Marren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 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 Simpson

Roll called, the following members present:

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

Motion was made by Supervisor Strough, seconded by Supervisor Montesi and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2016 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing on the approval of two proposed ground lease agreements between Warren County and Schermerhorn Aviation, LLC for the construction of aircraft hangars (Hangar 5 and Hangar 6) at the Warren County Airport open at 10:01 a.m., and he asked Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, to read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud.

Chairman Geraghty requested that Brian Reichenbach, *County Attorney*, provide a brief synopsis of the lease agreement. Mr. Reichenbach advised the two proposed ground leases were for thirty year terms and permitted Schermerhorn Aviation to construct T-Hangars, as well as being responsible for the cost of paving the area if it was determined there were no Federal or State grant funds available to the County to cover the expense. He mentioned at the end of the thirty year term the County had the option to entertain a renewal or obtain the hangars for a cost of \$1.

Chairman Geraghty called for public comments on the matter. Supervisor Beaty inquired whether the County would reimburse Schermerhorn Aviation for the cost of paving if they were successful in obtaining grant funding. Mr. Reichenbach advised the lease stated that if the County obtained grant funds for the cost of the paving, then the County would provide for the paving; however, he noted, if no grant funding was available, Schermerhorn Aviation would be responsible for the expense. Supervisor Beaty questioned whether Schermerhorn Aviation would pave the area prior to the County applying for grant funding and Mr. Reichenbach responded that this would be left to the discretion of Schermerhorn Aviation. Supervisor Beaty asked whether it was correct to assume that the County was not responsible for the cost of the paving and Mr. Reichenbach replied in the affirmative.

Supervisor McDevitt inquired about the lease rate and Mr. Reichenbach responded that the rate they had agreed to was \$0.29 per square foot which he noted had been set by a prior resolution. In response to a question posed by Supervisor Braymer, Mr. Reichenbach informed the term of the lease was for thirty years. A conversation ensued relative the ground leases and the amount of revenue that would be generated from them.

Chairman Geraghty advised the Public Hearing would remain open while they proceeded with the Agenda review to allow anyone wishing to comment an opportunity to do so.

Next, Chairman Geraghty read aloud the listing of meetings he had attended since the August 19th Board Meeting; *a copy of the Chairman's Report is on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting.*

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

Supervisor Simpson reported on the August 24th meeting of the Public Works Committee, providing an overview of proposed Resolution Nos. 375-378.

Supervisor Vanselow reported on the August $24^{\rm th}$ meeting of the Support Services Committee, providing a summary of proposed Resolution No. 366.

Supervisor Dickinson advised that on July 29th the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee had met to hold their "Last Chance" meeting which allowed those in jeopardy of losing their property a final opportunity to make restitution for outstanding property taxes before these parcels were included in the 2016 Tax Foreclosure Auction. He requested that Supervisor McDevitt provide a brief synopsis of the meeting since he had Chaired the meeting for him in his absence.

Supervisor McDevitt informed there were a substantial amount of individuals present at the "Last Chance" meeting that were in trouble. He commented the underlying principle the Board had was to make every effort to save taxpayers from losing their properties in the Tax Foreclosure Auction. He indicated that he believed this had been a very good meeting and he thanked Lexie Delurey, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, and Mike Swan, *County Treasurer*, for their assistance in ensuring that individuals did not lose their properties through the foreclosure process.

Supervisor Merlino stated the Park Operations & Management Committee had met on August 30th and he provided a brief summary of proposed Resolution No. 368. Supervisor Merlino reported on the August 30th meeting of the Traffic Safety Board wherein they reviewed their annual budget which was decreasing due to a reduction in the number of DWI arrests occurring within the region. Supervisor Merlino stated that the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Committee had met on September 13th wherein they approved proposed Resolution No. 406. He questioned when the appropriate time would be for Kristen Hanifan, *Special Events & Convention Sales, Lake George Chamber of Commerce & CVB*, to address the Board regarding some questions and/or concerns that had arisen regarding proposed Resolution No. 406, *Authorizing Warren County Tourist and Convention Development Agreement with the Extreme Volleyball Professionals (EVP) Beach Volleyball Tournament for Occupancy Tax Special Event Funding*, and Chairman Geraghty responded that this could be addressed prior to voting on resolutions.

Supervisor Strough reported on the August 30th meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee, providing an overview of proposed Resolution Nos. 388-389.

Supervisor Seeber apprised that she attended the Presidents Reception at SUNY (*State University of New York*) Adirondack last Friday along with Supervisors Strough and Braymer. She mentioned this event had afforded them the opportunity to discuss the different initiatives occurring there. Supervisor Seeber informed she had been working along with Supervisor Conover on a working group through the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee which was dealing with two separate issues, the first of which concerned reimbursement for educational expenses. She indicated as a result of the on-going discussions concerning reimbursement for job-related courses, the Human Resources Department was working in conjunction with the County Treasurer's Office on developing a policy that would afford

all County employees with equal access to this benefit. She mentioned the members of the working group charged with reviewing requests before being brought forward at the Committee meeting would include the County Administrator, Human Resources Department and the County Treasurer's Office. She said the purpose of this working group was to ensure requests were properly vetted and meeting the qualifications required. In addition, Supervisor Seeber reported that they were working with Supervisor Thomas to establish a fund and a policy to allow County employees to apply for special accommodations such as a specific desk or chair as a result of a medical need to prevent a detriment to the County Budget while allowing equal access to all employees to this benefit. Supervisor Seeber informed that she and Supervisor MacDonald would be attending the NYSAC (New York State Association of Counties) Annual Fall Conference from September 19-21, 2016 and she encouraged all to notify them of any questions and/or concerns that they would like them to convey there on their behalf.

Supervisor Beaty advised he had attended the July 29th Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee "Last Chance" meeting, the purpose of which was to afford taxpayers the opportunity to prevent their properties from being foreclosed upon. He stated in order to address the criticism from certain taxpavers who paid their taxes on time and therefore opined individuals should not be afforded this opportunity, he felt it was imperative to clarify that penalties and fees were applied to those that paid their taxes late. He remarked it was a priority for him to offer individuals every opportunity to keep their properties. Supervisor Beaty informed that Julie Butler, Purchasing Agent, had held two separate meetings to answer questions concerning the effort to synchronize bidding for the County and Towns on certain commodities of which seven municipalities sent representatives to. He informed he served as the Chairman of the Shared Services Committee whose purpose was to research ways to consolidate purchasing between the County and the municipalities in an effort to save money through large quantity purchases. He reiterated his sentiment from last month that he was sympathetic to the limited resources available at the municipality level and the amount of work required of them. but noted that once everything was in place they would only be dealing with maintenance issues which would require much less exertion on their part. He pointed out the savings realized would far outweigh the amount of work required

Supervisor Montesi apprised that yesterday he attended a tour of a few farms located within Washington County along with Supervisor Thomas and several representatives of Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District wherein they reviewed the farms manure and silage storage abilities and how it could contaminate the local waterways, as well as how they were working to prevent contamination from occurring. He noted representatives from the Washington County Board of Supervisors, Senator Little, and staff from Congresswomen Elise Stefanik's Office were present at the tour, as well.

Supervisor Sokol reported on the August 24th meeting of the Health, Human & Social Services Committee, providing an overview of proposed Resolution Nos. 379-387.

Supervisor Thomas advised that he had been meeting with all of the Department Heads and some of the agencies the County had contracts with to review their 2017 Budget Requests. He estimated the increase to the County Budget as compared to last year to be about 4%, of which 2.2% could be raised through taxes. Supervisor Thomas informed the Departments would be presenting their 2017 Budget Requests to their respective Committees this month for review and/or comments. He noted changes could be made to the Tentative County Budget until October 31st when he was required to file it. Supervisor Thomas stated he would be introducing a resolution from the floor at the appropriate time which concerned support for Assembly Bill A10360 and Senate Bill S7209A regarding the jurisdictional means necessary to implement a plan for centralized "off-hour" arraignments to occur in the Warren

County Municipal Center prepared by the New York State Office of Court Administration, Glens Falls City Court Hon. Gary C. Hobbs and the District Attorney, the Public Defender and the Assigned Counsel Administrator.

Supervisor Wood informed the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee had met on two occasions this month, the first of which was on August 24th, wherein proposed Resolution No. 367 was approved. Supervisor Wood advised the purpose of the Committee meeting held on September 12th was to conduct a workshop on EMS Services within the County. She encouraged those whose schedule permitted them to attend the EMS Advisory Board meeting scheduled for September 28th in the evening. She mentioned for those who could not attend, the discussion regarding EMS serviced within the County would continue at a future meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee.

Supervisor Conover apprised that the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee had held two meetings this month, the first of which was on September 1st, where they approved proposed Resolution Nos. 364-365 and 390-403. Supervisor Conover provided a brief overview of the August 15th Committee meeting wherein proposed Resolution No. 404 was approved.

Supervisor Leggett advised that he attended all of the Committee meetings he was appointed to with the exception of the September 12^{th} meeting of the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee.

Supervisor Girard apprised that the County Facilities Committee had met on August 30th wherein they approved proposed Resolution Nos. 369-374. Supervisor Girard announced that the Adirondack Balloon Festival was occurring next weekend. He reminded the Board how donations for parking were used to assist with offsetting the cost of overtime for the DPW and Sheriff Office staff and he encouraged all whose schedule permitted to volunteer to assist with crowd and traffic control. Supervisor Girard implored for support of Cornell Cooperative Extension's 2017 Budget Request which included reinstating the funding that was cut from their budget in 2008 to allow them to return to a five day a week operation rather than four. He pointed out Cornell Cooperative Extension offered assistance to the residents of the County who needed it the most.

Supervisor McDevitt provided an overview of proposed Resolution No. 405 and he encouraged all to support it. Supervisor McDevitt informed he had attended the Adirondack Walk for Recovery in the City of Glens Falls on September 10th. He stated the purpose of the event was to not only raise awareness but also to act as a reminder that everyone was impacted by the issue of addiction which was occurring throughout the Country. Supervisor McDevitt reported that he had attended a training last Thursday on how to administer Narcan, a drug that was used to reverse the impact of an opiate overdose such as heroin. He remarked he was pleased by the efforts of both Warren and Washington County in addressing opiate addiction which was a growing epidemic.

Supervisor Braymer discussed how clear and concise the materials presented by SUNY Adirondack at the September 7th meeting of the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee and she encouraged support of proposed Resolution No, 404 of 2016. Supervisor Braymer indicated that she looked forward to seeing how the County would address the EMS issue within the County.

Supervisor Brock encouraged the County to look into a new program he became aware of from the news which addressed how companies were using incentives to reduce their health care costs. He explained the program highlighted how businesses encouraged their employees to use the services of the local Urgent Care Facilities rather than the Emergency Room by providing them with incentive pay for utilizing Urgent Care which cost substantially less than a visit to the Emergency Room.

Supervisor MacDonald provided an overview of the meetings he had attended this month which included a full slate of Committee meetings, as well as a meeting of the Glens Falls Common Council, Board of Public Safety and a Queensbury Town Board meeting. Supervisor MacDonald advised he had met with Ross Dubarry, *Airport Manager*, who provided him with a tour of the Airport and discussed the different projects going on there, as well as ones that were pending. He apprised he had learned a lot about the EMS Services within the County at the September 12th meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee; he noted he looked forward to continuing the discussion at a future meeting. Supervisor MacDonald announced he was pleased that the Glens Falls Common Council was scheduled to vote on the intermunicipal agreement with the County regarding consolidated purchasing at their next meeting. He asked Supervisor Merlino whether they could include discussion regarding the possible consolidation of tourism promotion efforts with the City of Glens Falls on the next agenda for the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Committee and Supervisor Merlino replied in the affirmative.

Supervisor Merlino added the Tourism Department was scheduled to meet with the Glens Falls Common Council on September 27th to discuss tourism promotion for the City of Glens Falls.

Supervisor MacDonald reported on the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Ride Street Fire Station in the City of Glens Falls which he encouraged all to attend next year.

Before continuing the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty recognized the following people for their years of service to the County which he said was greatly appreciated:

- * Pamela Maday for 20 years of service to the Probation Department
- * Pat Auer for 30 years of service to the Health Services Department

Chairman Geraghty once again called for any comments on the Public Hearing on the approval of two proposed ground lease agreements between Warren County and Schermerhorn Aviation, LLC for the construction of aircraft hangars (Hangar 5 and Hangar 6) at the Warren County Airport; there being none, he declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:51 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brian Reichenbach, *County Attorney*, to provide the report by the County Attorney. Mr. Reichenbach apprised he had a few proposed resolutions to report on that would be coming from the floor, the first of which Supervisor Thomas had provided an overview of and was entitled, *Resolution in Support of New York State Assembly Bill A10360 and New York State Senate Bill S7209A Relating to Centralized Off-Hours Arraignments and Recommending That the Governor Sign the Bill into Law.* He apprised that the next proposed resolution was entitled, *Amending Resolution No. 250 of 2016 which Authorized an Agreement with the Adirondack Hot Air Balloon Festival*, and he explained it concerned amending the previous resolution which authorized the agreement with the Adirondack Balloon Festival to accurately reflect that there was no paid parking on the airfield but rather donations collected mostly by the VFW *(Veterans' of Foreign Wars)*.

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 July 2016 from the Warren County Probation Department.

Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. July 2016 Surcharge check in the amount of \$6,822.00.

Continuing to the reading of resolutions, Mrs. Allen announced proposed Resolution Nos. 364-404 were

mailed; she informed that proposed Resolution Nos. 405-406 were prepared after mailing and a motion was necessary to bring them to the floor. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor McDevitt, seconded by Supervisor Conover and carried unanimously. Mrs. Allen apprised a motion was necessary to bring Proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 regarding Adirondack Balloon Festival to the floor. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Girard, seconded by Supervisor Montesi and carried unanimously. After the motion, Mrs. Allen announced the Proposed Resolution regarding the Adirondack Balloon Festival would be Proposed Resolution No. 407. Mrs. Allen informed a motion was necessary to bring Proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 to the floor regarding support for Assembly and Senate Bills relating to centralized off-hour arraignments to the floor. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Wood and carried unanimously. Immediately following the motion Mrs. Allen advised this would be Proposed Resolution No. 408.

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

Supervisor Seeber requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 393, Authorizing Confidential Assistant to the Superintendent of Public Works, Maja Tlokinska-Scroggins to Enroll in Job-Related Courses. With regard to proposed Resolution No. 406, Authorizing Warren County Tourist and Convention Development Agreement with the Extreme Volleyball Professionals (EVP) Beach Volleyball Tournament for Occupancy Tax Special Event Funding, Supervisor Seeber advised that she had a concern with the date of the event which she believed would be addressed by members of the public that were present at the meeting today wishing to speak on the matter.

Supervisor Beaty requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 373, Authorizing Agreement with C&S Engineers, Inc. for Phase II Technical Support Services for the Runway 12 Land Acquisition Project at the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport, Warren County, New York.

In reference to proposed Resolution No. 408, *A Resolution in Support of New York State Assembly Bill A10360 and New York State Senate Bill S7209A Relating to Centralized Off-Hours Arraignments and Recommending That the Governor Sign the Bill into Law,* Supervisor McDevitt asked whether arraignments for arrests that occurred in the municipalities throughout the County would occur at the County Court and Supervisor Thomas responded in the affirmative. He explained when an arrest occurred the individual would be transported to the lock-up at the County Jail and then arraigned in the former jail portion of the Municipal Center Building that was being converted to a court space for arraignment purposes. Supervisor McDevitt inquired whether any of the interested parties in the outlying municipalities of the County had voiced any concerns regarding this and Mr. Reichenbach replied that the Warren County Magistrates Association which was composed of all the Town Justices, as well as the City of Glens Falls Judges unanimously endorsed the plan because currently defendants were placed in lock up and then transported to the courts no matter what the distance was from the lock up. He informed that this plan would make it easier for all those involved.

Supervisor Simpson questioned whether the local judges and/or magistrates would have to come to the County for the arraignments and Mr. Reichenbach responded that a rotating schedule based on the percentage of County-wide cases that they handled would be put into place. He explained since the Glens Falls City Court had the largest amount of cases, those Judges would be on call for more time than those from the other municipalities. He mentioned the advantage was there would be a set schedule which allowed the judges and/or magistrates to be aware of when they would be on call as opposed to not knowing whether they would receive a call or not.

Sasha Pardy, Owner, Adirondack Festivals, which managed the Adirondack Wine and Food Festival, as

well as Co-Owner of Adirondack Winery, thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to speak today regarding proposed Resolution No. 406, Authorizing Warren County Tourist and Convention Development Agreement with the Extreme Volleyball Professionals (EVP) Beach Volleyball Tournament for Occupancy Tax Special Event Funding. She provided an overview of the Adirondack Wine and Food Festival Event and voiced the following concerns regarding the EVP Beach Volleyball Tournament:

- 1) The event was scheduled during the same weekend the Adirondack Wine and Food Festival was scheduled for in 2017;
- 2) The lack of hotel rooms available to accommodate patrons of both events; and
- 3) The lack of parking availability and transportation to and from the Festival Space.

Supervisor Dickinson remarked he would like the opportunity to respond to some of Ms. Pardy's concerns on the record, the first of which pertained to parking. He stated that he was well aware of the lack of parking available within the vicinity of the Festival Space which was why he had been working diligently with the Mayor for the Village of Lake George over the last few years to increase parking. He mentioned although they were searching for solutions, he viewed parking as a long-term issue, as it would take a substantial amount of time to develop a solution. He added an additional fifty parking spaces would be available for use next year. In regards to transportation, Supervisor Dickinson informed the Town's trolleys were not traversing the entire Town of Lake George which was creating issues. He mentioned if a parking area was set aside for the event the Town could provide them with a trolley or bus to shuttle patrons to and from the Festival Space. Supervisor Dickinson informed since there was only a set number of weekend during the peak tourism months, it was a common occurrence for multiple events to be occurring on them. In reference to the attendance figures Ms. Pardy speculated for the Volleyball Tournament, Supervisor Dickinson said he felt 1,000 patrons was a "hopeful figure" rather than a realistic one, as the literature he reviewed regarding the event depicted low attendance. He added that he believed the patrons of the Volleyball Tournament would be parking in the lot set aside for the Million Dollar Beach. Ms. Pardy interjected that the feedback she received indicated the parking area for the Million Dollar Beach was at full capacity with the patrons of their event.

Supervisor Dickinson commented in regards to occupancy tax funds, the draw for the Volleyball Tournament was that it would be featured on national television which could assist with promoting the area not only on a national level but also internationally. Ms. Pardy pointed out they had expended \$17,000 to advertise their event on television of which 5.5% of their attendees cited that they became of aware of the event from these commercials. She stated their advertisements were featured on News Channel 13 which was the highest rated television station in the region and their advertisements were featured during air times of the most popular shows. She continued, her point was television advertising was not as relevant as it was perceived to be.

Supervisor Seeber thanked Ms. Pardy for the email she distributed to the members of the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee last night. She commented she believed Ms. Pardy had brought forward some valid concerns, one of which pertained to the fact that graduation weekend for local high schools occurred on the weekend of the event, as well. She mentioned the discussion they had regarding the event at the September 12th meeting of the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Coordination included the point that they wanted to tap into their local schools so the youth within the region could participate and/or attend, as volleyball was a big deal in this region. She indicated if given the choice the youth in the region would rather attend a friends graduation party over the Volleyball Tournament. She informed she had been discussing with Ms. Hanifan whether any alternative dates were available for the Volleyball Tournament so they could recognize who their target audience was. She indicated she had been under the impression that the Volleyball Tournament could feed into the Adirondack Wine and Food Festival to bring even more tourists into the region. Supervisor Seeber apprised she was interested to hear from Ms. Hanifan regarding some possible solutions to the concerns that were stated.

Ms. Hanifan stated that she understood the concerns that were voiced, as well as the questions that had arisen with regards to this new event. She remarked she applauded the efforts of Ms. Pardy in making the Adirondack Wine and Food Festival such as success, as it had grown substantially since its started three years ago and had been a great draw for this area. She mentioned they did not want to be in conflict with their event, as the goal was to work in partnership with both events. In regard to the parking, Ms. Hanifan stated that she concurred that it was an issue and there were a lot of challenges associated with it. She said it was her hope that they sit down and discuss this with both the Village and Town of Lake George, as well as Ms. Pardy to determine whether there were any solutions. She pointed out parking in Lake George was a premium, as this issue occurred with other events scheduled there, as well. She mentioned she felt they should look at ways to address the issue collaboratively going forward.

In reference to availability of hotel rooms, Ms. Hanifan pointed out this area currently supported over 5,000 guest rooms in season and after consulting with several hoteliers, she did not feel this was a significant issue. She stated she did not believe there would be overflow into Saratoga and Essex Counties since there were plenty of hotel rooms available within the region to provide enough rooms for patrons of both events. She advised she would be happy to continue to the discussion with Ms. Pardy in further detail.

Ms. Hanifan apprised she realized there were still many unanswered questions pertaining to the \$10,000 required for the bid and then initial \$10,000 required to hold the event here; however, she noted, this was the process used in regards to sports bids. She mentioned their organization was delving into the sporting market as a whole tourism destination but there could be other opportunities afforded that allowed them to off set these costs so there was no expense associated with the event. She apprised they would be looking into this further to try and determine these opportunities. Ms. Hanifan recommended that they continue the discussion and investigate all the opportunities available associated with this event.

Ms. Hanifan informed since there were a number of concerns regarding the process and permitting required from the NYSDEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) she had forwarded the TRP application from NYSDEC to her contacts at EVP to allow them to fill it out and return in a timely manner. She said once the application was returned NYSDEC could determine whether or not to grant a permit to allow the event to take place on the Million Dollar Beach.

In regards to the statistics surrounding this event, Ms. Hanifan advised that this was the largest Beach Volleyball Competition in the United States and she provided an overview of the statistics associated with it. She informed the two largest segments of the tourism industry that were growing were agritourism and sports which was why she felt combining them could lead to something exciting; however, she reiterated that they did not want the two events competing against one another. She pointed out the individuals who attended the Adirondack Wine and Food Festival indicated on the surveys they took that they thoroughly enjoyed the event but would like more to do which was why she felt offering both events during the same weekend could potentially cause attendees of both events to patron one another.

Ms. Hanifan stated that in response to the concerns, she had reached out to EVP to inquire about alternate dates for the event which they had provided to her. She remarked she felt hosting the EVP Volleyball Tournament provided them with a great opportunity to bring something new, exciting and different to the region. She suggested that they hold off on making a decision today regarding the event to take some additional time to gather more information and discuss the matter further.

Supervisor Montesi remarked he felt it as necessary to determine whether NYSDEC would grant the permit required to hold the event on the Million Dollar Beach and he questioned whether stands would need to be erected for the event and Ms. Hanifan replied in the negative. She explained the site selector had reviewed the site with her and preliminary discussions had taken place with a representative of NYSDEC. She informed a precedent had already been set, as Prospect Center had a Volleyball event that had been taking place on the Million Dollar Beach for over twenty-five years which was why she felt it was feasible that approval would be given. She mentioned no stands would be erected, as spectators were required to bring their own beach chair or stand so as to not disturb what was currently going on at the beach.

Supervisor Braymer advised she believed this was an exciting opportunity to provide some crossover from the two events; however in light of the concerns that were brought to light she would like to take a closer look at the application, as well as review the difference between the amount tentatively being awarded to the Volleyball Tournament as compared to the amount awarded to the Adirondack Wine and Food Festival whose event was established.

A motion was made by Supervisor Braymer and seconded by Supervisor Seeber to table proposed Resolution No. 406 to allow for further time to review and discuss some of the issues associated with the event.

Supervisor Seeber apprised that Ms. Hanifan had indicated at the Tourism & Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee that the contract needed to be signed and in place by the deadline of October 1st and she questioned whether this could be extended to allow more time to address some of the concerns stated. Ms. Hanifan advised that the representative from EVP she spoke to provided her with some alternative dates for the event. She said the purpose of having the contract in place prior to October 1st was to allow EVP to set their tour schedule for 2017. She added that EVP's marketing process commenced somewhere between the end of October and early November. She remarked she concurred that at this point it may be more prudent to hold off on making a decision.

Supervisor Dickinson inquired whether tabling the motion would impede the possibility of having the event here and Ms. Hanifan replied in the negative.

Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion to table proposed Resolution No. 406 of 2016 was carried unanimously.

Chairman Geraghty called for a vote on resolutions, following which Resolution Nos.364-408 were approved as presented, with the exception of Resolution No. 406 which was tabled.

Chairman Geraghty called for announcements.

Supervisor Wood advised that the Fall Farm Tour was taking place on Columbus Day weekend in the Town of Thurman and she encouraged all to attend.

Supervisor Leggett announced that Rum Runners weekend was scheduled for this weekend in the Town for Chester. He said additional information about the event was available on the Tri Lakes Business Alliance website, as well as the website for the North Warren Chamber of Commerce.

Supervisor Braymer apprised that Fit Fest was scheduled for tomorrow in the downtown area of the City of Glens Falls and she encouraged all to attend.

Supervisor MacDonald apprised he would be holding his quarterly Town Hall meeting along with Jim Clark, 5th Ward Councilman, City of Glens Falls, in the middle of October.

Supervisor Simpson informed the Rum Runners event would also be taking place in the Town of Horicon, as well.

Chairman Geraghty advised the Words Largest Garage Sale would be taking place October 1-2, 2016 in the Town of Warrensburg.

Supervisor Beaty questioned whether the Year 11 Siemens Report that was due a few weeks ago had been received and Mr. Reichenbach replied in the negative. Supervisor McDevitt asked whether it would be received and Chairman Geraghty replied he did not believe so. Supervisor Beaty pointed out the County paid for the Report and asked whether Siemens had indicated they would not provide the report to the County and Mr. Reichenbach responded that the report was involved in the litigation and/or settlement of the potential litigation. Supervisor Beaty inquired whether this meant the County was having a discussion concerning this with Siemens and Mr. Reichenbach responded that a broad discussion was taking place. Supervisor Beaty inquired whether the opportunity existed for Supervisors to sit in on the meetings with Siemens and Mr. Reichenbach replied that no formal meetings had taken place. He said he could brief the Supervisors on the matter in an executive session.

Supervisor Braymer asked Chairman Geraghty if he had any updates regarding the status of the study taking place on the Geothermal Unit of the Municipal Center Building and Chairman Geraghty deferred to Jeffery Tennyson, *Superintendent of the Department of Public Works*, who informed that representatives from Bergman Associates had recently spent the day touring the building and reviewing the data and prior reports provided to them.

Supervisor McDevitt apprised that he was unsettled by the fact that the County would not be receiving a copy of the Year 11 Report from Siemens, as he was not aware one would not be provided. He said he would like for himself, as well as the public, to be afforded the opportunity to review the report. Chairman Geraghty asked whether Supervisor McDevitt would like to go into executive session to discuss the matter further and Supervisor McDevitt replied affirmatively.

A motion was made by Supervisor McDevitt, seconded by Supervisor Beaty and carried by majority vote, with Supervisor Dickinson voting in opposition, that executive session be declared pursuant to Section 105(d) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was held from 11:37 a.m. until 11:54 a.m.; Supervisors Girard, Merlino, Montesi and Sokol exited the meeting during the executive session.

Chairman Geraghty announced no action was taken during the executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Dickinson and seconded by Supervisor Braymer, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:55 a.m.