

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007**

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 10:00 a.m.

Mr. William Thomas presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Mason.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Gabriels, Monroe, Girard, Sheehan, Mason, O'Connor, Kenny, Belden, Bentley, W. Thomas, Tessier, Merlino, Stec, Caimano, Champagne, VanNess, Sokol, F. Thomas, Haskell, and Geraghty - 20.

Motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2007 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Chairman Thomas extended privilege of the floor to Sheriff Cleveland. Sheriff Cleveland introduced Peter Kehoe, the Executive Director for the New York State Sheriff's Association, who was present to provide information on the accreditation program and to present the Sheriff's Office with their accreditation. Mr. Kehoe congratulated Sheriff Cleveland and the men and women of the Warren County Sheriff's Office for another outstanding achievement, this time it was the accreditation of the Communication Center. He further noted that Warren County was only the eighth county in the entire State of New York to achieve accreditation of communications operations. Mr. Kehoe presented Sheriff Cleveland with a plaque recognizing the achievements of himself and the Warren County Sheriff's Office. The board members responded with applause.

Mr. Kehoe apprised he also wanted to recognize two other individuals for their extra efforts, and he presented Undersheriff Shane Ross and Communication Supervisor Larry Jeffords with plaques of appreciation. Mr. Kehoe concluded and stated congratulations were also in order for the entire Board of Supervisors for their continued support, as well as the citizens of Warren County.

Chairman Thomas extended privilege of the floor to Lou Tessier, Chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee, to present Kate Hogan, District Attorney, with a plaque, recognizing her as the recipient of the Spirit of Justice Law Enforcement Award. Ms. Hogan thanked the entire Board of Supervisors for their continued support. The board members responded with applause.

Chairman called for reports by Committee chairmen on past activities and the following gave verbal reports:

Supervisor Geraghty, Insurance; Supervisor Haskell, Westmount Health Facility & Countryside Adult Home and County Facilities; Supervisor F. Thomas, Legislative; Supervisor Champagne, Community College; Supervisor Caimano, Budget; Supervisor Stec, Planning & Community Development; Supervisor Tessier, Tourism, Criminal Justice and Airport;

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Supervisor Bentley, Sheriff & Communications; Supervisor Belden, Real Property Tax Services and DPW; Supervisor Kenny, County Clerk- Motor Vehicles; Supervisor O'Connor, Mental Health and Municipal Shared Services; Supervisor Mason, Health Services; Supervisor Sheehan, Support Services; Supervisor Monroe, Solid Waste & Recycling and Finance; Supervisor Gabriels, Personnel/Human Resources.

In relation to the Insurance Committee, Mr. Geraghty apprised there would be a Safety Committee meeting on Monday, April 23, 2007 in the Board of Supervisors' Room, and said he hoped the Supervisors would be able to attend. He added that Amy Clute, Self-Insurance Administrator, was in the process of breaking down the compensation claims for the County.

With regard to the Westmount Health Facility & Countryside Adult Home Committee, Mr. Haskell expounded that the Committee had authorized Barbara Clements, Administrator of the Westmount Health Facility and Brenda Hayes, Director of the Countryside Adult Home, to attend training classes to keep their certification current. He noted that at the County Facilities Committee meeting, a number of new building proposals were presented and review of each was ongoing. He added that the Committee was continuing to research all possibilities and options with regard to locations.

Mr. F. Thomas directed attention to the Annual Report from the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District on each Supervisors' desk. He said that the County should be very happy and proud of the quality of people that were in that Department, as well as the projects that they were able to accomplish. In connection with the Legislative Committee, Mr. F. Thomas referred to two resolutions included in the Supervisors' packets, which related to the tyranny imposed by the State of New York which the residents of the Adirondacks must live under.

Concerning the Community College Committee, Mr. Champagne reminded the board members of the Annual Dinner and meeting at Adirondack Community College (ACC) on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. He noted that the Committee approved the negotiated contract between the Board of Trustees and the Faculty Association of ACC.

In relation to the Budget Committee, Mr. Caimano said discussions during the meeting focused around the state of the County surplus and the impacts of such on the budget. He added that now that the State budget had passed, he advised that each Department needed to take another look at their budgets and he would be addressing that at the Department Head meeting next week.

With regard to the Planning and Community Development Committee, Mr. Stec referred to Resolution No. 274 included in the Supervisors' packets, which authorized the Planning and Community Development Department to act as administrator for the Warren County Local Development Corporation's (LDC) Access to HOME Grant Program. He recognized Rick Missita, Queensbury Highway Superintendent, who was present today and noted Mr. Missita was retiring today after thirty-two years of service to the Town of Queensbury. Mr. Stec thanked him for his dedication. The board members responded with

applause.

Concerning the Tourism Committee, Mr. Tessier expounded the Creative Director in that Department was doing very well. With regard to the Criminal Justice Committee, he stated that discussions focused around space for the Probation Department and security in that location.

Mr. Bentley congratulated the Sheriff's Office on receiving all four accreditations.

In relation to the Real Property Tax Services Committee, Mr. Belden said permission was obtained to use the Court Room for land auctions in August. He added that with regard to the DPW Committee, the crews would be continuing to work five, eight-hour day, work weeks, as opposed to the four, ten-hour day work weeks which had been done in the past.

In connection with the County Clerk-Motor Vehicles Committee, Mr. Kenny expounded that unexpended funds from a 2006 Records Management Grant had been transferred into the 2007 budget in the amount of \$4,132.32.

With regard to the Mental Health Committee, Mr. O'Connor introduced Rob York, Executive Director of the Community Services Board, who was present at the meeting today. He added that the Municipal Shared Services Committee had developed a small core group comprised of two members of the Glens Falls Common Council and two members of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, to further research the possibility of the County taking over responsibility of East Field.

Mr. Mason echoed Mr. F. Thomas' statements concerning the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District. He also congratulated District Attorney Kate Hogan and Sheriff Cleveland on their recent accomplishments and awards. In relation to the Health Services Committee, he noted that the big issue they were still facing was the Point of Care system. Mr. Caimano stated that the Point of Care system was a priority for the 2008 budget.

Concerning the Support Services Committee, Mr. Sheehan apprised that included in the Supervisors' packets was a resolution which authorized the County Attorney's Office to utilize the Federal Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) to access bankruptcy records for use in the tax foreclosure proceedings.

In relation to the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, Mr. Monroe stated discussions were focused on the end of term plans for the waste energy plant, and he noted that the contract would expire in 2011. With regard to the Finance Committee, he noted that included in the Supervisors' packets was a resolution amending the energy performance contract with Siemens Building Technologies to include a review of financing other than the installment contract.

Mr. Gabriels acknowledged Kathy Simmes, Bolton Town Clerk, who was present today and added she had been with the Town of Bolton for twenty-seven years, and he thanked her

for coming to the meeting. With regard to the Personnel/Human Resources Committee, he said that there was a contentious issue that needed to be resolved concerning the reclassification of Account Clerk positions within the Department of Social Services.

Mr. Tessier apprised that with regard to the reclassification of the Account Clerk positions, he would like to propose a resolution to be brought from the floor authorizing the approval of such. He added that over the past twenty-four years that he had been a member of the Board of Supervisors, he could not recall a time when employees that were working out of title were denied the salary that they deserved to be paid, as was the case now. He noted that the reclassification of the Account Clerk positions would have a total impact on the budget of \$20,986, with an estimated revenue of \$17,208, leaving a cost to the County of \$3,778.

Chairman called for reading of communications.

Mrs. Sady advised that the procedure for reading correspondence addressed to the Board of Supervisors had been amended and she wanted to clarify the amendment. She stated that she would note what the correspondence was and who it was received from and it would become a permanent record of the meeting; however, she added, correspondence would not be read unless requested by a member of the Board of Supervisors.

Clerk read communications, including the following:

Minutes from:

Meeting of Chemical Dependency Subcommittee and the Mental Health Subcommittee of the Community Services Board;
Soil & Water;
Warren County Planning Board;
Warren/Washington Counties IDA .

Monthly Reports from:

Veterinarian;
Probation.

Annual Report from:

Indigent Legal Services Fund 2006 Annual Report;
Veterans Service Agency.

Capital District Off-Track Betting, February and March surcharge in the amount of \$10,508 and \$13,023 respectively;

John Austin, Legislative Chairman of Mohican Grange, resolution adopted by the Mohican Grange in support of an increase in sales tax on cigarettes;

Copy of a letter to Pam Vogel, County Clerk from Christina Burch, regarding resignation from her position in the County Clerk's Office;

Senator Little, letter updating the Board on the status of the DEC Commissioner nomination;

Washington County Board of Supervisors, Resolution authorizing agreement with Warren County for Phase 1 Design Services of the Joint Emergency Services Training Center;

Town of Queensbury, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting agendas;

Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council, 2007-2009 Unified Planning Work Program;

Town of Hague, Resolution in support of cell phone towers in the Town of Hague;

NYSAC, report on the impact of the 2007-2008 Enacted State Budget;

Office for Small Cities, Comprehensive Monitoring Report of 2004 grant;

Town of Queensbury, letter regarding renegotiation of cable television contracts; resolution setting a public hearing on proposed amendment to Top of the World Development; notification of lead agency status for SEQR process;

Announcement appointing members to the Area Utilization Work Group, formerly known as the Space Committee, as follows: Chairman Thomas, Supervisor Monroe, Supervisor Geraghty, Supervisor Haskell, Hal Payne, Commissioner of Administrative and Fiscal Services, William Lamy, Superintendent of DPW, and Frank Morehouse, Superintendent of Buildings.

Chairman Thomas acknowledged the efforts of the Building and Grounds crews and the Information Technology Department during the fire emergency at the Municipal Center last month. He extended his appreciation to Sheriff Cleveland for use of the Communication Center during the emergency. Mr. Stec added he wanted to publicly recognize the efforts of two of Queensburys' volunteer fire companies, Queensbury Central Fire Company and Bay Ridge Fire Company, as well as the West Glens Falls Rescue Squad. He stated all responded to the fire at the Municipal Center and had done a great job.

Mr. Bentley thanked William Lamy, Superintendent of DPW, for his assistance during the recent power outage in the northern part of Warren County. Chairman Thomas echoed Mr. Bentley's statement. He added that Mr. Lamy had brought equipment and generators to the Town of Johnsbury which was a huge help.

Mr. Lamy expounded that it had been a good opportunity to put in place the equipment that the Board of Supervisors had authorized the purchase of last year. Mr. Monroe extended his appreciation to Mr. Lamy and his staff for their assistance in the Towns of Chester and Pottersville during the recent storm as well.

Many of the Supervisors shared their experiences, both positive and negative, during the recent storm, particularly related to the power outages in the various communities.

Communications, resolutions and reports ordered placed on file.

Chairman called for reading of resolutions and discussion.

Clerk noted Resolution Nos. 229 through 275 were mailed. Mrs. Sady added that Resolution Nos. 268 and 271 had been corrected and placed in the Supervisors' folders. She noted that a motion was needed to approve these resolutions as corrected. Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Caimano and carried unanimously to approve the corrected resolutions as presented.

Mrs. Sady stated that subsequent to the County Facilities meeting held on Wednesday, Resolution No. 263 of 2007 needed to be amended to include the authorization to retain Bovis Lend Lease to provide services with regard to studying the possibility of locating the Health and Human Services Building on the Municipal Center campus, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Gabriels, seconded Mr. Caimano and carried unanimously to approve the amended resolution as presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Stec and carried unanimously to waive the rules of the board requiring a resolution be in writing.

Mr. Haskell advised he would like to introduce a resolution of support for the reappointment of John J. Arehart to the Board of Directors of the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA). Clerk noted it would be Resolution No. 280 of 2007 for the record.

Chairman Thomas stated he would like to introduce two resolutions. The first, he said, was to amend Resolution No.173 of 2007 awarding bid and authorizing agreements with Palette Stone Corporation, Jointa Galusha, LLC, Pompa Brothers, Inc., and Peckham Materials Corporation for bituminous concrete. The other resolution, he noted, was to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute an extension agreement with regard to the purchase of Gaslight Village and Waxlife USA property by the County of Warren, Town of Lake George and Village of Lake George. Clerk noted they would be Resolution Nos. 281 and 282 of 2007 respectively.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. F. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve Resolution Nos. 280 through 282 as presented.

Mr. Caimano requested a roll call vote on Resolution No. 269, conditionally approving purchase of rights in property from the Warren/Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency for mitigation for wetlands in connection with the Airport project.

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Motion was made by Mr. Tessier, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to waive the rules of the board requiring that a resolution be in writing.

Mr. Tessier said he would like to introduce a resolution to reclassify six Account Clerk positions and one Account Clerk/Typist position to Senior Account Clerks within the Department of Social Services. Clerk noted it would be Resolution No. 283 of 2007 if approved.

Mr. Stec requested that the proposed Resolution No. 283, regarding the reclassification of the six Account Clerk positions and the one Account Clerk/Typist position to Senior Account Clerks, be a roll call vote.

Clerk apprised that a motion was needed to bring Resolution Nos. 228 and 276 through 279 to the floor. Motion was made by Mr. Belden, seconded by Mr. Caimano and carried unanimously to bring Resolution Nos. 228 and 276 through 279 to the floor.

Chairman Thomas called for a vote on the resolutions.

Resolution Nos. 228 through 283 were approved. Proclamations, declaring Crime Victims' Rights Week, Law Day USA in Warren County, Homes for the Aging Week and Older Americans Month, were submitted. Certificates of Appointments, appointing members to the Warren County Code of Ethics Committee and appointing members to the Warren County Deferred Compensation Program Committee, were also submitted.

Mr. Caimano asked the board members to say a prayer for the City of Glens Falls Mayor, LeRoy Akins, who was undergoing some medical tests this week.

Mr. Tessier thanked the board members for their support of Resolution No. 283 of 2007. He noted it was well deserved.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Caimano and seconded by Mr. Haskell, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.