

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS TAYLOR
MONROE
WOOD
BEATY
STROUGH

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:
GLEND A BENWARE, OFFICE SPECIALIST
REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:
ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
SIMPSON
MICHAEL SWAN, WARREN COUNTY TREASURER
RON MONTESI, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
SAMANTHA HOGAN, SR. LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mr. Taylor called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 10:37 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Glenda Benware, Office Specialist, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Benware reviewed the 2016 Planning and Community Development Budget summary sheet which outlined changes within the Budget. As there were no suggestions for modifications the Committee approved the Budget request and refer same to the Budget Officer.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ed Bartholomew, President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), who distributed copies of his agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. Taylor outlined a request to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Capital Region Economic Development Council's submission for \$500 million in the Upstate Revitalization Initiative as requested by Kathleen Jimino, Rensselaer County Executive, and Kathy Sheehan, Mayor of Albany.

Motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 16th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Moving on to discussion items, Mr. Bartholomew distributed copies of the Pathways to Progress, Charting a Course for the Adirondack Gateway Region, Report as well as the Executive Summary, which he proceeded to review. *Copies of both the aforementioned reports can be found on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Beaty commented this was a very thorough report, but noted there was very little in regards to the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport and he questioned where Mr. Bartholomew envisioned the Airport fitting. Mr. Bartholomew responded the Airport was listed as an opportunity, which would require it's own subset of information; he added that this report was intended to provide a broader view of the entire

region.

Mr. Monroe advised there had been a strong movement developing amongst the environmental groups in support of New York State purchasing the Railroad, specifically from North Creek to Tauhaws, due to the tank car storage proposal. He stated he believed that one of the County's Committees would need to address the issue, sooner rather than later, and take a position on the issue.

Mr. Westcott asked if the report would be available online and Mr. Bartholomew answered affirmatively, he informed they had just received the hard copies and it should be available online within in a few days. Mr. Westcott then advised that on November 12, 2015 West Mountain would be having a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the opening of a new chairlift. Mr. Westcott opined West Mountain was a great asset to Warren County.

Mr. Westcott inquired about the status of Gracernote, a subsidiary of Tribune Media Company. Mr. Bartholomew noted there were concerns over numbers dropping and he had contacted Senator Schumer's Office and Gracernote's Chief Executive Officer to discuss how they could strengthening the business in Warren County.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Strough, Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Sr. Legislative Office Specialist