

Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2017**



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. Ronald F. Conover presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Geraghty.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Leggett, Girard, McDevitt, Braymer, Brock, MacDonald, Frasier, Simpson, Dickinson, Strough, Seeber, Beaty, Sokol, Thomas, Hyde, Geraghty and Conover - 17; Supervisors Vanselow, Merlino and Montesi absent - 3.

Commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Conover noted a motion was necessary to approve the minutes of the July 21st Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board. The motion was made by Supervisor Simpson, seconded by Supervisor Girard and carried unanimously.

Continuing with the Agenda review, Chairman Conover extended privilege of the floor to Supervisor Geraghty for the presentation of National Youth Court Month Proclamation to Youth Court Volunteers. Supervisor Geraghty stated he was presenting the Proclamation on behalf of the Board which proclaimed September 2017 as "National Youth Court Month". He said the County was fortunate to have a Youth Court Program, which was first established eighteen years ago, that not only did a stellar job working with troubled youth to get them on a straight and narrow path but also provided assistance to communities. He thanked Katherine Chambers, *Youth Court Director, Council for Prevention*, and Robert Iusi, *Director of Probation*, for their work on the Program, as well as the participants who were present today. A round of applause followed. He asked Ms. Chambers how often they were in the Town of Warrensburg and she replied they held their meetings there once a month. Supervisor Geraghty apprised they did an excellent job, noting they had assisted the Town of Warrensburg with several events there. He thanked them again for the efforts they put into the Youth Court Program. A second round of applause was given.

Moving on to the report by the Chairman of the Board, Chairman Conover read aloud the listing of meetings he had attended since the July Board Meeting. He commended Supervisors Brock and Braymer, as well as Lexie Delurey, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, and Mike Swan, *County Treasurer*, on the changes they had made to streamline the Last Chance redemption process. In regards to the August 15th Budget Committee meeting, Chairman Conover apprised that the County was faced with the challenge of dealing with rising expenses, along with the limitations caused by the Tax Cap set by the State; however, he noted, he was confident that the Board and those who Chaired Committees would be able to arrive at a good place going forward, but he did not envy the challenge before Supervisor Thomas. He mentioned the Budget process was commencing which entailed the Budget Team meeting with the various Department Heads and he encouraged anyone whose schedule permitted to attend these meetings.

Continuing to the report by the acting County Administrator, Supervisor Geraghty read aloud a listing of the meetings he attended since the July 21st Board Meeting; a copy of which is on file with the items

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distributed at the Board Meeting. He advised he had attended the ARCC (*Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce*) State of the Counties- Warren and Washington Breakfast at The Glen at Highland Meadows, where he spoke on behalf of Warren County and Chris DeBolt, *Washington County Administrator*, spoke regarding the state of Washington County. He said he conveyed to the group his concern that the County needed to reign in spending habits and review the Budget closely to prevent the projections made regarding the depletion of the Unreserved Fund Balance from coming to fruition.

Supervisor Geraghty advised that in the absence of Supervisor Montesi he would be reporting on the July 25th meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, during which proposed Resolution Nos. 300-303 were approved.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Brian Reichenbach, *County Attorney*, to provide a report from the County Attorney. Mr. Reichenbach requested that his report be deferred until the Committee Chairman had concluded reporting on the past meetings or activities.

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

Supervisor Leggett indicated he had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Girard reported on the July 25th meeting of the County Facilities Committee wherein proposed Resolution Nos. 314-316 were approved and he provided a brief overview of each.

Supervisor McDevitt informed he had attended the Annual Summer Youth Awards Ceremony and Picnic along with Supervisors Sokol, Strough, Merlino and Frasier during which 45 youth from all across the County were recognized for their participation in the Summer Youth Employment Program. He mentioned the highlight of the event was a speech from Otto Miller, *Town of Queensbury resident*, who had been paralyzed from the waist down while attending college due to an unfortunate accident that occurred last year. He said he found Mr. Miller's speech to be inspirational, as he believed it set the tone for effort, hard work and doing the right thing.

Supervisor Braymer, with Supervisor Brock's permission, reported on the August 14th Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Last Chance Committee meeting. She thanked Ms. Delurey for her work assisting with amending the rules for the Last Chance meeting and facilitating it, as well. She said the meeting went well and lasted only forty minutes which was significantly less than prior years, due to the reduction in the number of people who attended; she added that those who did attend were prepared because Ms. Delurey had ensured their applications were complete and that they had supporting documentation. She added they were able to work with the one individual who had not come prepared for the meeting. Supervisor Braymer stated she would like to also address the "Responsible Boating Initiative" which she had been working on this summer. She called their attention to proposed Resolution No. 326, *Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish a Reserve Account for Accepting Donations Relative to the Stop Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) Initiative*, which pertained to this initiative; she also thanked the Village of Lake George for their \$2,000 donation which she attributed to leading the way in the effort. She mentioned she thought the Finance Committee had authorized a donation from the County to the Initiative but she did not see a resolution stating such within the packet before them and she asked that this be rectified as soon as possible. Supervisor Braymer informed the other item that they were working towards was a request that the State Legislature amend the laws regarding BWI violations so they would mirror the penalties for a DWI (*Driving while Intoxicated*). She said she and Supervisor Seeber worked together to draft a resolution that they would be bringing from the floor today regarding those tougher penalties which they hoped Washington County would

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entertain, as well. She added they had received support on the proposed Resolution from Chairman Conover, as well as the Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee.

Chairman Conover apprised that the \$1,000 donation from the County to the “Responsible Boating Initiative” was included within proposed Resolution No. 298, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*.

Supervisor Brock informed he had requested that Supervisor Braymer provide the report on the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services meeting because she, along with Chairman Conover, had lead the effort on making changes which streamlined the process. Finally, he encouraged anyone with teenagers to take them to Happy Jacks retail store in the Town of Bolton, as many of the products sold there catered to youth.

Supervisor MacDonald stated although he had attended numerous Committee and outside agency meetings he did not have a Committee report.

Supervisor Frasier reported on the July 24th meeting of the Health, Human & Social Services Committee during which proposed Resolution Nos. 304-312 were approved and she proceeded to provide a brief overview of each. She apprised that the Summer Youth Employment Program was meaningful and she implored the Board to do everything in their power to ensure it continued. Supervisor Frasier continued with an account of the July 24th meeting of the Support Services Committee where proposed Resolution Nos. 319-320 were approved.

Supervisor Simpson informed the Public Works Committee had met on July 25th, wherein they approved proposed Resolution Nos. 317-318 which he provided a brief overview of. He mentioned he was a member of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board which had been working with other agencies, Senator Little and Assemblyman Stec on a Health and Safety Land Bank Amendment which would appear on the ballot this fall. He said this amendment would create a 250 acre land bank that was located between the Adirondack and Catskill Mountains which would be used for possibly extending broadband, water, infrastructure, utilities, bike paths and straightening out roads within the forest preserve. He added the acreage would be available for both municipal and private entities which was why it was important to distribute the information to the public and garner support. He mentioned there had been no decision on the classification of the Boreas Pond Tract but it would be forthcoming within the next few months. He advised this related to reasonable access for everyone within the forest preserve.

Supervisor Dickinson stated the Park Operations & Management Committee met on July 31st, approving proposed Resolution No. 313 which he provided a brief overview of. He stated he had also attended the July 31st meeting of the Tourism Committee which included heated discussions at times, but was rather interesting; he noted no resolutions were adopted there.

Supervisor Strough remarked that he had the pleasure of attending the Annual Summer Youth Awards Ceremony and Picnic and he thanked Christopher Hunsinger, *Director, Employment & Training Administration*, as well as the Youth Counselors for their work on the Program. He said he would also like to recognize Mr. Miller for the impressive speech he gave pertaining to how to best deal with life’s hardships, as he found it to be both inspiring and rewarding. He added it was also necessary to acknowledge the 45 youth that participated in the Program. Supervisor Strough informed as the Chairman of the Legislative & Rules Committee, he was fully supportive of Supervisor Braymer’s proposed Resolution which she would be introducing from the floor regarding stricter penalties for those who committed BWI infractions and he encouraged support of it.

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Supervisor Seeber called the Board's attention to proposed Resolution Nos. 322-325 which were adopted at the August 3rd meeting of the Personnel & Higher Education Committee. In regards to the Special Personnel & Higher Education Committee Meeting held this morning, she informed that proposed Resolution No. 333, *Authorizing a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Warren County, the Warren County Sheriff and the Warren County Sheriffs' Employees' Alliance (Alliance)*, was approved there. She thanked both former and current Board members, as well as the County Treasurer's Office for all their efforts working toward becoming fully self-insured as depicted in proposed Resolution No. 324, *Authorizing Transition to a Self-Funded Health Insurance Plan for Warren County*. She commented that she was looking forward to this transition occurring next year and she thanked the representatives of Jaeger & Flynn Associates for providing them with an abundant amount of information regarding self-insurance, as well as making them aware of the County's vulnerability. She apprised moving forward it was crucial that County employees understood there would be no change to the services they received, as the only change was an administrative one which would allow the County to have more control over the cost of health insurance without seeing significant increases. Supervisor Seeber stated that Floor Resolution No. 1, *Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2017, Amending Local Law No. 3 of 2010 Amending the Duties and Authority of the County Administrator, and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon*, had been distributed to the Board earlier this week and was discussed at the August 3rd Committee meeting. She explained the proposed Resolution spoke to the need to amend the Local Law that identified the position and the Office of County Administrator. She apprised Mr. Reichenbach would answer any questions the Board may have regarding proposed changes to the job description. She said Mr. Reichenbach had worked with the Human Resources Department and Civil Service to ensure the proper procedure was followed. She explained following the adoption of the proposed Resolution, a Public Hearing would be scheduled for the September 15th Board Meeting as part of the process required to move forward with hiring a new County Administrator. Supervisor Seeber informed the consensus regarding the job description for the County Administrator position was that they move forward with advertising the position using the simplified job description developed, which would be posted as a public job announcement shortly. She advised some of the qualifications had been removed, specifically relating those to requirement of a Doctorate in Law or a Masters in Public Administration, as they were hoping to attract a candidate with the following experience: background in government, as well as in business within the public sector; education and/or experience who looked forward to working with the Board; skilled at multi-tasking; and having patience. She apprised that the salary range for the position would commence at \$85,000; she said their hope was for the Personnel & Higher Education Committee to review resumes and conduct interviews in October and possibly November if second interviews were required. She mentioned Supervisor Geraghty had agreed to assist with training when someone was hired, noting they hoped to have someone in place by the beginning of next year.

Supervisor Seeber stated that proposed Resolution No. 325, *Authorizing the Warren County Wellness Committee to Offer On-site Exercise Classes Through the Blue Shield of Northeastern New York Community Wellness Benefit*, was presented by the Warren County Wellness Committee and it addressed the request for on-site training classes which they had confirmed with their Health Insurance Broker would still be offered under the Self-Insured Health Plan next year. She mentioned she had met with the members of the Warren County Wellness Committee at their meeting on August 15th during which they discussed the development of a walking trail for employees and the need for an area during the winter months that would allow employees to exercise before and after work, as well as during their breaks. She continued, they also discussed the need for some changes here to make things more accessible and friendly which she would elaborate on at the next Personnel & Higher Education Committee Meeting. Supervisor Seeber informed a representative from SUNY Adirondack provided an update on the College at the August 3rd Personnel & Higher Education Committee meeting and she reminded them the joint Committee meeting with Washington County was scheduled for September 8th at 9:30 a.m., as well as the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the NSTEM (*Nursing, Science, Technology,*

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Engineering and Mathematics) Building at 4:30 p.m. on the same day. Supervisor Seeber reported on the August 15th Airport Advisory Group meeting during which they reviewed a list of what would be required and what was optional concerning functions for the RFP (*Request for Proposal*) for the expiring FBO (*Fixed Base Operator*) Contract at the Airport. She said the Group was looking forward to obtaining a copy of the draft RFP; she noted they were moving in the right direction and the Group members were appreciative of the information that had been provided to them.

In conclusion, Supervisor Seeber informed she had worked with Supervisor Braymer on drafting proposed floor Resolution No. 2, *Resolution Calling upon the New York State Legislature to Amend Navigation Law 49-A in an Effort to Stop Boating While Intoxicated*, to bring forward today. She mentioned she had attended the July 27th meeting of Intercounty legislative Committee of the Adirondacks during which Washington County requested that they review the resolution they had adopted concerning BWI and join them in their efforts by passing a resolution today which could be presented to the Criminal Justice Standing Committee for NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*) on September 13th. She explained the proposed resolution requested the State Legislature consider stricter penalties which would impact motor vehicle licenses for those who committed BWI infractions. She mentioned the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks membership consisted of twelve Counties, all of which requested a copy of the Floor Resolution and to present it to their legislative bodies for consideration. She remarked she hoped they would be able to present to NYSAC as a strong Intercounty movement that this resolution be adopted throughout the State to show support for an increase in awareness and penalties. She thanked Supervisor Braymer and Bob Henke, *Chairman, Washington County*, for being involved and passionate about wanting to see these stricter penalties adopted by the State, as they all shared a love of the water in their communities.

Supervisor Beaty informed the Shared Services Committee had not met this month but he wanted to make sure they were all aware of the State-Mandated Shared Services Panel Meeting scheduled for August 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room. He mentioned representatives of Warrensburg Central School would be attending and some other school districts were considering attending, as well. He apprised he would be contacting the Superintendent of the Queensbury Union Free School District to encourage him to participate in the meeting, as they could provide a significant amount of insight on the subject. Supervisor Beaty remarked he was fully supportive of proposed floor Resolution No. 2, *Resolution Calling upon the New York State Legislature to Amend Navigation Law 49-A in an Effort to Stop Boating While Intoxicated*, and he thanked Supervisors Braymer and Seeber for all of their work on this effort. In conclusion, he indicated he was pleased with the progress made on the job description for the County Administrator position and the salary range. He commended Supervisor Seeber for obtaining input from the Board members on the matter. He stated he was pleased when they all worked together to accomplish something, as this allowed them to move forward. He pointed out it was impossible to get the full Board to agree with one another all the time but he liked the way they worked together to tighten up the job description and salary range.

Supervisor Sokol provided an overview of Finance Committee meeting held on August 3rd where proposed Resolution Nos. 298-299, 326-329 and 331 were approved. He advised proposed Resolution No. 326, *Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish a Reserve Account for Accepting Donations Relative to the Stop Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) Initiative*, as discussed previously related to the request for the County Treasurer to establish a Reserve Account to accept these donations; he noted \$1,000 was transferred from the Contingent Account into this reserve as the County's donation to these efforts. He mentioned Supervisors Braymer and Seeber should be commended for their efforts to increase awareness about reckless boating and increasing penalties to a level similar to those associated with reckless driving on the road. He advised it was necessary to move on this as soon as possible since this was the busy time for boating on Lake George which was why he would appreciate support of these

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efforts. Supervisor Sokol stated proposed Resolution No. 329, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the Westmount Legacy Reserve Fund to the Public Nursing Home Budget for an Agreement with P&NP Computer Services, Inc.; Amending 2017 Warren County Budget*, would allow the County to have continued access to records from patients of the former Westmount Health Facility in the hopes of collecting past due amounts. He informed Mr. Reichenbach would brief the Board on a proposed floor resolution concerning 911 surcharges that required addressing due to some changes being made by the State. He commended Supervisor Seeber for her efforts pertaining to proposed Resolution No. 324, *Authorizing Transition to a Self-funded Health Insurance Plan for Warren County*. In regards to the Annual Summer Youth Awards Ceremony and Picnic, Supervisor Sokol acknowledged the work of Mr. Hunsinger and the Youth Counselors, as he was well versed on the program and the amount of effort required for it to be a success from when he served as the Chair of the Health, Human & Social Services Committee. He apprised the point of the program was to try and get these youth on a better path by obtaining experience in the workforce. He commented the speech given by Mr. Miller, whose family he knew well, stating it was very inspiring. He mentioned a number youth who participated in the Program were unable to attend the Ceremony due to a lack of transportation which he found to be quite disconcerting, as he felt the County or Towns should provide a method of transportation for these youth to be able to attend. In conclusion he offered privilege of the floor to Mr. Swan to provide the monthly update regarding the County's finances.

Mr. Swan stated his Office had received notification from the New York State Court System that the County would be entitled to the additional 25% rebate on the interest for the bond relating to the Court Expansion Project. He said every year the County would receive a check for 25% of interest payments made for the bond. In regards to the fiscal state of the County, Mr. Swan advised although the County was currently financially sound, if things did not change they may be faced with some financial issues in the future. He mentioned he worked for the County during the timeframe when financial issues existed before which was why he did not ever want this to situation to reoccur.

Supervisor Thomas reported on the August 15th meeting of the Budget Committee during which they reviewed and discussed the Multi-Year Plan consisting of five-year projections. He said the projections displayed a downward trend which implied the County would have to borrow money to continue to operate; however, he cautioned, this was just a tool to provide them with an indication regarding the County finances. He mentioned if they did not make any changes the projections would probably come to fruition, but he did not foresee that occurring, as he did not believe the Board would let it get to that point. He noted his focus would be on locating revenue sources to pay down the debt, as it was not practical for them to continue to transfer funds from the Unappropriated Fund Balance for this purpose. He added another item he would be focusing on would be contract/pay raises. He mentioned the remainder of the Budget needed to remain at the same level or be reduced. He apprised the projected depletion of the Unappropriated Fund Balance was bound to occur due to the State Tax Cap which had been in place for several years and prevented them from raising taxes, coupled with increasing expenses. He said he was pleased that sales tax revenue appeared to be increasing, as this would provide some much needed assistance to them.

Supervisor Hyde indicated she had nothing to report on.

Continuing with the Agenda review, privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Reichenbach, to provide a report from the County Attorney. Mr. Reichenbach stated there were two proposed floor Resolutions before them today, the first of which pertained to amending the Local Law regarding the position of County Administrator. He said upon the request of Supervisor Seeber they amended the job description to be less specific and more subject to the Board's decisions going forward on how the job should be structured, as well as what qualifications to impose on candidates. He remarked he felt it was

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imperative they were aware if they introduced it today, it was merely to get it before the Board and the public and to set the Public Hearing date for the September 15th Board Meeting. He continued, this related to his discussion on proposed floor Resolution No. 2 which pertained to amending another Local Law. He explained that in 2004 the Board had implemented a Local Law which imposed a \$.30 per month surcharge on wireless devices in the County to support the 911 system that was passed under authority of State Law. He explained this State Law was repealed this year, resulting in the continuing authority to impose the surcharge ending on December 1, 2017 unless the Board adopted another Local Law under a different section of State Law. He informed the Law was now located under the Section pertaining to Tax and Finance instead of County Law. He reminded them if they adopted Floor Resolution No. 2 today, it would not be substantive of action on the Local Law, as its purpose was to introduce the change and set a Public Hearing for the September 15th Board Meeting. He added his understanding was that the matter would be referred to the Finance Committee for review prior to the Board Meeting.

Chairman Conover then called for the reading of communications, which Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board, read aloud, as follows:

Reports from:

1. Report of Criminal and Family Workloads for June 2017 from the Warren County Probation Department.
2. Capital District Regional Off Track Betting Corp. Financial Report dated May 31, 2017.
3. Pro Act Warren County Prescription Discount Card Utilization Report for the months of January 2016 - June 2017

Capital District Regional Off Track Betting Corp. May 2017 surcharge check in the amount of \$5,992.

FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth Notice of Public Hearing concerning the Greenwich Preservation Project. Public Hearing is to be held on August 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Greenwich Town Hall located at 2 Academy Street Greenwich, NY.

New York State Lake George Park Commission Notice of Public Hearing concerning an application for a Class A Marina submitted by Halliday Capital LLC. Public Hearing is to be held on August 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lake George Village Hall Board Room located at 26 Old Post Road Lake George, NY.

Village of South Glens Falls Notice of Public Hearing concerning proposed Village of South Glens Falls Local Law No. 2 of 2017 which is intended to establish a temporary moratorium for a period of six months on development approval in the R-2 and R-2 overlay Districts of the Village of South Glens Falls. Public Hearing is to be held on September 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Complex located at 46 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY.

Washington County Board of Supervisors Resolution Nos. 146, *Adopting Adirondack Community College Budget*, and 147, *Approving the Merging of Capital Projects at Adirondack Community College*.

Warren County Jury Board Resolution appointing Wanda I. Smith as Commissioner of Jurors for a term of four years commencing August 10, 2017 to fill the vacancy in said office resulting from the retirement of Bonnie Nadig.

National Grid Electric Emergency Procedures Manual as approved by the New York State Public

Service Commission.

Continuing to the reading of resolutions, Mrs. Allen announced proposed Resolution Nos. 298-329 were mailed; She advised that proposed Resolution Nos. 330-333 were prepared after mailing and a motion was necessary to bring them to the Floor. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor MacDonald, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried unanimously. Mrs. Allen stated a motion was necessary to bring to the Floor proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 regarding amending the Local Law pertaining to the County Administrator position. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Seeber, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried unanimously. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be proposed Resolution No. 334. Mrs. Allen advised a motion was also necessary to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 to the Floor, regarding amending a Local Law to impose a surcharge on wireless devices in the County to support the 911 system. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Sokol, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried unanimously. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be proposed Resolution No. 335. Mrs. Allen stated a motion was necessary to bring the proposed Floor Resolution Supervisor Braymer spoke about seeking State Legislative action to amend Navigation Law 49A for Stop BWI. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Braymer, seconded by Supervisor Seeber and carried unanimously. Mrs. Allen announced the proposed Floor Resolution would now be proposed Resolution No. 336.

Chairman Conover called for discussion on the proposed resolutions, as well as requests for roll call votes.

Supervisor Braymer thanked Supervisor Strough for his support on proposed Resolution No. 336, *Resolution Calling upon the New York State Legislature to Amend Navigation Law 49-a in an Effort to Stop Boating While Intoxicated*. She questioned whether proposed Resolution No. 334, *Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2017, Amending Local Law No. 3 of 2010 Amending the Duties and Authority of the County Administrator, and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon*, was not setting the job description but rather an outline of the job and a more detailed job description the Board would approve as they moved forward. Ms. Seeber responded it was her understanding that prior to this the full job description was included in the Local Law and was very specific; she said this meant any time the Board wanted to make changes to the job description, the Local Law had to be amended but this change would simplify the process so they did not have to do this. She mentioned the job description provided them with documents to work with so this position could be advertised and provide candidates with information about what they were applying for. She reminded them they had collectively agreed they were looking for this position to be more of a manager but when interviews commenced the Board would have a better detailed job description if that was what the Committee desired. She added the duties and requirements of the position would be spelled out in a performance work plan so that there was more guidance. She advised it was her understanding that there would not be a resolution from the Board regarding the specifics of the job description but rather using the notice and the performance evaluation which they were all a part of describing it.

Supervisor Braymer apprised she understood the job description was not part of the Local Law, but said she wanted to ensure they would continue a review of it because she had some concerns about the lengthy description. She added she was comfortable moving forward with proposed Resolution No. 334, and the job description that was being used for the job posting which would be advertised.

Supervisor Seeber reminded the members of the Personnel & Higher Education Committee that they would have ample time to prepare for the interviews for the position which would be scheduled for October and November of this year.

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In regards to proposed Resolution No. 335, *Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2017, Repealing Local Law No. 5 of 2004 and Imposing Wireless Communications Surcharges Pursuant to the Authority of Tax Law §186-g, and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon*, Supervisor McDevitt inquired how much revenue was appropriated to the County from this surcharge and could they use these funds to offset infrastructure changes and all of the components within the 911 System. He pointed out the users contributed to the viability, integrity and quality of the system. He asked whether the surcharge was being eliminated altogether and Mr. Conover replied in the negative. He explained the State authorization was ending which meant the County had to create authorization under its own power in order for the surcharge to remain in place. He said without this surcharge the funding for 911 would cease which was something they did not want to have occur. Mr. McDevitt thanked Mr. Conover for his explanation, as he had misunderstood the purpose of the proposed Resolution which he thought was to eliminate the surcharge altogether.

Mr. Reichenbach stated there had been a State Law in place that provided the County with the authority to collect the surcharge; however, he noted, it has been repealed. He continued, there was a different State Law that provided the County with the necessary authority which differed but they could go over the details of it during a Committee meeting. He said the proposed Resolution before them would allow them to extend the wireless surcharge for continued support the 911 System if it was their desire to do so. Mr. McDevitt questioned whether this meant the State would continue to raise the money through this surcharge with another Law to pay for the 911 System and Mr. Reichenbach replied in the affirmative.

Supervisor Thomas inquired as to who was charged with collecting the money and Mr. Reichenbach replied that this would be one of the changes made. He explained under the previous Law the County collected the funds; however, he noted, under the new Law, the Department of Taxation & Finance was charged with collecting these funds. Supervisor Thomas reminded the Board the issue with the 911 Surcharge had always been that a significant amount of money was collected from the surcharge but only a small portion was allocated to the Counties with the remaining amount being allocated to the State's General Fund. He apprised this meant the property taxpayers had to subsidize the 911 System because the Counties were not allocated all of the surcharge money they generated. Chairman Conover informed Sheriff York had discussed this matter with the New York State Sheriff's Association, which resulted in their Association pushing for more of the surcharge funds to be allocated back to the Counties.

Supervisor Seeber inquired whether the matter could be referred to the Legislative & Rules Committee for discussion. She said Sheriff York had been very vocal on the matter and now that the State would be collecting the surcharge he was concerned with how this would impact the allocation to the County in terms of how long it would take for the funds to be allocated and whether the funding would be cut back even further for the Counties. She added, even if the allocation remained the same, it was still less than what had been promised when the Law was first initiated. Supervisor Strough stated as Chair of the Legislative & Rules Committee he would be happy to take up the matter at the Committee level.

Chairman Conover called for a vote on resolutions, following which Resolution Nos. 298-336 were approved, as presented.

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

Ben Driscoll, *City of Glens Falls Resident; Representative of Catholic Charities; Member, Interagency Counsel*, stated that he had provided each Supervisor with an announcement regarding Community

Resource Day which would be held at Heritage Hall in the Cool Insuring Agency Arena formally known as the Glens Falls Civic Center on Wednesday, September 13th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. He surmised that there would be between 30-40 Community Organizations that worked with numerous individuals and families attending and he encouraged the Board members to attend or send a designated alternate. He mentioned the purpose of the organizations who were attending the event was to assist individuals and families to improve upon their quality of life, noting they also reduced the impact on the taxpayers by providing the programs and services that promoted healthier lifestyles which prevented trips to the doctor or emergency rooms, kept them enrolled in school and on the straight and narrow path. He said the organizations would be explaining the services they offered at the event and he encouraged anyone with questions to contact him.

Michael Consuelo, *Executive Director, Lake George Chamber of Commerce and CVB*, advised prior to reading his written statement aloud, he wanted to publicly thank Supervisor Braymer on behalf of his Organization for all of her hard work and dedicated efforts with respect to the "Stop BWI Initiative", as they were pleased to have been asked to participate in this initiative. He stated by now they were probably aware that a new Executive Director for the Lake George Chamber of Commerce and CVB had been announced and he looked forward to introducing her to the Board at the September 15th Board Meeting. He read aloud the following written statement: "This retirement move for me is bittersweet, as I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Lake George Chamber. I will be leaving what I believe to be one of the finest Chambers of Commerce in the region and as I said in my exit announcement I truly wish that I had gotten involved in Chamber work earlier in my career. Not only have I come to work for an outstanding membership organization and a great Board of Directors, I have also been able to build some very nice relationships with both past and current Warren County Board of Supervisors. While I may not have agreed with all of the decisions that you have made, especially as it related to tourism, occupancy tax and Festival Commons, all avenues of major interest, I do have to say that I am very pleased with the direction that the County is taking to address the need of our Counties every growing tourist industry. When I first took over this position I addressed the County Board, some of you were here and I told you that I was looking forward to working for and with you; that I was not going to be one of those executives telling you what to do or what you should not be doing. I was going to attend as many of your meetings as I could and to listen and learn. I believe that I have done that and I thank you. I also want to thank you for you treating me as I have each and every one of you, with the respect that you and I deserve. I do not envy your job and I applaud you for all that you are doing. This County is strong and it is so because of the hard work and effort that you out forth making it the best County to work, live play and to visit. With a great deal of respect I remain yours in hospitality. Thank you."

Chairman Conover extended his gratitude to Mr. Consuelo.

Chairman Conover called for announcements.

Supervisor Geraghty stated that he would like to make an appeal on behalf of the Warren County Youth Court to request that the individual municipalities considering including a stipend to support the Youth Court Program from within their upcoming budgets, as he believed it provided a great service for troubled youth. He apprised his next announcement related to the ten digit phone calling. He said he believed today commenced the requirement that the 518 area code be included within the phone number in order to make a local call because a new area code would be going into effect. He reminded everyone to add the 518 area code to all the local contacts in their cellular phones in order to comply with this change. Supervisor Beaty interjected that the requirement did not commence until tomorrow.

Supervisor Dickinson announced that the Million Dollar Beach was open in Lake George. He commented in light of the present testing routine, he thought the Lake George Million Dollar Beach was the safest public beach located in the State.

Supervisor Strough thanked Mr. Consuelo for his years of service to the Lake George Chamber of Commerce & CVB, as he felt under his leadership and professionalism he had carried the Organization to higher grounds, and he would be missed.

Supervisor Seeber advised she was asked to share with them the Adirondack Autism Awareness Conference was scheduled for October 21st at 8:00 a.m. at the Ramada Inn, the purpose of which was a community connection on various levels to be crucial to the success of educating society on autism and its effects on all of us. She requested that they save the date for this event and said she would forward Mrs. Allen the event details for distribution to the Board following the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Dickinson and seconded by Mrs. Frasier, Chairman Conover adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:01a.m.