction of these facilities would also bring great opportunity to the area, for example, several hundred specialized orbital welders would be required for the construction; that position alone retained a salary of up to \$100,000 annually, Mr. Hill estimated.

Mr. Hill apprised that AMD had already stated that they wished to hire as many individuals as possible from the region; however, they would require some specialized positions from other areas. The positions available would range from \$40,000 to \$100,000 annually depending on the position, Mr. Hill explained. He reiterated that the nanotechnology industry advocated education and although they would hire individuals with only a high school diploma for entry level positions, they would encourage continued education and advancement within the company.

Discussion ensued.

Pat Tatich, Director of Planning and Community Development, stated that as a child she had the great opportunity of growing up in an IBM community. She apprised that

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advantages such as internship opportunities and an overwhelming community spirit had abounded. Ms. Tatich said the addition of this industry to the region would positively effect both the community and the job market.

The Committee thanked Mr. Hill for his informative presentation and as there was no further business to come before the Federal Programs Committee, on motion made by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Geraghty, Mr. Bentley adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Allen, Legislative Office Specialist