Marren County Board of Supervisors

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WARREN COUNTY:

You are hereby notified that I, KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, pursuant to the power vested in my by Rule A.3 of the Rules of the Board of Supervisors, hereby call and convene a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Warren County to be held in the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Town of Lake George, New York, on February 29, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., for the purpose of considering, and if determined by the Board to be appropriate, voting on, or otherwise taking action on, the following matters:

- 1. Matters leading to the approval of a resolution to authorize an exchange of easements with the owners of the 1000 Acres Ranch Resort for access across lands owned by Warren County and for access to resort property and for additional parking spaces at the railroad platform.
- 2. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the Board of Supervisors.

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to call for the meeting and give written notice to all members of the Board of Supervisors of such meeting.

Dated: February 24, 2016

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KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN Warren County Board of Supervisors

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 3:03 p.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Conover

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Girard, McDevitt, Braymer, Brock, MacDonald, Frasier, Simpson, Vanselow, Merlino, Strough, Seeber, Beaty, Sokol, Thomas, Wood and Geraghty - 20; Supervisors Dickinson and Montesi absent - 2.

Mr. Dickinson entered the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty extended privilege of the floor to Brian Reichenbach, *County Attorney*, who explained the purpose of the meeting was to address matters leading to the approval of a resolution to authorize an exchange of easements with the owners of the

1000 Acres Ranch Resort for access across lands owned by Warren County; for access to resort property; and for additional parking spaces at the railroad platform. He explained that the 1000 Acres Ranch Resort was currently in bankruptcy and as part of that proceeding there was a prospective sale and reopening of the ranch. He continued, the Bankruptcy Court Judge had ordered that the sale be accomplished by the purchaser obtaining title insurance. Mr. Reichenbach advised the issue pertained to the fact that the historical crossings across the County's railroad property which had been in existence since the early 1900's had never been embodied in easements which were actual rights in real property. He said the purchaser required these easements in order to obtain the title insurance that the Bankruptcy Court Judge was requiring.

Mr. Reichenbach advised the County had arranged for an exchange in easements that would allow the County to have access to handicapped parking spaces located on the resort property which was adjacent to the train station and in turn granted the resort easements to cross where they traditionally have had crossings. He stated one of the crossings was for golf carts, there was another for horses and pedestrians to access property positioned on the river, and the final easement was located at the main entrance to the resort.

Chairman Geraghty reminded the Board that Supervisor Thomas had indicated the importance of these easements at the Public Works Committee Meeting held earlier today.

Chairman Geraghty called for discussion and public comment on proposed Resolution No. 102 of 2016; copies of which were distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

There being no one present wishing to speak on the matter, Chairman Geraghty called for a motion to bring proposed Resolution No. 102 of 2016 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Girard and carried unanimously to bring proposed Resolution No. 102 to the floor.

Chairman Geraghty called for a vote on Resolution No. 102 of 2016 and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Chairman Geraghty announced a resolution was required to authorize a contract with Time Warner Cable Enterprises LLC to provide the Employment & Training Administration with a connection to the County Center when they moved to their new location.

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, interjected that a resolution was required to waive the Rules of the Board requiring a resolution be presented in writing. The necessary motion to waive the Rules was made by Supervisor Wood, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried unanimously. *(This would be Resolution No. 103 of 2016).*

Supervisor Braymer inquired about the cost of the contract and Paul Dusek, *County Administrator*, replied that the contract called for a monthly charge of \$475 for a term of thirty-six months. He added there was another contract required but no cost was listed. He explained that because the Employment & Training Administration was moving from their current location to the Monument Square Building in the City of Glens Falls the contract was necessary.

Motion was made by Supervisor Simpson, seconded by Supervisor Merlino and carried unanimously to authorize the contract with Time Warner Cable Enterprises LLC as outlined above. (*This would be Resolution No. 104 of 2016*).

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Chairman Geraghty called for any announcements to come before the Board.

Supervisor Thomas thanked Mr. Reichenbach, Chairman Geraghty and the members of the Board for their support of the resolution concerning the easements for the 1000 Acres Ranch Resort.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Sokol and seconded by Supervisor Sokol, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 3:07 p.m.