

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE:           OCTOBER 31, 2016**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**SUPERVISORS: McDEVITT  
WOOD  
BEATY  
STROUGH  
SIMPSON  
DICKINSON  
MACDONALD  
MONTESI  
LEGGETT**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:  
ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT  
JEN SWITZER, FINANCE DIRECTOR  
KEVIN GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISOR MERLINO  
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 31, 2016 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee; the meeting in it's entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:*

<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2016/economic/>

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 8:59 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Simpson 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 Ed Bartholomew, President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), who distributed copies of various handouts. Copies of the handouts are on file with the minutes.

Mr. Bartholomew thanked Mr. Dickinson and Mayor Blais for assisting in the production of the motion picture Radium Girls, and noted he hoped the premier would be at the Wood Theater next year. He mentioned Senator Betty Little had led the film increase tax credit bill from 15%-20% which was forwarded to the Governor's office for consideration.

Next, Mr. Bartholomew outlined the Industry Targets For Growth handout which included CR Bard, Precision, Angio Dynamics and Bates Medical for the Medical Device Industry and Supply Chain. He continued, stating health care included Hudson Headwater Health Network and Glens Falls Hospital. He next outlined the handout labeled as Northway Exits in Warren County which was the focus for the end of the year leading into next year. He said mapping with GIS was needed in the area for interest from industries looking for property off of the northway exits.

Mr. Bartholomew said Chairman Geraghty had attended Senator Gillibrand's announcement regarding the increase in funding for Broadband by USDA along with Assemblyman Stec and Senator Little. He stated that program, along with the Governor's "Broadband For All

Initiative”, and the E-Rate Program from the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) would make it possible to develop a program for costs and funding for next year. A brief discussion ensued on the E-Rate Program. Mr. McDevitt added that a number of Supervisors had attended the announcement event and he noted that cost seemed to be a big factor in Communities with getting Broadband.

Mr. Montesi apprised the Committee that the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks Meeting next month, which Mr. Bartholomew was invited to attend, would showcase an area business with coffee and donuts and a tour at the Angio Dynamic Facility, as well as lunch at the Aviator Restaurant to help promote the Warren County Airport. Chairman Geraghty thanked Mr. Montesi for arranging the tour and luncheon.

Mr. Simpson asked about the commercial properties located off of Northway Exit 15 near Stewarts and Route 8. Mr. Batholomew stated he met with one of property owners and they had planned to develop the land as a tourist destination but added that it had been difficult to get funding for such projects. He advised that warehousing inventory in the County was important to support the medical manufacturers, rather than warehousing industry alone.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Beaty, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board