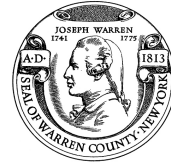


Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016**



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. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Braymer.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Girard, McDevitt, Braymer, Brock, MacDonald, Frasier, Simpson, Vanselow, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Seeber, Beaty, Montesi, Sokol, Thomas and Geraghty- 19; Supervisor Wood absent-1

Motion was made by Supervisor Montesi, seconded by Supervisor Sokol and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2016 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing open on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2016 at 10:02a.m. and he requested that Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud, which she proceeded to do. Chairman Geraghty then called for any public comment.

Supervisor Seeber stated that she would like copies of this Local Law provided to the fireworks companies to ensure they were aware of the additional requirement. She apprised it was her understanding that Warren County was the only County within the State that had included educational component to this law.

Chairman Geraghty advised that they would leave the Public Hearing open while they proceeded with the Agenda review to allow anyone wishing to comment on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2016 to do so.

Continuing, Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing open on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2016 at 10:05 a.m. and Mrs. Allen read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud. Chairman Geraghty then called for any public comment.

Supervisor Strough apprised that many of the local municipalities had transient merchant laws in place which some of the fireworks companies believed they did not have to abide but this was not the case. He stated the local municipalities were cognizant of the adjacent property owners and accommodated them to the best of their ability while also reviewing the traffic impacts. He said if their intention was to maintain the integrity of these things, they needed to be sure that they maintained the integrity of their transient merchant laws. He informed it was necessary to review a number of things for the public interest such as the size of the event, the appropriateness of the size the event for the given area it wished to locate, the parking, the hours of operation, maintenance of insurance, etc. He remarked since the fireworks companies felt they could locate anywhere they wanted to and be open whatever hours they desired, he felt inclined to share with the Board an opinion from the legal counsel for the Town of Queensbury which indicated that like all vendors, the fireworks companies were required to comply

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with local planning and zoning laws and must seek where applicable site plan approval, variances and pay the associated application fees, as well. He stated the goal was to ensure the land use was completed in a reasonable manner and avoid situations that could be unsafe to the public. He pointed out fireworks were explosive materials that could be harmful to individuals and their property. He said the State law required all of the regulations for fireworks to fall upon local enforcement officials which meant municipalities were empowered and obligated to administer the provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Protection and Building Code. He continued, a portion of the provision stated that tents required permits and inspections for compliance and minimum safety standards. He remarked it was clear that it was in the best interest of the local municipalities that the incoming fireworks vendors abided by their local codes.

Chairman Geraghty called for further comments regarding proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2016, but none were given. He advised that they would leave the Public Hearing open while they proceeded with the Agenda review to allow anyone wishing to comment on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2016 to do so.

Chairman Geraghty once again called for any comments on the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2016; there being none, he declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:11 a.m.

Resuming the Agenda review, privilege of the floor was extended to Jim Lieberum, *District Manager, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District*, to review the draft 2015 MS4 (*Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System*) Annual Report. Mr. Lieberum apprised that in 2003 Warren County had become what was known as a MS4 Community which was a municipal separate storm water community as designated by the US Census. He stated this was a Federal Program administered by the NYSDEC (*New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*). He continued, because a portion of Warren County was considered an urbanized community the responsibility for implementing this plan fell upon the County. He stated since that time the County DPW managed the program with the assistance of Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District through education, outreach and other activities that were required through the permit process. He said in 2011 the County was responsible for implementing six minimum control measures identified within the program in the City of Glens Falls, Village of Lake George, and the Towns of Lake George and Queensbury. He informed there were maps that identified the specific areas that the permit covered and were available for review on their organizations website. He indicated the annual report consisted of a compilation of the activities for the six minimum control measures and could be viewed on the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District website and a link to the report had been placed on the Warren County website, as well. He added a hard copy of the Report was available for review in both the Department of Public Works Office and the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District Office. Mr. Lieberum said they would be updating their website including this page and reviewing and updating the County's MS4 Plan within the near future.

Chairman Geraghty advised that in 2006 the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District took over the program for the County which worked seamlessly. He thanked them for their efforts.

Supervisor Montesi informed the Town of Queensbury had a similar agreement in place with the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District. He asked Mr. Lieberum to provide a brief synopsis of the work completed by them. Mr. Lieberum advised one of the requirements of the six minimum control measures was to identify the outfall from any culvert or drainage ditch that flowed into one of the water bodies included in the MS4 area. He said they were also required to do a significant amount of outreach and education, as well as road mapping of drop inlets, catch basins and things of that nature. He mentioned they had an upcoming training schedule for Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination which encompassed a significant part of the program and could range from an individual dumping oil

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down a catch basin to someone tying in a septic field to a County ditch, as the County was responsible for it as soon as it was within the County infrastructure. Supervisor Montesi added that they had also worked with the Towns and County to replace damaged culverts.

Motion was made by Supervisor Conover, seconded by Supervisor Dickinson and carried unanimously to close the public comment period of the MS4 Annual Report.

Moving on to the report by the Chairman of the Board, Chairman Geraghty read aloud the listing of meetings he had attended since the April 15th, Board Meeting; *a copy of the Chairman's Report is on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting*. He remarked he felt the Department Heads and their staff had been doing a good job during this transitional period following the departure of the former County Administrator which was supported by the fact that his presence had not been necessary at the County every day. Chairman Geraghty informed that he had attended a meeting to discuss the issues with environmental permits and contracts for the boat washing stations which needed to be signed by the State. He said the County Attorney and Treasurer would continue to work with David Decker, *Director, Lake George Watershed Coalition*, on getting the contracts for the boat washing stations signed by the State. Chairman Geraghty apprised that he had met with representatives of the NYSDOT (*New York State Department of Transportation*) to discuss the conditions of State roads located within Warren County. He requested that they email him any complaints received regarding those roads so he could forward them on to the State. He mentioned the State had a very minuscule amount of money set aside for work on their roads within Warren County; therefore, he said, he would continue to advocate on their behalf for improvements. He indicated it was necessary for them to continue to lobby to their State Legislators on behalf of the State roads located there because they were in such a state of disrepair. Chairman Geraghty announced he had received a letter in mid April from a Warren County resident praising the efforts of Denise DiResta, *Director, Veterans' Services*, which he would recognize by sending her a letter of appreciation.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brian Reichenbach, *County Attorney*, who introduced Mary Elizabeth Kissane, *Assistant County Attorney*, who had been working in the office for a few weeks. He apprised Ms. Kissane was a resident of the Town of Queensbury who had previously worked in a private practice. He remarked the work she had completed for them thus far had been stellar and he said he was pleased to have her on board. A round of applause followed.

Chairman Geraghty then called for reports from Supervisors on the past months meetings or activities.

Supervisor Braymer apprised she had worked with the County Attorney on the EAF (*Environmental Assessment Form*) for the Runway expansion at the County Airport which she would be commenting on later in the meeting. Supervisor Braymer stated she had attended the April 25th meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee where one of the topics discussed concerned grants that were being sought for the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor. She said she was looking forward to reviewing this further in Committee so they could work on their priorities for that particular issue.

Supervisor Brock stated he had nothing to report.

Supervisor MacDonald advised he lent his support to Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Southern Adirondacks. He said the organization had applied for a nationwide grant through the Office of Justice & Delinquency Prevention. He informed the local chapter of the organization had added three sites alone this year which was a substantial undertaking. He mentioned with this particular grant their organization would be able to provide 120 additional matches over the next three years. He pointed out currently there was a rather lengthy waiting list that continued to grow, as well as a number of

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school districts who had contacted them with the interest of having a presence there. He remarked he felt the local not-for-profits, including this organization, were a true asset to the community that created a positive support system for a number of youths that would otherwise not have anything. He continued, along with the local heroin epidemic they were currently combating, he felt not-for-profits such as this organization were vital. He commented he was hopeful that the grant would be awarded.

Supervisor Frasier stated she had nothing to report.

Supervisor Simpson reported on the April 25th meeting of the Public Works Committee, providing an overview of proposed Resolution No. 209.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that Support Services met on April 20th, adopting proposed Resolution No. 211, which he provided a summary of.

Supervisor Dickinson advised that New York State Route 9N in the Town of Lake George was in deplorable condition said he could not even begin to imagine what tourists that traveled the road thought. He noted although the State had been patching and repairing the road for years, what was really necessary was a complete rebuild of the road. He added he was shocked to learn the State did not have a more aggressive program to deal with the issues on the road and he questioned where the taxpayer funds were being spent.

Supervisor Merlino reported on the April 25th meeting of the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee, providing an overview of proposed Resolution No. 210. Supervisor Merlino advised that representatives from BBG&G Advertising Inc. would be meeting with the Tourism Department next Monday and Tuesday. He encouraged anyone interested in speaking to them on Tuesday to contact the Tourism Department. Supervisor Merlino apprised a portion of the discussion at the April 20th meeting of the Park Operations & Management Committee concerned the website for the Festival Commons at Charles R. Wood Park which was no longer being maintained or updated. He informed the Committee would be reviewing a proposal at the May 23rd meeting for this particular purpose.

Supervisor Dickinson asked Supervisor Merlino to provide an update on the RFP (*Request for Proposal*) for data oriented services and Supervisor Merlino responded that they would not be going out to bid for those services until BBG&G Advertising Inc. completed their evaluation, as the information they compiled was pertinent to the RFP.

Supervisor Strough stated he had nothing to report.

Supervisor Seeber apprised that she had met with the County Human Resources Director and Chairman Geraghty regarding the Performance Evaluation Committee which would be meeting sometime in late June or early July. Supervisor Seeber announced that SUNY Adirondacks had held their graduation ceremony last evening during which she presented the Second Annual Certificate of Excellence on behalf of the Board to Jessica LyLyk. She said since the Board had been gracious and scheduled the June 15th Board Meeting for the evening, Ms. LyLyk would be attending to accept the award and provide a brief history of her background and the obstacles she had overcome. She encouraged all to attend a future graduation ceremony of SUNY Adirondack, as it would attest to the fact that the County's investment there was a wise one.

Supervisor Beaty advised that a Shared Services Committee meeting was scheduled for June 3rd. He stated that Julie Butler, *Purchasing Agent*, had indicated to him the Towns and County could realize some significant savings if the Towns chose to participate in some shared services for purchasing.

Supervisor Montesi informed that the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District had their annual Envirothon event with the majority of the school districts within the County participating. He said he was pleased to see the number of youth involved in environmental testing, as all of the participants were required to take a test. Supervisor Montesi announced that Governor Cuomo had appointed him to serve on the Soil & Water Committee for the State. He said the Committee was charged with administering \$14.5 million in grants for agricultural and storm run off purposes. Supervisor Montesi apprised he had attended the May 17th meeting of the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee where interviews were conducted for the County Administrator position.

Supervisor Sokol reported on the April 20th meeting of the Health, Human & Social Service Committee, wherein they approved proposed Resolution Nos. 212-213 which he provided a brief overview of. Supervisor Sokol advised immediately prior to the upcoming June 1st meeting of the Health Human & Social Services Committee there would be a tour of the Public Health Office and he encouraged all to attend. In conclusion, Supervisor Sokol welcomed Ms. Kissane to the County.

Supervisor Thomas congratulated Supervisor Montesi on his appointment to the State Committee for Soil & Water, noting he believed this would be beneficial for the County. In regards to the Multi-Year Plan, Supervisor Thomas apprised it was near completion. He said once it was completed he would schedule a Budget Committee Meeting to review and discuss it. Supervisor Thomas commended Supervisor Strough for the presentation he made at the 17th Annual Economic Development Luncheon sponsored by the Warren County Economic Development Corporation. He stated he was impressed with the presentation by Phil Morse, *founder of NAMIC U.S.A. Corp.*, as it supported what an idea and determination could accomplish. He added he was pleased to see the number of school districts represented there also with a group of kids from each school.

Supervisor Conover apprised that the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee had held three meetings this month, the first of which was on April 29th, where they approved proposed Resolution Nos. 202-203, 214-229 and 235. Supervisor Conover informed the Committee had met on May 17th to conduct interviews for the County Administrator position, and again on May 20th where they approved proposed Resolution No. 237, which he provided an overview of.

Supervisor Leggett stated that he had attended the Fish and Wildlife Management Board meeting on behalf of the County at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Office on May 19, 2016.

Supervisor Girard apprised that the County Facilities Committee had met on April 20th, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 230-234, which he provided a summary of. Supervisor Girard requested that Dr. James A. Seeley, *Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension*, provide an update on the VITA (*Volunteer Income Tax Assistance*) Program. He remarked he felt the program was very beneficial, as it allowed for individuals who met the income requirements to have their taxes prepared for free.

Dr. Seeley informed that the VITA Program was supported locally through a partnership with the Department of Social Services; Woman, Infants and Children Program; Head Start; Tri-County United Way; and the Internal Revenue Service. He said this year the program provided assistance to over 950 families. He apprised the Program was made up of seventeen volunteers who traveled to Cornell Cooperative Extension, as well as other sites such as the Municipal Center Building. He indicated the total man hours added up to two hundred sixteen over a twenty-one day period. He thanked the Board members for their assistance with promoting the program within the region. He encouraged anyone

interested in volunteering for the program to contact him to learn more about the free training that was offered.

Supervisor McDevitt apprised he would like to comment about the Solar Project for the City of Glens Falls that was discussed at the April 15th Board Meeting. He mentioned that he was aware of the fact that the College and someone from within the private industry were close to announcing an agreement as it related to a solar project; therefore, he said, it appeared to him that education and government should be leaders in attempting to lead the way in terms of global warming. He informed that it was important that the Board display a belief system which supported the scientific communities findings that water levels were rising. He remarked the actions of the Queensbury School Board and the fact that they made no attempt to negotiate with the City on the Solar Project in a reasonably positive manner sent an unintended message to students in all areas that they were not supportive of scientific evidence that water levels were rising so there was no need for concern. He advised the fact that the Joint Chiefs of Staff had contingency plans in place to address the issue of balance of power and global warming should mean something to them. He commented his point was that he was disappointed the City and Queensbury School Board did not mediate this issue and come to a positive conclusion. He continued, the unfortunate and unintended consequence from this was that the students perception of the School Board's decision was that educators disagreed with the scientific communities findings and was an unhealthy one for them to have. He stated his goal would be to bring the City and School Board together in an attempt to mediate this issue.

Supervisor Seeber remarked she disagreed with Supervisor McDevitt's assumption that the School Board's decision meant that they were not supportive of the scientific evidence. She stated that following the April 15th Board Meeting she met with the Queensbury School Superintendent who informed her that their reason for opting out was so they could be part of the discussion. She continued, according to the School Superintendent, he had made several attempts to discuss the matter with the City of Glens Falls via phone calls and letters but no response was given. She added their concern revolved around the taxpayers of the Town of Queensbury and their school district. She informed that the City of Glens Falls had indicated to her that they had moved past this issue and on to another option available to them. She commented she felt this was the perfect opportunity for students to realize how vital communication was and she applauded the efforts of the School Board for pursuing the direction they felt was best for their school district.

Supervisor Strough advised that the Queensbury School Board did not have to evoke its rejection at the time it did, as they could have waited since there were no other pending large solar commercial solar projects. He mentioned all residential solar projects that had occurred before were grandfathered because when you opt out of 487 all those that occurred before them were grandfathered and 487 applied. In addition, Supervisor Strough informed the Town of Queensbury did not assess solar on residential properties at this time anyway; therefore, he said, the only project that triggered this was the City's Project. He commented he felt the School Board could have held up their decision until they received additional information regarding the project. He pointed out the particular parcel in question was 49 acres and was listed for sale. He surmised about thirty houses could be constructed there, each of which would have a student living there if statistical data was used which would cost \$15,000 a year to educate. He continued, each house would contribute an additional \$5,000 a year in property taxes which meant there would be about a \$300,000 deficit. He pointed out that not only was a solar field beneficial to the environment it also did not increase the cost of education since no kids would live there. Supervisor Strough remarked that the project would have been beneficial not only to the City but the community as a whole since it was environmentally friendly and would have provided students with the perception that the community was doing its part to thwart global warming.

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Chairman Geraghty once again called for any comments on the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2016; there being none, he declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:51 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Reichenbach, to provide the report by the County Attorney. Mr. Reichenbach informed that he and Ms. Kissane had attended the Annual meeting of the County Attorney's Association of the State of New York in Cooperstown, New York from May 16-17, 2016, where they had received two full days of continuing legal education. He added he found it to be very beneficial for himself to meet the other County Attorneys from across the State. He continued that he had discussed proposed Resolution No. 231 regarding SEQRA at the Airport with Supervisor Braymer. He suggested that they review and revise any answers to the questions included within the EAF that they disagreed with and then authorize the Chairman to execute it based upon the revisions that were made. Mr. Reichenbach informed proposed Resolution No. 218 concerned an amendment to the current policy which would allow for an employee or officer to travel to a conference or a meeting at a particular site wherein the lodging costs at that site were above the (GSA) General Service Administration rate within \$100 to stay there without a separate resolution granting them authorization to do so. Mr. Reichenbach advised that Mrs. Allen, was distributing copies of a proposed Resolution that would be coming from the floor Entitled, *Amending Resolution No. 591 of 2015 and Ratifying the Actions of the Chairman of the Board in Executing an Agreement with Warren-Hamilton Counties Action Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc. (A.C.E.O)*, which he provided a brief overview of.

Resuming the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty called for the reading of communications, which Mrs. Allen read aloud, as follows:

Reports from:

1. Report of Criminal and Family Workloads for March 2016 from the Warren County Probation Department.
2. Pro Act Warren County Discount Card Utilization Report for January 2015 - April 2016
3. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Financial Reports Dated January 31, February 29, and March 31, 2016
4. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Audited Financial Statements for Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 14

Minutes from:

1. March 15 and 21, 2016 meetings of the Warren-Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency.

Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. February 2016 Surcharge check in the amount of \$4,316.00

Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. 2015 4th Quarter Benefit Distribution check in the amount of \$3,166.00

Letter from FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth dated April 28, 2016 announcing a public hearing for the 88 Ridge Royale, LLC Project.

Letter from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, dated April 27, 2016 confirming that as of April 12, 2016 the Caldwell Presbyterian Church located at 71 Montcalm Street in Lake George, NY is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Letter from Brian Reichenbach, County Attorney, dated May 2, 2016 announcing his appointment of Mary E. Kissane as Assistant County Attorney effective immediately.

Continuing to the reading of resolutions, Mrs. Allen announced proposed Resolution Nos. 202-236 were mailed; she noted Resolution Nos. 202, 214, 218, 221 and 222 were amended after mailing and a motion was needed to approve the revisions made. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Vanselow, seconded by Supervisor Simpson and carried unanimously. She informed that proposed Resolution Nos. 237-239 were prepared after mailing, as well as the resolution proposed by Mr. Reichenbach to the floor. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Conover, seconded by Supervisor Sokol and carried unanimously. After the motion, Mrs. Allen announced the Proposed resolution presented by Mr. Reichenbach would be No. 240.

Chairman Geraghty called for discussion and public comment on the proposed resolutions, as well as requests for roll call votes.

Supervisor Braymer requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 231 which concerned declaring the County as Lead Agency for the Runway Extension Project. She stated following the Committee meeting she reviewed and revised the EAF which Mr. Reichenbach then submitted to the County's consultant for review who concurred with all but two of them, the first of which concerned noise and lighting impacts to the surrounding area. She said since the Project required the removal of twenty-three acres of trees and therefore should be check marked that it would remove existing barriers for noise and light. She pointed out there were residential homes located within 1,000 feet of this area.

Mr. Reichenbach apprised the consultant had indicated to him that the trees being removed as part of the project were located on the Forest Enterprise parcel or on Airport property which was 1,400 feet from residential homes along Queensbury Avenue. In response to the lighting, Mr. Reichenbach advised that the consultants conclusion was that the barrier was not going to effect residences because of the distance to other trees or vacant parcels.

Supervisor Beaty proposed that Resolution No. 231 be tabled in order to allow adequate time to review and revise it. He mentioned that he was aware of the fact that the Town of Queensbury had indicated that they would like to be listed as an interested party to the SEQRA. He said he felt in order for them to have a thorough understanding of the EAF, he believed Mr. Reichenbach should review each question with them at the May 23rd County Facilities Committee Meeting similar to what the previous County Attorney had done for comparable circumstances.

Supervisor Seeber requested roll call votes on proposed Resolution Nos. 232 and 233. She stated she had a number of concerns regarding the fact that they had been provided information that was inaccurate and yet today they were considering documents with associated concerns that had not been addressed. She continued, she was also reviewing a form that could not be modified to check a box yes rather than no which was permanently checked. She mentioned she had been very supportive of the Airport and this project but one particular email was bothersome to her from the County's consultant that stated the extension was to accommodate existing air traffic and not for economic growth and bring significant value to the community which was what she thought the intent had been all along. She remarked she needed to take a step back, as she had attended a Queensbury Town Board meeting where she heard members express that while they were supportive of the Airport, they were not in favor of the extension. She continued, until the Board was provided with accurate information along with adequate time to review the documents she could not support it. She indicated if it had not been

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for Supervisor Braymer's thorough review of the documents she was unsure whether she would have known to question the document.

A motion was made by Supervisor Beaty, seconded by Supervisor Seeber and carried unanimously to table proposed Resolution No. 231 and refer it back to the County Facilities Committee.

Chairman Geraghty requested that anyone interested in reviewing the SEQRA for the Runway Extension attend the May 23rd meeting of the County Facilities Committee.

Supervisor Thomas requested that a copy of proposed Resolution No. 211 be forwarded to the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks to garner support from the other Counties within that Committee.

Supervisor Seeber requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 223. She informed she had voted in opposition of it at the Committee Meeting and would be voting in opposition of it today, as well.

Travis Whitehead, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, asked whether he could be permitted to comment on proposed Resolution No. 231 and Chairman Geraghty replied in the affirmative. He explained that although the County could ask their consultant to provide them with advice, as Lead Agency for SEQRA the County's actions could not be delegated. He continued the statements made within the document were those of the County. He pointed out if any of the statements made there were found to be incorrect the County would be subject to filing a false document. He remarked he believed Supervisor Braymer had done the Board a favor by removing a number of the issues from the document; however, he surmised additional issues still remained within the document but he would hold off until the County Facilities Committee Meeting to speak on them. He commented he was hopeful that unlike last month the County Facilities Committee would allow the public to speak prior to voting on the matter; however, he said, he understood the Rules of the Board were such that this would be at the discretion of the Committee Chairman, which in this case was Supervisor Girard.

Mr. Whitehead apprised he would like to take the remainder of his allotted time to discuss the Marl Fen at the Airport which was what this issue would come down to. He provided a history of how the Marl Fen came and its uniqueness, noting there were only a handful of places where it grew in the world. He added he felt they should consider including the Town of Queensbury as an interested agency, as it did not give them any power to override the County as the Lead Agency.

Maureen Lynch, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, advised she had just been informed of the SEQRA issue yesterday and could not understand why the County would want to appoint themselves as a Lead Agency in this matter. She queried whether the interested parties referenced in the SEQRA document could include individuals, as she would like to remain informed on the matter as it related to access to information, what was occurring and why. She remarked she could not understand why this process was ever initiated; however, she noted, she would like to be informed as she had grave interest in the Airport since she lived adjacent to it and she and her husband were both pilots who were also concerned about the local ecology. She reiterated that she would like to ensure she remained aware of what was occurring at the Airport and requested to receive notification.

Supervisor Beaty stated that proposed Resolution No. 222 which concerned an agreement with Ecosystems Strategies, Inc. for Preliminary Phase II and Site Characterization Cost on two parcels of property was supportive of the fact that going out for RFP rather than using the same firms they usually used would save the County money. He pointed out the County had saved \$7,000 by going out for RFP

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rather than using the services of Clark Patterson Lee. He remarked that he felt the County would continue to realize savings such as this if they utilized the RFP process rather than using the services of business they had existing contracts with.

Chairman Geraghty called for a vote on resolutions, following which Resolution Nos. 202-240 were approved as presented, with the exception of 231 which was tabled.

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

Supervisor Braymer stated that this Sunday at Temple Beth El they were having a historic celebration and she invited all to attend.

Supervisor Simpson apprised the Fork to Fork bike ride would commence at the Hub in Brant Lake tomorrow and consisted of a 55-mile culinary tour of the North Country circling three scenic lakes and traveling through picturesque Adirondack hamlets. Supervisor Simpson announced the Barney Barnhart Memorial Fishing Derby for Kids was scheduled for tomorrow morning at the Brant Lake Mill Pond and encouraged all with children to attend. Supervisor Simpson advised tomorrow in the Town of Warrensburg the County would be conducting the Household Hazardous Waste Collection. He said there may be a long waiting time for those who participated but did not make a reservation. Supervisor Simpson informed that an article in *The Post Star* regarding County rankings indicated that not only had Warren County improved from a ranking of twenty-eight to nine but it was also noted Warren County had the lowest property tax rate of the top ten Counties within the State and received high marks for school value. He commented he felt they were moving in the right direction.

Supervisor Seeber announced that this weekend the Warren-Washington-Albany ARC Consignment sale would feature a large quantity of clothing, furniture and household goods for sale and would benefit a good cause. She requested that the Board members share the flyer with their constituents.

Supervisor Beaty thanked the Supervisors who attended the "Baskets for Ben" event, that was sponsored by The Ben Osborn Memorial Fund, a not-for profit that was created by Ben D. Osborn in memory of his son Ben who was killed during the line of duty in Afghanistan. He explained they aided children by providing support to thirty-two different schools by purchasing books and clothes for children.

Supervisor Beaty remarked that he hoped the Board would continue to analyze the Airport issue with due diligence. He stated he was encouraged by the fact that they would be reviewing the SEQRA document for the Runway Extension at the County Facilities Committee Meeting on May 23rd.

Chairman Geraghty advised that there would be Memorial Day Parades taking place in several Towns, which he felt was an appropriate way to honor Veterans and encouraged all to participate. He suggested that anyone who had not already signed up for Ms. DiResta's mailing list do so, as she provided an abundant amount of information regarding how to honor Veterans, flag etiquette, etc. at Memorial Day ceremonies.

Supervisor Strough stated this was the 17th year for the Glens Falls/Queensbury Memorial Day Parade, which would be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 30th. He invited all Supervisors to participate in the parade and he noted the meeting place for anyone wishing to participate, was in front of the TD Bank North Drive In on Maple Street in the City of Glens Falls at 9:30 a.m. He mentioned immediately following the parade there would be a Remembrance Ceremony at the Peace and Victory Statue located in front of the Glens Falls YMCA.

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Supervisor Strough apprised that he had participated in the grand opening of the new ride, "Greezed Lighting" featured at the Great Escape & Splashwater Kingdom yesterday. He mentioned that he had enjoyed his visit to the Aviator Restaurant at the Airport which had recently opened. Supervisor Strough informed he had attended the ribbon cutting ceremony along with Robert Blais, *Mayor, Village of Lake George*, for the new location of the Lake George Bakery on Aviation Road in the Town of Queensbury. He said this was the second location for the bakery, as the original one was in the Village of Lake George. Supervisor Strough thanked the County for allowing him to represent Warren County at the luncheon for the Warren County Economic Development Corporation which was a great experience for him.

Supervisor Girard informed that Resolution No. 232 of 2016 adopted today, which authorized the Chairman of the Board to submit a grant application to acquire avigation easement and land acquisition in approached to Runway 12 & 19, was a culmination of many years of negotiations with neighboring property owners, the community, the FAA (*Federal Aviation Administration*), etc. He pointed out this would ensure the Airport was brought up to the standards that were needed in order to land safely, as the obstructions there currently would be taken care of. He noted a large auto dealership located off of Exit 15 of the Adirondack Northway in Saratoga County was working in conjunction with Rich Air to build a corporate jet hangar for their jet at the Airport rather than locating one at the Saratoga Airport. He said his perception of the Corporate Jet industry was that it was escalating and expanding. He noted the Saratoga County Airport was unable to land jets in the evening due to the lack of lighting and obstructions there.

Supervisor McDevitt apprised that any time the Board could move forward action as it related to infrastructure, he fully supported it since he was aware of the fact that the time table from inception to completion was rather lengthy for those projects. He remarked he felt they made the right choice by tabling the SEQRA document for further review to ensure that it was handled correctly to prevent questions from coming forward in the future. He mentioned the development of the Aviator Restaurant was a positive one and he wished them much success. He pointed out the more successful they were the more beneficial it was for the County, as a percentage of their profits was allocated to the County.

Supervisor Thomas announced the Town of Stony Creek's Memorial Day Parade was taking place in front of the Town Hall at 2:45 p.m. on May 30th and welcomed all to participate.

Mr. Whitehead reminded the Board that in November of last year he asked for and quickly received all of the utility bills for the Municipal Center Building, as he wanted to see whether the County was actually saving money or not. He noted to his knowledge this was the first time the bills had been reviewed by anyone other than Siemens who reviewed and documented them; however, he stated, as part of Siemens subterfuge they did not feel they had to review the bills afterwards. He stated it was clear following his review of the bills that the County was only receiving 25% of the savings guaranteed by Siemens which was concerning to him. He apprised on December 1, 2015 the County issued a check to Siemens for the contract on the Municipal Center Building for \$240,000. He mentioned he had brought to the attention of the Board at that time that the funds should not be appropriated to Siemens for this purpose but he realized due to the short notice the funds would more than likely be appropriated which was tolerable to him since he was looking forward to the future. He reviewed in detail how much the County would be paying Siemens every year from 2016 through 2022 which equated to about \$2 million. He said his hope was that the County would have had a contractor in place to confirm or refute what he discovered in his review of the bills and determine whether or not the County should be expending funds over the next few years for a project that did not appear to be panning out. He advised the contract stated the County had no moral or legal obligation to appropriate that money. He continued, he would not request that they take action unless they felt it was the

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appropriate thing to do both from a moral and a legal aspect which was why he, along with others had requested that an engineer review the bills. He pointed out it had been about six months since he made that request and yet no action had been taken which concerned him because December 1st, when the Board would need to determine whether or not to appropriate the funding to pay Siemens for the contract was edging closer. He mentioned he was disappointed in the draft version of the RFP for these services, as he felt there was too much information in it that complicated the matter and would increase the cost rather significantly. He remarked the RFP should simply ask whether or not the County received the savings they were guaranteed, as well as an explanation. He suggested they do an RFP similar to the one they did for the services provided by Enernoc for their review of the Co-Gen. He commented he hoped they would not continue to waste time on this effort, as he was discouraged by it since six months had already gone by.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Simpson and seconded by Supervisor Frasier, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:36 a.m.