

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 10:07 a.m.

Mr. Ronald F. Conover presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Dickinson.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Leggett, Diamond, Braymer, Loeb, Driscoll, Frasier, Simpson, Hogan, Dickinson, Strough, Wild, Beaty, Magowan, Sokol, Thomas, Hyde, Geraghty and Conover- 18; Supervisors McDevitt and Merlino absent- 2

Commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Conover noted a motion was necessary to approve the minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board. The motion was made by Supervisor Strough, seconded by Supervisor Beaty and carried unanimously.

Proceeding with the Agenda review, Chairman Conover extended privilege of the floor to Dan Durkee, *Senior Health Educator*, for the presentation of certificates to the winners of the 2018 Tar Wars Tobacco Free Education Program and Poster Contest for students in grades 4 and 5 of the participating schools in Warren County. Mr. Durkee made a Powerpoint presentation which displayed the winning posters and outlined the program objectives; *a copy of the Powerpoint presentation is on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting*. Chairman Conover presented each winner with a certificate commending their efforts, following which a round of applause was given.

Moving along to the report by the Chairman of the Board, Chairman Conover reported that he had attended a SAVE (*Stop Aquatic Invasives from Entering*) meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> and on June 1<sup>st</sup> he attended the joint meeting of the Personnel & Higher Education Committees at SUNY Adirondack, as well as a Senior Citizens Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Lake George later in the day where the Senior of the Year and Contributing Senior of the Year for Warren and Hamilton Counties were recognized. He stated he and Earl Mikoloski, *Operations Manager, Bolton EMS*, had met with the Warren County staff who were working on a County-wide plan for EMS, to review the Bolton EMS Budget. He apprised the County staff who were charged with working on the plan were meeting individually with each EMS operation in the County and reviewing their budgets, following which this information would be compiled in a spreadsheet to assist with creating the financial planning portion of the plan. Chairman Conover informed he had attended a meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fund for Lake George with representatives from Skaneateles Lake to discuss the HABs (*Harmful Algae Blooms*) Program. He explained within this round of CFA (*Consolidated Funding Application*) funding an award was made in the amount of \$65 million to aggressively combat HABs in twelve lakes that were essential to tourism in Upstate New York. He stated currently Lake George was the only lake participating that did not have any HABs present; therefore, he apprised, there could be things that were being done on Lake George that could prove to be useful for other watersheds. Chairman Conover reported he on his meeting with Dave Wick, *Executive Director, Lake George Park Commission*, and Walter Lender, *Executive Director, Lake George Association*, on June 7<sup>th</sup> wherein the topic of discussion concerned possible grant applications

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submitted under the CFA Program and what the priorities were. He advised he had attended the meeting of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board on June 12<sup>th</sup> along with all six representatives from Warren County, as well as six other Supervisors from the County. He apprised David O'Brien, *representing the Washington County Board of Supervisors*, was appointed as the new Chairman and a Governance Committee was established with a representative from each member County to review and amend the by-laws to ensure they were up to date and in compliance with procedures and State laws. He thanked Supervisor Strough for volunteering to represent the County on the Governance Committee. He mentioned the Loan Program was frozen to allow them time to conduct their review and ensure the appropriate procedures were in place. He added he felt the audit that would be conducted by the State Comptrollers Office on the Loan Program was prudent, as well.

Chairman Conover then called for the reports by Committee Chairmen on the past months meetings or activities.

Supervisor Dickinson indicated he had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Strough apprised the Legislative & Rules Committee had met on May 31<sup>st</sup>, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 243-245 and he provided a brief summary of each. He informed the Committee held off on taking action on the resolution concerning a ban on single use plastic bags in Warren County as proposed by Supervisor Braymer to allow her to make further revisions to her proposed legislation for review at a future Committee meeting.

Supervisor Wild indicated he had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Beaty advised although the Shared Services Committee did not meet he had met with Julie Butler, *Purchasing Agent*, on numerous occasions to discuss how to attract the Fire Districts within the County who were eligible to participate on the County's shared services plan which would result in significant savings. In regards to the negotiating team for the for the FBO (*Fixed Based Operator*) contract at the Airport which consisted of himself and Supervisors Sokol and McDevitt, Supervisor Beaty informed they had met three times and they planned on presenting their conclusion at the next County Facilities Committee meeting. He concluded by stating he was fully in support of proposed Resolution No. 245, *Supporting Governor Cuomo's Program Bill to Amend the Environmental Conservation Law in Relation to Prohibiting Plastic Carry out Bags*, as he believed the 1.2 trillion bags that were floating in the oceans was excessive and it was time to not only take action locally, but also on a State-wide and Federal level.

Supervisor Magowan indicated he had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Sokol reported on the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee wherein proposed Resolution Nos. 228-229 and 257-260 were approved and he provided a brief summary of each. He apprised a joint meeting of the Personnel & Higher Education and Finance Committees was held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at SUNY Adirondack wherein proposed Resolution No. 261 was approved. He commented on how much the College campus had changed over the years, noting he was impressed with the Northwest Bay Conference Center and its flexibility to be able to divide the room in half or quarters giving the College the opportunity to bring in multiple groups at the same time thereby increasing their revenue stream. In conclusion he offered privilege of the floor to Mike Swan, *County Treasurer*, to provide the monthly update regarding the County finances.

Mr. Swan apprised they had closed the books for 2017 on time and the proper paperwork was filed with the State; he said he was pleased to report the balance of the Unappropriated Surplus Fund as of December 31, 2017 was approximately \$19 million. He informed funds that were not used on a regular

basis had been taken out of the Unappropriated Surplus Fund to purchase some CD's (*Certificate of Deposit*) from local banks in an effort to generate additional revenue from the 2% interest they paid. He advised the Personnel & Higher Education and Finance Committees both approved his request to create and fill the position of Accounting Technician, *Grade 19, Annual Salary \$46,318*, effective June 18, 2018. He stated he had worked with the Personnel Officer to create a title, grade and basic job description for the position. He informed the positions duties would be split between working on occupancy tax and health insurance; however, he noted, the majority of the positions workload would relate to occupancy tax. He apprised following the criticism by the State auditors a few years ago for not having a proper enforcement policy in place for occupancy tax, as well as for not conducting enough audits on the local hotels they had attempted to conduct more audits but were only able to complete two in two years rather than the twenty per year that should have done. He added he believed additional occupancy tax revenue would be generated from the audits that would be conducted by the individual in this position. He mentioned the source of funding recommended by the Finance Committee to pay for position was the Occupancy Tax Fund. Mr. Swan apprised he had met with the County Attorney's Office last week to discuss commencing with what he considered to be an appropriate enforcement policy plan for occupancy tax which would allow them to move forward with action against those who were required to pay the tax, but were not. He said although he could not go into specifics, he was aware that the pool of those not paying continued to grow. He added as a result of the County switching to being self-insured, rather than receiving a monthly bill from the insurance carrier they received one that involved this position would reconcile health insurance claims to ensure the County was paying the correct amount and that the right people were on that list.

Supervisor Diamond questioned whether the County had exceeded the revenue expectations from last year and Mr. Swan replied in the affirmative. He added due to the diligence of the County Department Heads, about \$1 million that was included in the 2017 County Budget had not been expended resulting in a surplus.

Supervisor Beaty inquired when the multi-year plan which provided predictions for future years regarding the financial outlook for the County would be available for review, as he would like it to be made available much sooner than last year when it was presented on the day of the Special Board Meeting where they were required to vote on the proposed budget for the following year. Supervisor Thomas interjected that what Supervisor Beaty had just stated was incorrect; he clarified that the multi-year plan had been presented to the Budget Committee on August 15, 2017. Supervisor Beaty asked whether it could be made available any earlier this year and Mr. Swan replied he wanted to clarify to ensure everyone was aware that the preparation of the multi-year plan was not handled by his office so he was unable to provide an estimate of when the plan would be made available for review. He added that the County Administrators Office was charged with preparing the plan; however, he noted, his office did work closely with them on this.

Chairman Conover announced for the record that the Treasurers Office did a stellar job on the administration of occupancy tax funds, all while receiving only a small percentage for this work. Mr. Swan apprised most Counties collected a 10% administrative fee from the occupancy tax collections; however, he noted, his office only collected 3%. Supervisor Braymer inquired whether this fee would be changing as a result of the new position and Mr. Swan replied in the negative. He explained the administrative fee could only be changed through resolution and this was something that may need to be addressed next year. Chairman Conover advised the consensus of the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee had been that the amount of occupancy tax would more than likely increase as a result of the enforcement efforts of this position, but they would have to wait until next year to have a better idea.

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Supervisor Dickinson questioned when the amount of occupancy tax generated from this years Americade event would be available and Mr. Swan responded these figures would not be available until the end of August or in early September.

Concluding his report, Supervisor Sokol remarked he had the honor and privilege of working with JoAnn McKinstry for many years during which she had provided him with a tremendous amount of support on matters pertaining to the Finance Committee and he wished her well in her retirement. A round of applause was given.

Supervisor Thomas informed sales tax revenue was up 2.9% which equated to slightly more than \$500,000. He remarked he hoped this trend would continue through the remainder of the year, as this was the highest it had been in many years. He acknowledged Ms. McKinstry for the assistance she had provided him during his tenure as the Budget Officer with the preparation of the County Budget, apprising he would not have been able to do this work without her. He concluded by wishing her all the best in retirement.

Supervisor Hyde indicated she had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Geraghty advised the Personnel & Higher Education Committee approved proposed Resolution Nos. 249-256. He stated he would also like to wish Ms. McKinstry well in her retirement, informing he had worked closely with her over the past several years, first when he served as the Budget Office, then when he was the Chairman of the Board and finally during his tenure as the Acting County Administrator.

Supervisor Leggett stated the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee had met on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 231-233; he mentioned proposed Resolution No. 233 would be amended from the floor at the appropriate time.

Supervisor Diamond indicated he had nothing to report on

Supervisor Braymer apprised that she was fully supportive of proposed Resolution No. 245, *Supporting Governor Cuomo's Program Bill to Amend the Environmental Conservation Law in Relation to Prohibiting Plastic Carry out Bags*, and she hoped others would be, as well. She stated she was continuing to work with the County Administrator and others to finalize the language on her proposed resolution which would enact a local law banning single use plastic bags in Warren County so that the County could take action on the matter and she hoped everyone would support this action, as well. Supervisor Braymer apprised Daniel Hall, *Mayor, City of Glens Falls*, had provided each of the Supervisors with a container of Just Water which was bottled with paper in their facility in the City of Glens Falls, with the water coming from the Town of Queensbury and packaged in a paper container. She said all of the money generated from this facility was being put back into the City of Glens Falls and she asked that they all support local County businesses including Just Water.

Supervisor Loeb stated the Support Services Committee had met on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 246-248 and he provided a brief summary of each. He apprised that Mrs. Butler was working hard to get everyone on board to participate in the shared purchasing program to save more money. He acknowledged Supervisor Beaty and the Shared Services Committee for their efforts, pointing out that through proposed Resolution No. 246, *Authorizing Intermunicipal Agreements Between Warren County and Participating Municipalities in Warren County to Utilize the Anti-Virus Account Currently Administered by Warren County Information Technology*, Mr. Colvin was extending an offer to the municipalities in Warren County to utilize the County's anti-virus account in an effort

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to save money. Supervisor Beaty added that Mike Colvin, *Director, Information Technology*, had also done a stellar job assisting the City of Glens Falls with some information technology issues they were having.

Supervisor Driscoll informed he had no Committee report, but wanted to note that he had participated in a webinar hosted by NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*) pertaining to single use plastic bags this past Tuesday that he hoped would be made available to those who had been unable to attend. He remarked information and education assisted them with making informative decisions down the road.

Supervisor Frasier reported on the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Health, Human & Social Services Committee wherein proposed Resolution Nos. 235-242 were approved and she provided a brief summary of each. She informed she had attended a symposium at the Georgian Lakeside Resort on the sexual exploitation of children which she found to be very informative.

Supervisor Simpson reported on the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Public Works Committee wherein Justin Gonyo, *General Superintendent, Saratoga & North Creek Railway*, provided an update on SNCR's progress with ceasing operations. He said this lead into a lengthy discussion pertaining to securing the safety of the corridor and addressing a number of safety issues that required attention due to the lack of an operation on the railroad. With regard to the snowmobile use of the corridor, Supervisor Simpson stated they continued to work on this to ensure this opportunity was made available this winter. Supervisor Simpson referred to proposed Floor Resolution No. 2, *Terminating Agreement with Saratoga and North Creek Railroad, LLC as the Railroad Operator*, which was distributed with the resolution packet, remarking this was a result of the lack of response to the letters the County Attorney had distributed to Iowa Pacific Holdings which notified them on January 19<sup>th</sup> of deficiencies in the contract and again on January 26<sup>th</sup> requesting a place to cure or remedy these defaults. Chairman Conover apprised the proposed Floor Resolution would be brought to the floor during the reading of resolutions. Supervisor Simpson advised he had attended the Warren and Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency and Civic Development Corporation on meeting May 21<sup>st</sup> during which they approved a new project and the public hearing was scheduled for Monday morning at the Town of Queensbury Supervisors Room. He said they had also discussed the possibility of adding a marketing representative who would assist them with marketing and selling the Industrial Park lots; he apprised a formal resolution would be brought forward on Monday night concerning such. He announced Al Nolette, *Washington County Treasurer*, had been appointed as the new CFO/CEO (*Chief Financial Officer/Chief Executive Officer*) of the organization. He advised the general review of their organization by the Authorities Budget Office had commenced on Wednesday. He welcomed Nicholas Caimano, *Warren County Resident*, as a new member of their organization pending approval of his appointment today. He advised there was one vacancy remaining that they were trying to fill. Supervisor Simpson reported on the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Cornell Cooperative Extension wherein a presentation was given regarding the VITA (*Volunteer Income Tax Assistance*) Program which he found to be very informative. He said they would be touring the new greenhouse at the next meeting. He stated he was pleased to report that the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County had received the Dorothea Dix Community Service Award from the Warren Washington Association for Mental Health. He added they had also been nominated for the non-profit business of the year by the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce. He apprised Cornell Cooperative Extension had received 180 applications for the Skye Farm camp, of which they only had funding available to sponsor 80; however, he noted, a private citizen had made an anonymous donation to cover the cost of the for the remaining applicants to attend the camp.

Supervisor Hogan apprised she had no Committee report, but she would like to comment on proposed

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Resolution No. 245, *Supporting Governor Cuomo's Program Bill to Amend the Environmental Conservation Law in Relation to Prohibiting Plastic Carry out Bags*. She remarked she was fully supportive of the resolution; however, she noted, she would encourage Supervisors Braymer and Dickinson to continue to pursue local legislation. She said she was not a fan of "patch work" legislation and while she supported the Governors legislation she felt it was imperative that they had examples of how they had taken the lead to protect the environment in the region.

Continuing to the report by the County Administrator, Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, apprised as had already been mentioned, next Friday was Ms. McKinstry's last day in her full-time position. He acknowledged that Ms. McKinstry met the significant milestone on June 1<sup>st</sup> of thirty years of employment with Warren County. He said he believed this reflected her dedication to all of the Board members, the residents and the employees of the County. He mentioned although he had only worked with Ms. McKinstry for the last two months, during this time she had demonstrated to him what a tremendous asset she was to the County. He apprised while he hated to lose her as an employee he was pleased to announce that Ms. McKinstry had agreed to come back and work two days per week to assist with training her successor subject to approval by the Board. He commented he was hopeful the Board would approve this and he thanked Ms. McKinstry for willingly offering her services. He acknowledged Ms. McKinstry on behalf of the Board, as well as the entire County for all that she had done and, he noted how everyone was appreciative of her hard work and dedication and wished her well in her retirement.

Moving along with his report, Mr. Moore advised he had attended the joint meeting of the Personnel & Higher Education and Finance Committees wherein the representatives of SUNY Adirondack presented the proposed 2018-2019 Operating Budget for the College, informing he had also had a meeting with representatives of the College to review the proposed Budget prior to the meeting. He mentioned State Aid was only increased by \$69,000 from what was awarded last year which was discouraging for the College and the total increase for Warren and Washington Counties was slightly less than \$69,000 of which Warren County was responsible for \$39,000. He informed the majority of the increase was raised through a 4% increase in tuition and fees which the students would have to bear. He commented he was pleased to see the College was making investments in its future through strategic planning which was imperative from the perspective of healthy enrollment, and in particular the enrollment the College had from other Counties due to its link to the aid the College receives for its capital projects which did take some pressure off of Warren and Washington Counties He mentioned he was pleased with the presentation, pointing out there was a resolution before them today pertaining to the Colleges 2018-2019 operating budget. Mr. Moore stated he had met with Susan Savage from the Department of State regarding the County's work to date on shared services and what the plan was going forward. With regard to his own efforts pertaining to the shared services initiative, Mr. Moore advised he served as part of the Shared Services Panel and was working on developing the mandated recording instrument that they had to use as a result of the State requiring a significant amount of financial calculations which had to be displayed in a specific manner. He recognized Lexie Delurey, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, and her staff for their efforts to assist with the process through the gathering of tax levy information. He mentioned he had been meeting with the Department Heads to discuss some of the ideas that had been discussed at the Shared Services Panel meeting, some of which were being explored further in an attempt to determine what should be included in the final shared services plan. He added he would be meeting with Supervisor Beaty, who was the Chairman of the Shared Services Committee, to thoroughly review these ideas. He said it was his intention to have one more Panel meeting prior to the final meeting to vote on this plan, noting the deadline for completion was September 15<sup>th</sup>. He informed the State had specific requirements which required all of the participants who wanted to partake in each initiative they came up with to be listed, as well as a savings score which consisted of an estimate regarding how much each participants savings would

be. He advised he would do his best to keep them informed regarding all of what they felt were good proposals that would be included on the shared services plan. He mentioned three proposals pertaining to information technology were distributed to the participants last night for consideration.

With regards to the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board, Mr. Moore stated due to the efforts of the five member Counties to gather information from the Planning Board and reconstitute them, they were able to manage the meeting as demonstrated by the fact that they had roll call votes on any action to ensure they were in accordance with State law. He remarked he found it refreshing that there was order where he sensed in the past there had not been order or attention to details. He informed as mentioned previously by Chairman Conover, Mr. O'Brien from Washington County had been appointed as the new Chairman of the organization; he apprised he believed he would do a great job since he had been engaged in the process since the beginning. He acknowledged the Board of Supervisors for being instrumental in getting this change underway, pointing out Chairman Conover was the one who made the motion to establish the Governance Committee that would review the bylaws and loan procedures to eradicate the issues, as well as the motion to freeze the Loan Committee. He added there were many other Supervisors present today who had been active, apprising this County was the only one to send six representatives to this meeting, as well as another additional six Supervisors, who were not members of the Planning Board. He thanked Supervisor McDevitt for taking an active lead role and making the Planning Board a part of the Economic Growth & Development Committee, allowing all of the Supervisors to question the Loan Committee and Walter Young, *Executive Director, Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board*. He mentioned the point of him going through this was to highlight that the Warren County Board of Supervisors had been very active in trying to address this issue and reform the Planning Board to ensure going forward they were serving the five Counties in the manner originally intended. He thanked Supervisor Strough for serving as a member of the Governance Committee and he pointed out it would take some time to repair the foundational issues that required addressing, but with methodical work it would be accomplished.

Mr. Moore apprised the bill to assist Veterans and provide more State aid had passed the State Senate on Wednesday, but no action had been taken by the State Assembly. He said he would continue to track the progress of the bill and report back on it. With regards to the Governors Program Bill, he informed it had been in the Senate Rules Committee since April 24<sup>th</sup> and he would continue to track the bill and report if any progress was made. Finally, he stated there were three resolutions before them that would have requests to amend them forthcoming from the floor and copies of the proposed amendments were on their desks. He said those to be amended included proposed Resolutions 231, 233 and 236; He indicated he would briefly explain the amendments and then respectfully request that Chairman Conover call for the appropriate motions and discussions to make them. He stated proposed Resolution No. 231 would be amended to increase the reimbursement rate paid to Warren County for police services at the Great Escape from the initial \$56.50 per hour to \$57 per hour. He explained this was a technical correction to ensure the County's costs were fully covered and the need for this correction was discovered after the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee had approved the resolution. He said Resolution No. 233 would be amended to clarify the payment terms for the contract extension that was proposed for the SPCA. He apprised although the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee discussed and approved extending this contract to July 20<sup>th</sup> there was no discussion on what would be an appropriate fee for that twenty day extension. He continued, Supervisor Leggett, who chaired the Committee, has since proposed pro-rating the fee per diem based upon the vendors current contract; therefore, he stated, it was proposed to amend this resolution by adding an additional resolved paragraph, which was the second such paragraph on the amended Resolution. He advised Resolution No. 236 was the final resolution that would be amended to increase the dollar amount of this contract between the Employment & Training Administration and WSWHE BOCES (*Warren-Saratoga-Washington-*

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Hamilton- Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services) from \$13,700 to \$14,512. He explained the error occurred due to an oversight by the Department when they submitted their request to the Health, Human & Social Services Committee. He mentioned the contract was fully funded by Federal Workforce Investment funds that were earmarked for the Summer Youth Employment Program and the proposed \$812 increase was available within those funds. He informed Chris Hunsinger, *Director, Employment & Training Administration*, was present today to answer questions anyone may have.

Motion was made by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried unanimously to amend proposed 231 as outlined above.

In regards to the amendment to proposed Resolution No. 233, Supervisor Leggett informed the pro-rated fee was \$274 a day for the SPCA services. He reminded them the billing rate for the SPCA equated to about \$200 an hour for the services they provided as compared to the \$57 per hour that was being charged to the Great Escape for Law Enforcement services. He said the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee had approved this contract by a majority vote.

Motion was made by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Supervisor Sokol and carried unanimously to amend proposed Resolution No. 233 to include the pro-rated fee as outlined above.

Supervisor Leggett requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 233, *Amending Resolution No. 35 of 2018, Authorizing Temporary Agreement with Warren County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Inc., to Extend the Termination Date to July 20, 2018.*

Chairman Conover called for a motion to amend proposed Resolution No. 236 as outlined above. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Frasier, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried unanimously.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mary Elizabeth Kissane, *County Attorney*, to provide a report from the County Attorney. Ms. Kissane advised she had nothing to report on.

Resuming the Agenda review, Chairman Conover called for the reading of communications, which Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, read aloud, as follows:

Reports from:

1. Warren County Probation Department Report of Criminal and Family Workloads for April 2018.

Minutes from:

1. Warren & Washington Counties Civic Development Corporation Executive Committee May 16, 2018 Meeting
2. Warren & Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency Executive/Park Committee May 16, 2018 Meeting

Letters/emails from:

1. Lake George Park Commission - thanking the Board of Supervisors for the generous contribution of \$100,000 towards the funding of the mandatory Lake George Boat Inspection Program.
2. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth - Notice of Public Hearing - Warren and Washington Counties IDA will hold a public hearing on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Conference Room at the Queensbury Town Office Building in connection with the Firetek Sprinkler Systems, LLC project.
3. Washington County Board of Supervisors - Resolution No. 147 of 2018, appointing representatives to the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board.

Other:

1. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. April payment in the amount of \$3,584.

Continuing to the reading of resolutions, Mrs. Allen announced proposed Resolution Nos. 228-261 were mailed. Mrs. Allen stated a motion was necessary to bring to the floor proposed Floor Resolution No. 1, regarding the standard workday reporting to update those participating in the New York State Retirement System. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Geraghty, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll and carried unanimously. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be proposed Resolution 262. Mrs. Allen advised a motion was also necessary to bring to the floor proposed Floor Resolution No. 2, pertaining to terminating agreement with SNCR LLC as railroad operator. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Simpson, seconded by Supervisor Braymer and carried unanimously. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be proposed Resolution 263.

Chairman Conover called for discussion and public comment on the proposed resolutions, but no response was given. He then called for requests for roll call votes.

Supervisor Strough requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 261, *Approving Tentative Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 for Adirondack Community College and Providing for Public Hearing*. He said due to his membership on the SUNY Adirondack Board of Trustees he would be abstaining from voting on the proposed Resolution.

Supervisor Thomas requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 245, *Supporting Governor Cuomo's Program Bill to Amend the Environmental Conservation Law in Relation to Prohibiting Plastic Carry out Bags*. He explained while he did not necessarily oppose the objective of the proposed legislation, he thought a more comprehensive approach was needed to address the bottles, cans and garbage that was being discarded all along the County roads by increasing the fines for littering and better enforcing them. He added an education campaign to inform individuals about the ramifications of littering could also be implemented to reduce the amount of litter along the roads. He informed he would be voting in opposition of the proposed Resolution because he felt this was a "patch work" approach, as well as due to his concerns about banning things. He reiterated his sentiment from earlier that an education campaign along with increasing the fines for littering would be a more appropriate approach.

Supervisor Loeb apprised while he would be supporting proposed Resolution No. 245, he concurred with Supervisor Thomas' comment that an educational process would drastically reduce the amount of littering as supported by the fact that the amount of littering had dropped off significantly since the 1940's when prior education efforts were made. He said this was why he felt they should continue to take steps to increase the education regarding littering even if proposed Resolution No. 245 was adopted.

Supervisor Magowan remarked he strongly supported all of the comments being made regarding a ban on plastic bags, as well as how it was necessary to address littering as a whole. He advised Supervisor Braymer had taken the lead drafting proposed legislation for the County on the matter. He commented on how beautiful the region was and that action was required to push New York State to go a step further. He stated he could not recall the number of instances he had been driving behind a garbage truck and the light plastic bags blew out of the back and onto the road. He said he wished he had more time to stop and pick them up whenever he saw them on the side of the road, as he was bothered by the littering. He apprised he had been the one to make his friends pick up the litter they threw out of

the car window when he was with them. He apprised he felt the proposed resolution was an appropriate way for them to commence taking action.

Supervisor Leggett advised he had also participated in the NYSAC webinar pertaining to plastic bags which he felt was very informative on the subject and he said if an opportunity arose for those who had not participated to access the webinar he would strongly encourage them to take advantage of it.

Supervisor Braymer said she had watched the majority of the webinar during which one of the topics of discussion concerned Erie County's efforts to allocate a significant amount of time and money on an educational program. She said she thought this was something they could consider doing here; however, she noted, she strongly felt they should be banning single use plastic bags here due to the littering aspect and that they originated from a non-renewable resource. She explained typically plastic was made from an oil based product and were generally used for no more than ten or so minutes following which the majority of them were thrown away. She remarked she believed they would be helping the environment if they used something else such as a biodegradable material, plant or paper based type of product, most notably in Warren County where the environment was so important to all of them.

Supervisor Diamond stated he would like to discuss proposed Resolution Nos. 234, *Authorizing Submission of Consolidated Funding Application for Various Local Waterfront Programs and Community Development Programs*, and 261, *Approving Tentative Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 for Adirondack Community College and Providing for Public Hearing*, and he inquired what various projects they were seeking to apply for, what communities they were located in and what the local share obligation to those communities would be if it was accepted and approved through the funding process, as this information was not included in the Resolution. Mr. Moore informed that Wayne LaMothe, *County Planner*, who was not present at the meeting, had requested the resolution to cover any projects that may be deemed appropriate to apply to the State for these funds. He said Mr. LaMothe's memo indicated his Department was seeking to maintain an option to submit for projects that may be eligible and met the funding thresholds. He continued, the projects would be selected from the current First Wilderness Plan and were required to demonstrate readiness and have matching funds in place, or committed already and that other applications would be prepared for projects or programs under the direction of the Chairman of the Board. Supervisor Diamond apprised this meant the Board was being asked to approve a Resolution that authorized projects they were unaware of nor were they aware of whether the communities had the matching funds required available, and these were the questions he was seeking answers to.

Supervisor Leggett stated that proposed Resolution No. 234 was providing the Planning & Community Development Department with the proper authority to apply for these grant funds similar to the way in which towns adopted resolutions authorizing the applications for this grant. He said since the Town of Chester was located along the Hudson River it was applicable to the local waterfront programs and they were in discussion about what those projects were. He said this was based on past studies prepared and identified particular projects. He explained in order to move forward with the application the towns were required to attest to the fact that they had the matching funds available.

Supervisor Diamond inquired whether the City of Glens Falls was included, as he was unsure of whether the City had adopted a resolution to support this or if all of the municipalities in Warren County were participating; additionally he questioned the municipalities were aware of what the amount of their local share and/or matching funds would be.

Supervisor Braymer apprised she felt they should have Mr. LaMothe elaborate on what projects he was focusing his applications on this year, as she was aware there was an entire listing of proposed projects.

She questioned how they could accomplish anything if the Board members were unaware of what projects were being concentrated on. She added the Towns should also be made aware of this information. She concluded she felt the Board members should have the opportunity to prioritize which projects should have applications submitted.

Chairman Conover remarked he believed the thought process behind this was to put the County in a position to apply, as the municipality had the option to decline the award if they were not in position to come up with the matching funds required. He added he felt it was imperative for Mr. LaMothe to return to Committee and explain what projects they were applying for and where the local matching funds would originate from. Supervisor Braymer mentioned they could lose out on other opportunities if something was applied for that the community was not agreeable to.

Supervisor Simpson stated he was currently working with the Planning & Community Development Department on a project located within the Schroon Lake Water Basin for the Towns of Chester and Horicon which would require a resolution committing the funds required based upon the plan they were currently developing. He pointed out next months Board meeting was scheduled prior to the deadline for the application. He said he believed the resolution before them today was to authorize the Planning & Community Development Department to continue to work with the Towns that were working with them on applications, all of which were well aware of the details included in the application. He stated the Board could provide the necessary approval at the July 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Chairman Conover inquired whether Supervisor Simpson was putting forth a motion to table proposed Resolution No. 234, *Authorizing Submission of Consolidated Funding Application for Various Local Waterfront Programs and Community Development Programs*, and Supervisor Simpson replied in the negative. Supervisor Simpson clarified that he felt they needed to provide the Planning & Community Development Department with affirmation that they wanted them to continue to work on the applications following which the Board could provide approval of them at the next Board Meeting.

Supervisor Geraghty explained Mr. LaMothe contacted all of the communities to inquire whether they were interested in applying for grant funding for certain projects. He added he did not believe Mr. LaMothe had ever applied for a grant that the community did not agree to carry out. He commented he believed they should move forward with proposed Resolution No. 234, *Authorizing Submission of Consolidated Funding Application for Various Local Waterfront Programs and Community Development Programs*, and Mr. Moore could request that Mr. LaMothe provide him with a list of the proposed projects which he would distribute to the full Board for review.

Supervisor Diamond informed he was not requesting that they hold off on approving the proposed Resolution, but rather that Mr. LaMothe provide them with a list of the projects being considered. He added he would like Mr. LaMothe to contact the Mayor Hall and invite him to participate in the process to afford him the opportunity to voice his thoughts.

Supervisor Hogan commented that these were appropriate questions to ask, but her community was one of those Mr. LaMothe was working with on this process. She added decisions had to be made at the local level before they could be approved. She said the only role of the Board was to support the writing of these grants and she urged them not to take any action that may delay the process. She advised she would be happy to meet with anyone to discuss what they were working on. She informed a resolution from the Town was required to be submitted with the application and so the commitment was well know to the community. She assured them the projects for the Town of Johnsborg were essential to them and she urged them to support the proposed Resolution.

Supervisor Thomas apprised a number of communities made use of these grants, pointing out the Town

of Stony Creek had been awarded five grants over the last ten years, all of which required a 50% match with the exception of one. He said their current application was for a relatively small grant, the purpose of which was to study the hamlet for possible water and sewer.

With regards to proposed Resolution No. 261, *Approving Tentative Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 for Adirondack Community College and Providing for Public Hearing*, Supervisor Diamond advised since he had been unable to attend the presentation of SUNY Adirondack's Tentative Operative Budget he had hoped to see a copy of that budget included with the resolution today to allow him some time for review. He said while he wanted to go on the record stating he was not opposed to assisting the College, in regards to transparency he queried whether it would be more sensible for them to hold the public hearing in advance of calling for a tentative vote on a budget. He advised the process that was used when dealing with budgets in the City of Glens Falls was to allow the public to voice their opinions on the budget before it was adopted. He mentioned in this particular case they were being asked to either support or vote against a budget without the input from the public. He continued, he would prefer having a copy of the budget to review prior to the vote today. He questioned whether the process required them to vote today, hold the public hearing and then vote on the tentative budget again and Chairman Conover replied in the affirmative. He inquired what the purpose of having a tentative vote today before a public hearing was scheduled was and Chairman Conover responded that he believed the process was spelled out in municipal law which required a public hearing be held on a tentative budget following which some changes could be made resulting in a final budget that had to be voted on. Supervisor Diamond questioned why they would ask someone to tentatively take a position prior to the final vote, as he thought it would be more appropriate for them to hold the public hearing and then vote on the final budget. He commented it appeared they were "putting the cart before the horse".

Supervisor Geraghty stated the purpose of proposed Resolution No. 261, *Approving Tentative Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 for Adirondack Community College and Providing for Public Hearing*, was to provide approval for the College to move forward with their Budget. He said a joint meeting with Washington County and the Personnel & Higher Education and Finance Committees was held during which they were all provided with copies of the tentative budget and a presentation was given regarding such. He stated moving forward with proposed Resolution No. 261 meant the County was agreeing to contribute their portion of the Colleges tentative budget following which a public hearing would be held wherein the public could speak for or against the Budget and then the Board voted on the final budget. He said he believed first and foremost approval from the County was required on their portion of the Budget. Mr. Moore added he had asked during his meeting with the College representatives what would occur in the event that the County's did not approve the increase in their contribution to the College and they indicated cuts would have to be made to the expense side of the Budget.

Supervisor Diamond inquired how much of an increase Warren County's contribution was as compared to last year and Supervisor Simpson replied the Budget was increasing by 2%. Chairman Conover asked how much the 2% increase equated to and Mr. Moore responded that it was about \$39,000. Chairman Conover apprised a copy of the Colleges Tentative 2018-2019 Budget would be emailed to the Board following the meeting to allow them time to review it before the July 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Supervisor Loeb stated he felt compelled to make it clear for the record that the joint meeting of Personnel & Higher Education and Finance Committees where the Budget was reviewed was an official meeting for both Warren and Washington Counties and their respective Committees.

Chairman Conover advised in the Town of Bolton when the budget was produced it became a public

document following which the Town Board met and the budget became a preliminary tentative budget. He said a public hearing was held on the preliminary tentative budget following which changes could be made and then the final budget was voted on. He emphasized the last vote was on the final budget, informing the County would be voting on the final budget at next months meeting.

In regards to proposed Resolution No. 233, *Amending Resolution No. 35 of 2018, Authorizing Temporary Agreement with Warren County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Inc., to Extend the Termination Date to July 20, 2018*, Supervisor Braymer advised she believed she had told them at Committee and when the six month extension was approved that they had not gone out to bid for these services even though the cost was over the \$20,000 limit that was set in the purchasing policy for when the bidding process was required. She said they were in the process of going out to bid for these services and the bids would be due next week following which the Board would be able to vote on the contract at the July 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. She apprised according to Mrs. Butler there was no method in which they could contract with the Warren County SPCA without being in violation of the County's Purchasing Policy. She remarked she did not feel they should be entering into a contract that breached their own policy and she would not be making a mockery of the policy or Mrs. Butler nor did she think anyone else should. She concluded by informing she would be voting in opposition of proposed Resolution No. 233.

Supervisor Wild stated he had previously mentioned his disdain for the process the Board adhered to upon occasion. He said this related to the fact that often what came before the Board was a last minute resolution that needed to be approved and spend money without providing any kind of advanced planning. He advised an organization with a budget that exceeded \$150 million should be able to adhere to their policies. He commented primarily on principle he could not support the proposed Resolution from that fact that they were continuing to make last minute revisions, extensions, etc. which were not necessary. He mentioned they developed appropriate processes within this organization to make this happen and he implored to help support him with this going forward because he believed it was wrong.

Supervisor Leggett informed the contract with the Warren County SPCA had been discussed extensively over the years during which time he had not supported it. He apprised they were expending \$100,000 on an annual basis and they were the only County in the State that had such a contact. He reminded them how the SPCA's reporting for reimbursement had been lax until recently. He said according to the bills they submitted they were charging the County \$200 an hour for these services which brought to light how expensive the service was. He stated as the Chair of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee he had asked Ms. Kissane what type of services the County was obligated to provide and he apologized for not having the information at the Committee meeting, advising her response was that the services they were required to provide were very narrow. He added he had also inquired how many animal cases were prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office to which the response he received was an average of five per year. He mentioned while he had not supported this resolution at the Committee meeting he would support it today because the majority of his Committee had supported it; however, he noted, as indicated by Supervisor Braymer, the contract was in violation of the County's Purchasing Policy.

Supervisor Magowan apprised since many towns within Warren County contracted with the Warren County SPCA for animal control services, he would suggest they make the contract a County-wide one and require the towns to provide reimbursement for their portion of the services in an effort to save money through the shared services initiative. Supervisor Leggett apprised that his Town could not afford to pay the Warren County SPCA for their animal control services. Supervisor Magowan informed the representatives from the Warren County SPCA had indicated to him if all of the municipalities in

the County participated the cost for their services would decrease. Supervisor Magowan inquired whether the Town of Chester had a contract in place for dog control services and Supervisor Leggett replied in the negative, explaining they had an animal control officer who handled this service for them. Supervisor Magowan pointed out the Town may be able to save money by eliminating the dog control officer position and contracting these services out. He remarked he would like the Board to consider looking into a County-wide service due to the nature of the issue and the fact that it had been brought forward on multiple occasions.

Supervisor Beaty informed he would also be voting in opposition of proposed Resolution No. 233, *Amending Resolution No. 35 of 2018, Authorizing Temporary Agreement with Warren County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Inc., to Extend the Termination Date to July 20, 2018*, as he had disdain for violating the County Purchasing Policy. He said since they were violating the policy on a technicality it was clear they should not be voting in favor of the proposed resolution. With regards to Supervisor Magowan's suggestion to look into a County-wide animal services contract, Supervisor Beaty apprised following his and Mrs. Butler's research they determined that Warren County was the only one providing these services in the State. He said he would be happy to meet with Supervisor Magowan following the conclusion of the meeting to discuss what he had learned. He added since it was not financially sensible, nor were they legally obligated to provide these services, he did not feel they should continue to offer these services going forward.

Supervisor Loeb advised he concurred with Supervisor Braymer's remarks regarding the County not being in compliance with the County's Purchasing Policy; however, he noted, the contract was in effect through the end of June and the Sheriff put forth a request to extend it an additional twenty days to ensure the services were maintained. He remarked he felt extending the contract an additional twenty days did not make them any less culpable since they were already in violation of the County Purchasing policy. He added he felt they should move forward with the proposed resolution to ensure there was no break in the services and they would be in compliance of the policy following the conclusion of the twenty days. He advised this was the decision before them today and not whether they should continue to work with the Warren County SPCA.

Supervisor Wild said Sheriff York indicated to him at the Committee meeting that the Sheriff's Office would take care of any calls relating to animal services should the Board not move forward with extending the contract until a new contract could be awarded. He stated this meant there were no consequences associated with not extending the contract.

Mr. Moore apprised he concurred with Supervisor Wild that the process was challenging, as they had six months to handle the matter. He informed in late April or early May, Mrs. Butler had notified him that she was at a standstill with regard to issuing a new RFP (*Request for Proposal*) due to the diversity of opinions among the Board members and the Sheriff about what scope of services should be included in that RFP. He stated following Mrs. Butler's request for his and Supervisor Leggett's assistance, they established a working group to get some of those individuals with differing opinions in the same room to discuss what their differences were and come to an agreement as to what should be included in that RFP. He said following these meetings they issued an RFP that everyone was agreeable to; however, he noted, the delay in the process resulted in it not being feasible to issue the RFP in time before the current contract for animal services expired resulting in it being necessary to determine what the Board wanted to do during the lapse between the contract expiring and a new one being adopted. He concluded that he concurred there was frustration with the process; however, he noted, he hoped going forward it would be handled in a more suitable manner.

Supervisor Magowan stated it was unfortunate that he had been away and unable to attend some of the

Committee meetings he wanted to be present while he was out of town. He said as a result of his absence he thoroughly reviewed all of the proposed Resolutions before them. He voiced his concern, just as he had in the past, that the majority of the County's revenue was derived from sales tax which was based on the performance of the local economy and the figures that were presented with regard to the County's future financial outlook were less than favorable. He stated within the proposed resolutions before them he had observed a significant amount of money being expended which he found to be troubling, as he felt they relied too heavily on the fact that this was typical. He encouraged the Board to be more conscious about their spending.

With regard to proposed Resolution No. 263, *Terminating Agreement with Saratoga and North Creek Railroad, LLC as the Railroad Operator*, Supervisor Braymer remarked she felt compelled to speak to this since it did not come from a Committee. She said the Board had been reviewing this contract for quite some time and the County Attorney transmitted a letter to SNCR which received no response. She said since SNCR was no longer providing any services under the contract that the County benefitted from she was fully in support of terminating it. She said in months prior she had voiced concerns pertaining to the termination of the contract due to the fact that SNCR was carrying the liability insurance and maintaining the railroad for the County; however, she said, since this was no longer the case, she saw no benefit to continuing the contract. She acknowledged the County DPW for taking over the maintenance of the property which she was appreciative of.

Supervisor Simpson apprised the reason the termination of the contract was being brought forward now related to the fact that the legal counsel the County contracted with for assistance on the issues with the railroad had advised them to move forward in this manner.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Conover called for a vote on resolutions, following which Resolution Nos. 228-263 were approved as presented, with the exception of Resolution Nos. 231 and 236, which were amended from the floor, and Resolution No. 233, which failed due to a lack of the majority vote with 420 voting in favor (*Supervisors Dickinson, Magowan, Sokol, Hyde, Geraghty, Leggett, Loeb and Conover*), 472 against (*Supervisors Strough, Wild, Beaty, Thomas, Diamond, Braymer, Driscoll, Frasier, Simpson and Hogan*) and 108 Absent (*Supervisors Merlino and McDevitt*).

Chairman Conover called for public comments from anyone wishing to address the Board on any matter.

Dr. James Seeley, *Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension*, said he would be remiss if he did not thank this Board for their support of the Skye Camp Program which resulted in them sending eighty children to the camp. He explained their organizations role was to supervise and coordinate the program with the schools, parents and the camp. He stated it had been an excellent day when the anonymous private donor, who wished to remain anonymous, had provided them with the funding to allow all the applicants to attend the camp, as this would be an experience they would remember for the rest of their lives.

Chairman Conover called for announcements.

Supervisor Braymer apprised she had attended the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board meeting the other day and she noted her appreciation of the efforts to fix the Board. She voiced her concern regarding the significant amount of redundancy there. She echoed her disappointment with regard to the fact that the Regional Planning Board did not take any action on the Executive Director; she noted many were aware of her displeasure with his performance. She said she believed many others shared this disappointment which was why she felt they should commence with a search for a new Executive Director who would provide the transparency and accountability they needed. She

suggested they consider someone like Jennifer Switzer, *Chief Financial Officer, Warren County Local Development Corporation*, who could utilize her significant experience to address the issues there. She commented that Beth Gillis, *GIS Specialist, Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board*, did stellar work on the programs; however, she noted, she was unsure whether she had the right skill set for an executive director position. She concluded by stating she would like to see the Board moving forward with presenting the Regional Planning Board a qualified candidate for the position they could hire.

Supervisor Simpson reminded the Board of the annual Golf Tournament for Cornell Cooperative Extension which was scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> at Cronin's Gold Resort and he encouraged anyone interested in participating to contact himself or Dr. Seeley.

In response to the comments made by Supervisor Braymer with regard to the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board, Supervisor Dickinson apprised as a result of the prompting by Chairman Conover, the Regional Planning Board had made decisions regarding two major issues. He added they had decided to hold off on making any decisions regarding the Executive Director position until progress was made with rewriting their rules and regulations. He said although this would take some time, he felt it was the appropriate course of action. With regard to his opinion about this year's Americade event, Supervisor Dickinson remarked he thought the event organizers had done a wonderful job responding to the decrease in attendance due to their typical attendees aging out through the addition of a block party that had been a tremendous success with the age demographic of attendees ranging from children to grandparents. He said the event included a number of different attractions, as well as food, drinks and music. He advised upon the invitation of the Americade organizers he had attended one of their events that took place at the Fort William Henry Resort where the attendees were welcomed to the region. He said he felt the Americade event was well attended and under control and he was anxiously awaiting information pertaining to the impact on occupancy tax from Mr. Swan.

Supervisor Beaty thanked Ms. McKinstry for her service to the County, as well as for providing him with a book pertaining to public administration concepts and cases. He apprised he had also attended the meeting of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board which resulted in action that he believed was moving them forward in the right direction; however, he noted, he would like to remind everyone that although a significant number of the loans authorized by the Loan Committee were appropriate, there were some he found to be questionable. He informed he had expended a substantial amount of time reviewing four of these loans and he had questions regarding whether the correct process was followed, whether they followed Title 9, etc. He remarked he was not the type of person who wanted to forget the mistakes made in the past and just be sure not to do them again going forward. He said he believed they needed to determine what had gone wrong and hold those accountable for the mistakes they had made. He said although they had appointed a new Chairman of the Regional Planning Board, he felt much more action was required to address all of the issues. He advised he had requested that the organizations Executive Director attend the Economic Growth & Development Committee meeting next week to allow them to continue delving into the default loans to get answers on how the process proceeded, to determine if they collected on the assets and had they placed the assets up for sale through a public auction. He commented although they had taken positive steps moving forward there were still a number of actions taken in the past that needed to be reviewed in order to achieve full transparency.

Supervisor Driscoll thanked the Americade organizers, the City of Glens Falls and the Warren County Tourism Department for working closely to attract attendees to the City's weekly Take A Bite Celebration which took place every Wednesday throughout late spring and early summer. He stated a

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number of bikers had attended this past weeks event and he was hoping the event would grow in the future. Supervisor Driscoll advised earlier today the annual Warren County Head Start Community Day celebration had commenced in the City of Glens Falls and he encouraged anyone with time to attend, as the event was going on until 3:00 p.m.

Supervisor Strough stated in two days it would be the 243<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Dr. Joseph Warren. He explained Warren County was named after Dr. Warren because on June 17, 1775 he made the heroic gesture of staying behind with a group of volunteers during the Battle of Bunker Hill so that other troops could escape with their lives, knowing what the ultimate result would be. He said Mr. Warren had been a part of the Sons of Liberty and turned down an officer appointment offered by General George Washington so that he could fight as a “man in the field”.

Supervisor Magowan advised he would like to acknowledge Supervisor Beaty and Braymer, who were on opposing sides for sitting down and working together, as this was something he had promoted during his campaign.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Frasier and seconded by Supervisor Wild, Chairman Conover adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:15 p.m.