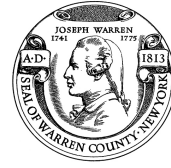


Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Leggett.

Roll called, the following members present:

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

Commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Conover noted a motion was necessary to approve the minutes of the August 17th Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board. The motion was made by Supervisor Simpson, seconded by Supervisor Dickinson and carried unanimously.

Continuing with the Agenda review, Chairman Conover declared the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2017, entitled "A Local law Amending Local Law No. 3 of 2010, Amending the Duties and Authority of the County Administrator", at 10:02 a.m. and he requested the Clerk of the Board read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud. Following the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing by Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, Chairman Conover offered privilege of the floor to any member of the public wishing to speak on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2017; there being no response, he declared it closed at 10:03 a.m.

Resuming the Agenda review, Chairman Conover declared the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2017, entitled "A Local Law Repealing Local Law No. 5 of 2004, Imposing a Wireless Surcharge Authorized by Article Six of the County law of the State of New York; and Imposing the Wireless Communications Surcharges Pursuant to the Authority of Tax Law 186-g", at 10:04 a.m. and he asked Mrs. Allen to read the Notice of the Public Hearing aloud. Chairman Conover then called for public comment; there being no response, he declared it closed at 10:05 a.m.

Moving on to the report by the Chairman of the Board, Chairman Conover read aloud the listing of meetings he had attended since the August Board Meeting. He commended Supervisor Geraghty for serving as Chairman of the State Mandated Shared Services meeting on August 25th and his management of the Program. He mentioned he had attended the monthly meeting of the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District on August 28th, during which a tour took place of a number of their Projects. He remarked he felt they were a wonderful Organization that did exceptional work throughout the County. He apprised he had attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the NSTEM (*Nursing, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*) building on September 8th and he encouraged those who did not have a chance to see the Building yet to do so, as the fruit of the initiative was evident from within the building. He congratulated Dr. Kristine Duffy, *President, SUNY Adirondack*, her staff and everyone involved in the Project which was ahead of schedule and under budget.

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

Supervisor Leggett indicated he had no report

Supervisor Girard reported on the August 21st meeting of the County Facilities Committee wherein proposed Resolution Nos. 342-344 were approved and he provided a brief overview of each.

Supervisor McDevitt informed he had no report, but would like to make a few comments on proposed Resolution No. 373, *Establishing Capital Project No. H373 - SUNY Adirondack Culinary Expansion, Authorizing Warren County to Sponsor the Project, Authorizing Transfer of Funds and Amending Warren County Budget for 2017*, at the appropriate time.

Supervisor Braymer, with Supervisor Brock's permission, reported on the August 23rd Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee meeting wherein proposed Resolution No. 340 was approved.

Supervisors Brock and MacDonald indicated they had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Simpson provided a brief overview of the Public Works Committee held on August 21st. He advised he would be remiss if he forgot to mention the Adirondack Balloon Festival which was scheduled to take place next weekend. He informed a sign up sheet was distributed to volunteer for the event and he encouraged anyone whose schedule permitted to do so.

Supervisor Dickinson stated he had no report

Supervisor Strough advised the Legislative & Rules Committee had met on August 31st, approving proposed Resolution No. 354 which he provided a brief summary of. He said during the meeting they had discussed and were fully supportive of the revision to the wireless 911 surcharge in order to cover the cost of the 911 System.

Supervisor Seeber stated she had many items to report on this morning, the first of which pertained to the fact that the Joint Intercounty Legislative bodies were meeting this morning at the Annual Conference for NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*). She said due to the efforts of Bob Henke, *Chairman, Washington County Board of Supervisors*, from last year and Supervisor Braymer, she, as a member of NYSAC's Public Safety Standing Committee and Ms. Braymer were able to present 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*, which was adopted at the August 18th Board Meeting to the NYSAC Public Safety Standing Committee. She remarked she was pleased to report the Resolution was adopted unanimously by NYSAC and the Intercounty Legislative bodies planned on seeking support from their individual County's on the aforementioned Resolution. She called attention to proposed Resolution No. 368, *to Enact Local Law No. 2 of 2017*, which was approved at the August 31st meeting of the Personnel & Higher Education Committee, as well as a lengthy discussion regarding SUNY Adirondack's request for sponsorship of the new Culinary Center. In regards to personnel, Supervisor Seeber informed there were two active job postings the Committee had reviewed and approved, the first of which was the County Administrator position which had a target date for interviews of mid November with the hopes of having someone in place by the beginning of the year. She said the County Attorney position was discussed at the September 12th meeting of the Personnel & Higher Education Committee during which they decided to use the same target timeline for interviews and potential start date as the County Administrator position. Supervisor Seeber informed she would also like to publicly

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thank Brian Reichenbach, *County Attorney*, for the exceptional job he had done during his tenure in the position, noting he would be missed. She reminded the members of the Personnel & Higher Education Committee, as well as those who chaired Committees the Performance Work Plan reviews commenced on Monday and would continue over the next few weeks. In conclusion, Supervisor Seeber apprised the Airport Advisory Committee had met on September 12th out of which a formal memo was composed and distributed to the working group for the RFP (*Request for Proposal*) from Supervisor Sokol and herself requesting a draft RFP. She mentioned Mr. Reichenbach had indicated to the Group that the RFP now appeared to be an RFQ (*Request for Qualifications*). She reminded the Board the Group was formed with volunteer members with the purpose of providing technical advice which they would like the opportunity to do.

Supervisor Merlino entered the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Supervisor Beaty thanked Chairman Conover and Supervisor Geraghty for holding the State Mandated Shared Services meeting which included invitations to all of the School Districts within the County of which representatives from Queensbury and Warrensburg Schools attended. He commented he believed additional savings would be realized once the School Districts were on board.

Supervisor Montesi reported on the August 22nd meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee wherein proposed Resolution Nos. 347-348 were approved and he provided a summary of each. He stated it was necessary to amend proposed Resolution No. 347, *Authorizing an Agreement with Powerphone for Total Response Protocol Software and Training for the Warren County Sheriff's Office Communications Center*, to include an annual maintenance fee of \$7,800.

Motion was made by Supervisor Montesi, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to amend proposed Resolution No. 347 as outlined above.

Supervisor Montesi advised he was pleased to report the ring road for the Warren County Municipal Center Campus would be reopening for traffic in the middle of October. He stated Judge Hobbs, *Glens Falls City Court Justice*, would be attending the September 18th meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to briefly discuss after hours arraignments.

Supervisor Sokol provided an overview of Finance Committee meeting held on August 31st wherein proposed Resolution Nos. 337-338, 358-367, 369, 371-376 were approved. He called attention to proposed Resolution No. 373, *Establishing Capital Project No. H373 - Suny Adirondack Culinary Expansion, Authorizing Warren County to Sponsor the Project, Authorizing Transfer of Funds and Amending Warren County Budget for 2017*, noting that SUNY Adirondack had received approval from Empire State Development for a reimbursable grant in the amount of \$1 million; however, he said, due to all of their on-going Projects and the costs associated with them, they were unable to front the cost. He stated if the proposed Resolution was adopted, the County would provide the funding required an in turn be reimbursed by the College when the grant funding comes through. He mentioned the Project was part of the Governor's Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Supervisor Sokol informed proposed Resolution No. 374, *Approving the Payment for Services Proposal Submitted by the Warren County Coroner*, pertained to the presentation given by Terry Comeau, *County Coroner*, regarding cost saving measures for autopsies. He explained the proposed Resolution addressed and took control of the skyrocketing removal fees the County had been dealing with. He stated he believed Mr. Reichenbach had done a stellar job working with the homeowner to come up with the settlement agreement referenced in proposed Resolution No. 375, *Approving a Settlement Agreement in the Matter of Gary and Patricia Pagano V. the County of Warren*. Supervisor Sokol apprised the purpose of the September 12th meeting of the Finance Committee was to discuss the County's potential for entering into an opioid

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litigation with Donald Boyajian, *Founding Partner, Dreyer Boyajian, LLP Attorneys at Law*. He explained Mr. Boyajian was working with Simmons Hanly Conroy, *a National Law Firm*, on a lawsuit pertaining to what had been deemed “the opioid crisis”. He read aloud the following insert from the meeting minutes: “*Mr. Boyajian said what was telling about the case was that it brought to fruition that the opioid crisis did not occur by accident or coincidence, but rather because of a concerted, aggressive and fraudulent marketing scheme that was perpetrated by the executives of these companies to the extent that three of these executives plead guilty to felonies for fraudulent marketing*”. Supervisor Sokol stated an opioids proper use was for short-term acute pain management, but some doctors were prescribing them for long-term pain management. He informed the issue with this was once an opioid was used for a long period of time its effectiveness continually decreased resulting in an increased need thereby possibly leading to addiction. He said Mr. Boyajian’s firm was working with other Counties in the area in an attempt to form a group of force against the drug manufacturers. He added during the meeting Supervisor Strough brought to light that William L. Nikas, Esq., was working with Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, Attorneys at Law, on the same issue and he had made presentations to Washington and Saratoga Counties regarding such and would like to do the same in Warren County. He said following a lengthy discussion the Committee decided to hold off making a decision to allow Mr. Nikas the opportunity to make a presentation regarding the lawsuit on behalf of the Napoli Shkolnik Lawfirm. Supervisor Sokol remarked Mr. Reichenbach had been an asset to the County and he would be missed. He stated last Sunday he had attended the Annual Picnic at Countryside Adult Home which, he noted, was a tremendous gathering, with over 200 in attendance. He said following the conclusion of the picnic, he toured the “Glamping Campsites” on the Warren County Fairground property which, he noted, he was thoroughly impressed with. In conclusion he offered privilege of the floor to Mr. Swan to provide the monthly update regarding the County’s finances.

Mr. Swan informed an email was distributed this morning pertaining to how sales tax revenue was up by 1.9% as compared to the same timeframe last year. In regards to the Saratoga North Creek Railroad, he stated they had not paid their past due balance from last year nor had any payments been received from them for July or August of this year. Mr. Swan apprised occupancy tax revenue had increased, but he was unsure of the exact figures. He mentioned he was working with AirBnb and a few of the other online booking agents to commence collecting occupancy tax through them. He said he was also working with the County Attorney’s Office on a new step forward for enforcement which pertained to a few properties which were not following the proper procedure in regards to the allocation of occupancy tax. He remarked he was pleased to report he and Mr. Reichenbach had met with a group of private citizens earlier in the week to discuss a possible way for the County to collect some of the outstanding balances relating to the former Westmount Health Facility. He thanked Mr. Reichenbach for his service to the County, noting he would be missed. In conclusion, he advised he would be out of the office for several weeks due to knee replacement, but he would be periodically checking his email to ensure he stayed informed. He suggested anyone looking to reach out to him to contact his Office for his personal cell phone number.

Mr. Swan asked whether anyone had questions concerning proposed Resolution No. 373, *Establishing Capital Project No. H373 - Suny Adirondack Culinary Expansion, Authorizing Warren County to Sponsor the Project, Authorizing Transfer of Funds and Amending Warren County Budget for 2017*, which he was fully supportive of. He mentioned he and Mary Elizabeth Kissane, *First Assistant County Attorney*, had reviewed the matter thoroughly and were satisfied with the language included in the Resolution. Ms. Braymer questioned whether Mr. Swan was comfortable with the money being allocated from the Unappropriated Surplus to pay for up front Project costs and Mr. Swan replied in the affirmative. He said the money was currently available within the Unappropriated Surplus; however, he noted, it would be an issue if the funds were not reimbursed, but he was confident after reviewing all of the grant documents from the State this would not be an issue.

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Supervisor McDevitt advised the Downtown Revitalization Initiative was a priority of the Governor's Office which was why he felt they should feel confident the \$1 million would be paid back. He added he felt it was important to state if there was a misconception going forward with the expense of the College, as both Warren and Washington Counties budgeted to assist with paying for the operation costs associated with the College with Warren County providing 6.6% of operating expenses and Washington County contributed 4.9% per the funding formula created in 1961. He commented he thought the key to the NSTEM Program was to provide an available and quality workforce for the community, as well as assisting students and employees with finding good paying jobs so they could remain in this region.

Supervisor Beaty stated he would be voting in opposition of proposed Resolution No. 373, *Establishing Capital Project No. H373 - Suny Adirondack Culinary Expansion, Authorizing Warren County to Sponsor the Project, Authorizing Transfer of Funds and Amending Warren County Budget for 2017*, due to his concern of what would happen if the County was not reimbursed. He reminded them the State still owed the County money for other matters which was why he was not confident the grant funding would come through. He apprised he was also opposed because the current facility on Bay Road in the Town of Queensbury was only a few years old; therefore, he questioned why the College needed \$1 million to equip a new space in the downtown area of the City of Glens Falls. He stated while he was fully supportive of SUNY Adirondack and the NSTEM Project, he was not supportive of everything brought before them, as he liked to review each item on an individual basis. He mentioned one of the driving factors for him to support the NSTEM Project related to the fact that the healthcare industry was the second largest employer in the County. He added the reason provided for Washington County not being asked to support the Project related to the fact that Warren County had more money which he did not feel was a valid reason. In conclusion, he apprised it was for all the reasons he stated he would be voting in opposition of the Project, but he wished the College the best.

Supervisor Conover requested that any further comments be held off until he called for discussion on the proposed resolutions. He asked whether there were any further questions for Mr. Swan; Ms. Seeber requested that a memo be distributed to the Full Board regarding the recovery efforts pertaining to the past due balances from the former Westmount Health Facility. Mr. Swan advised Ms. Kissane was working on the matter; he noted if anything came to fruition the Board members would be the first ones to be notified.

Supervisor Montesi commented he was pleased with the way the funding for the Project had been structured, as the County was not loaning SUNY Adirondack the money, but rather would be paying the invoices for the Project as they became available.

Supervisor Thomas informed he and the Budget Team had been busy over the past few weeks meeting with all of the Department Heads to review their 2018 Budget Requests. He mentioned the budget would not be fully put together until next week, but he felt it was more than the revenue the County had available to pay for the increases. He advised his goal was to address Debt Service which presently had approximately \$1 million which was unfunded with revenue. He informed with the increases he had seen he thought it would not be possible to include all of the Debt Service into the Budget with revenue, but a portion of it could be taken care of. He said he would have a better idea of what the total figures were once the Budget was fully compiled.

Chairman Conover apprised he had attended a number of the Budget Team meetings during which each Department Request was reviewed thoroughly. He stated he wanted to ensure everyone was aware of the significant time the Budget Team expended on the budgeting process and he thanked the Budget Team for their efforts.

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Supervisor Thomas stated he and the Budget Team met with the DPW and Sheriff for the second time to discuss their Budget Requests, noting he felt these meetings were very productive. He wished Mr. Reichenbach well in his future endeavors and thanked him for his service to the County.

Supervisor Hyde indicated she had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Merlino stated there were no resolutions in the packet for the Tourism Department this month. He said the Department was currently working on the 2018 Group Travel Planner and the 2018 Travel Guide. He mentioned the Fall Television commercials were currently being aired and the digital and social media campaigns were underway. He advised the Department would have booths at the Adirondack Balloon Festival and the Warrensburg Garage Sale events. Supervisor Merlino apprised proposed Resolution No. 341 was approved at the August 22nd meeting of the Park Operations & Management Committee meeting.

Continuing to the report by the acting County Administrator Supervisor Geraghty recognized the following people for their years of service to the County which he said was greatly appreciated:

- * Vickie Waters for 20 years of service to the Sheriff's Office
- * Joseph Eulian for 20 years of service to the Sheriff's Office
- * Alexander MacPherson for 20 years of service to the Sheriff's Office
- * Lisa Carpenter for 20 years of service to the Department of Public Works

Supervisor Geraghty then read aloud a listing of the meetings he attended since the August 17th Board Meeting; a copy of which is on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting. He advised he would like to recognize Brian LaFlure, *Director, Office of Emergency Services, Fire Coordinator*, who had just returned to work following an accident. Supervisor Geraghty stated he had the pleasure of working with Mr. Reichenbach as the former Chairman of the Board and now as the Acting County Administrator during which time Mr. Reichenbach's performance had been more than admirable. He said Mr. Reichenbach was brought on during difficult times and was able to get the County back on track. He mentioned everyone was aware the reason Mr. Reichenbach was leaving pertained to a conflict of interest between his position at the County and his part-time position as the Justice for the Town of Lake George; however, he apprised, he could attest to the fact that Mr. Reichenbach's position there had never impacted his position at the County. He wished Mr. Reichenbach well with his new endeavor.

Continuing with the Agenda review, privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Reichenbach to provide a report from the County Attorney. Mr. Reichenbach informed by Operation of Law on October 1st Ms. Kissane, as the First Assistant County Attorney, would become the acting County Attorney. He said this meant Ms. Kissane would be responsible for the duties and authority of that position. He commented he felt he was leaving the County in good hands. He thanked the Board for their respect during his tenure which he was appreciative of.

Chairman Conover then called for the reading of communications, which Mrs. Allen read aloud, as follows:

Reports from:

1. Report of Criminal and Family Workloads for July 2017 from the Warren County Probation Department.
2. Warren County Department of Weights & Measures Monthly Report for June - August 2017.
3. Pro Act Warren County Prescription Discount Card Utilization Report for the months of January 2016 - July 2017

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Capital District Regional Off Track Betting Corp. June 2017 surcharge check in the amount of \$4,394.

Capital District Regional Off Track Betting Corp. July 2017 surcharge check in the amount of \$5,166.

Adirondack Volunteer Firefighters Benevolent Association letter of introduction and description of goals and intentions.

Continuing to the reading of resolutions, Mrs. Allen announced proposed Resolution Nos. 337-369 were mailed; she informed that proposed Resolution No. 342 was amended after mailing and a motion was necessary to approve the amendment to the resolution. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Simpson, seconded by Supervisor Dickinson and carried unanimously. She advised that proposed Resolution Nos. 370-376 were prepared after mailing and a motion was necessary to bring them to the Floor. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried unanimously.

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

Supervisor Beaty requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 343, *Amending Resolution No. 205 of 2015, Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to the Federal Aviation Administration/New York State Department of Transportation for Avigation Easement/Land Acquisition for Five Parcels in the Runway 30 Approach Phase II, to Increase the Grant Amount.*

Supervisor Strough requested roll call votes on proposed Resolution Nos. 371, *Approving Collective Bargaining Agreement Between SUNY Adirondack and SUNY Adirondack Educational Support Personnel*, and 372, *Supporting the Adirondack Community College Capital Improvement Plan for 2018-19*. He noted he would be abstaining from voting on them because of his membership on the SUNY Adirondack Board of Trustees.

Supervisor Brock requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 344, *Acknowledging and Consenting to Revised Plans for Construction of a Stand Alone Office Building at the Warren County (Floyd Bennett Memorial) Airport by Schermerhorn Aviation, LLC to Change from a One Story Structure to a Two Story Structure.*

Supervisor Seeber stated there appeared to be a number of questions regarding proposed Resolution No. 373, *Establishing Capital Project No. H373 - Suny Adirondack Culinary Expansion, Authorizing Warren County to Sponsor the Project, Authorizing Transfer of Funds and Amending Warren County Budget for 2017*, and she asked whether it would be appropriate to have Dr. Kristine Duffy, *President, SUNY Adirondack*, address any of those which may require a broader explanation on how the County would obtain reimbursement and why there was a need for this expansion now and Chairman Conover replied in the affirmative.

Supervisor Merlino apprised he was not against the Project, but he did not feel adequate information was provided regarding what the anticipated budget for the operation would be and how many additional employees would be hired, as these were what would cause expenses to increase. Dr. Duffy stated the College had been using its current location on Bay Road in the Town of Queensbury for about five years now, but the building was older than that. She said they noticed two years ago they were not able to respond to the demand of the students in the Culinary Program. She pointed out the current

layout of the building on Bay Road limited their ability to offer two sections of a course which would accommodate the enrollment. She added although there was a need in the workforce to add a baking component to the Program, they did not have the capacity to do so. She mentioned regardless of whether this had been the Project or not, they had been seeking ways to expand upon the Culinary Program and were pleased when the opportunity arose to take advantage of grant funding as part of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative which allow the College to have a presence within the City of Glens Falls. She remarked this opportunity not only allowed them to expand the Culinary Program to meet the workforce needs, but also respond to the needs of the Hospitality and Tourism business sector who, besides the healthcare industry, provided the largest number of jobs within the region. She informed the vision for the new facility allowed them to have the space they needed for a restaurant, kitchen and teaching while also being an asset to the community by allowing catering businesses and small food entrepreneurs to rent the space when it was not in use by the College.

In regards to operating the facility, Dr. Duffy stated there would be an increase to their rental expense, but they had budgeted for this increase. She added they had developed a cost estimate to determine what enrollment they anticipated to increase to offset these expenses which they believed in five years would be increased by 50%. She mentioned at this point no additional staff would be added, as they could accommodate the expansion with the current staff, but they were projecting the need to add an additional staff member as enrollment increased in about four years. She stated they were able to manage the cost of the expansion of the Culinary Program within their current Budget; however, she noted, they would continue to look at other resources and funding. She said given the high popularity of food and that they would now be able to be a workforce partner, they were hoping to gain some other support from either private donors, as well as any State and/or Federal grants they could pursue. She said now that they had completed their comprehensive campaign to support the current projects, one of their top priorities would be concentrating on determining ways to raise funds for this Project.

Supervisor Merlino thanked Dr. Duffy for the information, as he found it to be very informative. He mentioned over the past few months he was tardy to the 10:00 a.m. meetings because he had to cook breakfast at his Bed and Breakfast Inn and he asked Dr. Duffy to consider adding this skill to the Program, as cooks with these types of skill were difficult to find.

Supervisor Montesi questioned whether Dr. Duffy was aware of the number of students enrolled in the Culinary Program versus the number who were enrolled in the Nursing Program and Dr. Duffy responded the number of students within the Culinary Program fluctuated between 60-70 students and there were over 200 students enrolled in the Nursing Program.

Supervisor Beaty questioned how many students were turned away from the Culinary Program due to its capacity limit and Dr. Duffy replied students were not turned away from the Culinary Program, but they were unable to complete the Program within a two to three year timeframe. She mentioned they had observed students leaving the Program because they were unable to complete the courses within the required sequence due to lack of capacity thereby resulting in extending their time. She said while she was unable to provide him with a definitive answer, she was aware the College was unable to accommodate the students who expressed interest in being enrolled in the Culinary Program. Supervisor Beaty asked how many students were enrolled in a full-time Program at the College and Dr. Duffy responded it was 60% of their total enrollment which was 3,800 thereby equating to about 2,200 students.

Supervisor Brock advised he felt Supervisor's Beaty's statement regarding how the College requested support from Warren County for the expansion of the Culinary program because "Warren County had the money" was incorrect and he asked Dr. Duffy to elaborate on this. Dr. Duffy stated the main

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purpose for approaching Warren County and not Washington County about support for this Project related to the fact that the Project was situated in the City of Glens Falls. The second reason, she said, was because they were very cognizant of the importance of obtaining the reimbursement from Empire State Development. She said the more streamlined they could manage the invoices the easier it would be to then submit them to Empire State Development which was why dealing with one sponsor appeared to make the most sense in order to ensure this moved in a progression that would allow the County to get the money they needed returned to them.

Supervisor Braymer advised she believed it was a great testament to the College's Program that they were already exceeding their current space. She noted it was necessary to remain relevant to the community by serving thousands of the residents through the Culinary Program. She mentioned this was a great opportunity for the College which the County should support them on as one of their sponsors. She added she was pleased the expansion of enrollment would be used to offset some of the operating expenses, as this was one of the items discussed at the joint meeting with Washington County on September 8th. She concluded her remarks by informing she was fully in support of proposed Resolution No. 373, *Establishing Capital Project No. H373 - Suny Adirondack Culinary Expansion, Authorizing Warren County to Sponsor the Project, Authorizing Transfer of Funds and Amending Warren County Budget for 2017.*

Supervisor Beaty stated for the record it was at the August 31st meeting when Supervisor Dickinson had asked why the College chose to come before Warren County and not Washington County, as well with the request and Dr. Duffy had responded it related to the fact that Warren County had the funds available. He suggested Supervisor Brock look this statement up on the Youtube video of the meeting.

In response to Supervisor Beaty, Supervisor Brock advised at the August 31st meeting the College did a presentation regarding the Project, Dr. Duffy had pointed out the traditional practice of the College was to request support from the County where the building or project was located. He added this could be found on the Youtube video of the meeting, as well.

Supervisor MacDonald apprised he would like to speak in favor of proposed Resolution No. 373, *Establishing Capital Project No. H373 - Suny Adirondack Culinary Expansion, Authorizing Warren County to Sponsor the Project, Authorizing Transfer of Funds and Amending Warren County Budget for 2017.* He said occasionally there were projects and/or decisions brought before them which were associated with a number of pros and cons. He said the risk associated with this particular Resolution pertained to a delay in the funds being returned to the County; however, he noted, reimbursement would be provided at some point in the future. He remarked at the end of the day this particular Project involved a way for SUNY Adirondack to "raise the bar" in terms of their course offerings. He added prospective students seeking to become involved in the Hospitality and Tourism Industry, which, he noted, was the number one industry here, would look to enroll in a College who had an adequate Culinary Program in place. He said these students wanted to enroll in a College whose Program had energy, significant activity, room for walkability and interaction with other restaurants and people exchanging ideas that lead to creativity. He informed the downtown area of the City of Glens Falls was a showcase of what public and private investment could do to transform not just the City, but the entire region. He commented he felt to slow this down because the County was doing something like a "loan program" would impede on the momentum which was going on presently. He stated he would be pleased to see this move forward not just for the City of Glens Falls, but for both Warren and Washington Counties.

Supervisor Braymer informed proposed Resolution No. 351, *Extending Agreement with Hamilton County Department of Social Services and Warren/Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging to Provide Home Energy Assistance Program (Heap) Outreach and Certification Services to Low Income Residents of*

Hamilton County, also supported the Warren/Hamilton Counties Community Action which was based in the City of Glens Falls, but serviced Hamilton County and their HEAP (*Home Energy Assistance Program*) Outreach Program. She said she was pleased they were working together to help individuals who required the assistance.

As it related to proposed Resolution No. 355, *Amending Resolution No. 253 of 2017, Authorizing an Agreement with Emergency Services Marketing Corporation, Inc. for the Purchase of I Am Responding Software for the Office of Emergency Services, to Change the Commencement and Termination Date of the Agreement*, Supervisor Seeber inquired why it was back before them today since it had previously been discussed and approved and Supervisor Montesi responded he believed it related to an issue with a date. Mr. LaFlure apprised due to a delay caused by issues with wording in the contract, the commencement and termination dates for the contract had already passed by so the contract had not been signed yet. He said the purpose of the proposed Resolution was to update the commencement and termination dates for the contract. Supervisor Seeber questioned whether the contract was in place now and being utilized and Mr. LaFlure replied in the negative. He explained if the proposed Resolution was adopted today, they would be able to move ahead, as the representatives of I Am Responding had it all in place ready to be used once the contract dates were amended. In regards to the EMS providers who currently used the I Am Responding software, Mr. LaFlure advised those who had already paid ahead would receive a credit back from I Am Responding. Supervisor Seeber asked what the contract term was for an Mr. LaFlure replied it was for a one year term, but, he noted, I Am Responding provided them with the discounted price they would have received if the contract was for three years. Mr. LaFlure added upon the request of the Sheriff's Office, they were included within the system for no additional cost.

In regards to proposed Resolution No. 343, *Amending Resolution No. 205 of 2015, Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to the Federal Aviation Administration/New York State Department of Transportation for Avigation Easement/Land Acquisition for Five Parcels in the Runway 30 Approach Phase II, to Increase the Grant Amount*, Supervisor Braymer informed she felt it was necessary to state she was concerned the County's costs had steadily increased on this, as well as some of the other projects at the Airport. Supervisor Brock asked Supervisor Braymer whether her concern stemmed from the costs associated with the grant funding and she replied in the affirmative. She pointed out the grant did not fully fund the expense of the Project. Supervisor Brock questioned whether Supervisor Braymer was aware of how much of the expense was not covered by the grant and she replied in the negative. Supervisor Girard interjected the purpose of the proposed Resolution before them was to include \$9,974 within the Capital Project to pay for closing costs, of which 95% was paid for through grant funding. He continued, because the \$9,000 expense was unanticipated, they were resubmitting the grant application to include them.

Chairman Conover called for a vote on resolutions, following which Resolution Nos. 337-376 were approved, as presented with the exception of Resolution No. 347 which was amended from the floor.

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

Michael Consuelo, *Executive Director, Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce & CVB (Retiring)*, apprised he was present today to introduce the Board members to Gina Mintzer, who would be replacing him as the Executive Director for the Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce & CVB. He said the search Committee performed an extensive search which resulted in the hiring of Ms. Mintzer, whom he believed was the appropriate replacement for him to lead the Organization in the promotion of the entire region, as well as to assist with making the area a vibrant year-round destination.

Ms. Mintzer stated her background consisted of serving as the Director of Sales for the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau for the past nineteen years and prior to that she spent nine years with the Pyramid Companies marketing six different shopping centers throughout New York and Massachusetts. She remarked she was excited to become a Town of Queensbury resident as of November 1st, but in the meantime she would be staying at various hotel properties throughout the region during which she would be getting familiar with the area. She added presently she was on the “listening and learning” tour. In conclusion, she thanked the Board members for the warm welcome.

Chairman Conover welcomed Ms. Mintzer to Warren County following which a round of applause was given.

Frank Dittrich, *Representing the Warren County Lodging Association, as well as 30 other businesses in the region that were in the Tourism Industry*, informed everyone was aware of how important tourism was for the region. In regards to Resolution No. 373, *Establishing Capital Project No. H373 - Suny Adirondack Culinary Expansion, Authorizing Warren County to Sponsor the Project, Authorizing Transfer of Funds and Amending Warren County Budget for 2017*, he stated he was unaware of any businesses in the area who were not in need to chefs or cooks which Supervisor Merlino could attest to. He reminded them 12% of the County residents worked in the tourism industry here in restaurants, hotels, amusements, etc. and another 10% of County residents had an indirect relationship in tourism and their employment here. He continued, an example of this would be Sysco Foods or Glens Falls Produce, as their industry pivoted off of the tourism industry. He added beyond employment, tourism contributed millions of dollars to Warren County in the form of local sales tax. He mentioned the Warren County Lodging Association, as a Business Organization saw the tourism economy as the growth engine for both the Towns, Villages and the County which they had already spoken to a number of Supervisors about and would talk to the remaining Supervisors as they went along. He informed they foresaw growth coming in two forms, the first of which was the opportunity to generate an increase in local County sales tax contributions. He said currently there was about 30 million in sales tax generated through the tourism industry here; however, he noted, their Organization felt significantly more could be generated if they were to go about marketing their space in new and more aggressive ways. The second opportunity, Mr. Dittrich apprised, was in the form of employment growth for the residents with the generation of better jobs and year-round positions. He mentioned in about a month around 3,000 residents in the County would be losing their jobs, as they were part of the seasonal tourism economy which they hoped would return next year. He added this figure was even higher when you took into consideration employers such as Sysco Foods, who delivered to businesses in the Lake George area, as they would be reducing their number of trips there from six a week to one. He said this meant drivers and warehouse workers would be faced with layoffs. He apprised their Organization referred to this as “upside potential” to offset the dramatic changes in the County itself. He stated the Supervisors were presently working on the County Budget and many were also working on their individual Towns Budget. He remarked their Organization saw the use of the sales tax generated through the tourism economy as part of the General Fund and therefore into the Towns and Villages as a powerful option especially when compared to the only other option which was raising taxes. He stated since the number of children in the community requiring a subsidy for lunch was well within the double digits, raising taxes should not be an option. He added it was not a question of whether residents liked the local tax, but rather could they afford it. He re-stated the opportunity in relation to tourism was sitting in front of them, as this region had more assets than any others located within Upstate New York and yet only 2% was shared of the tourism spend in New York State. He mentioned the business community was pleased with the response they had garnered from the Supervisors they had reached out to. He advised their goal was to partner with the County, Towns, local businesses and Chambers to work on growing the tourism industry here which would in turn benefit all of the stakeholders.

Chairman Conover called for announcements.

Supervisor Simpson apprised in the absence of Supervisor Frasier, he would like to speak on behalf of the Town of Hague, who would be hosting a presentation on September 29th at 7:00 p.m. in their Community Center regarding the hemlock woolly adelgid which had been found on Prospect Mountain and they suspected was in other areas, but had not been confirmed yet. He stated Dr. Mark Whitmore, *representing Cornell University*, would be putting on the presentation with others from the Nature Conservancy and he encouraged all to attend.

Supervisor Beaty stated he would also like to thank Mr. Reichenbach for his service to the County, as he felt Mr. Reichenbach did a remarkable job remaining fair and independent rather than trying to sway the Board members to his way of thinking. He added unlike previous County Attorney's, he thought Mr. Reichenbach was a true "middle of the road" independent thinker which he was appreciative of.

Supervisor Beaty announced the Cool Insuring Arena (formerly known as the Glens Falls Civic Center) would be naming their Press Box tomorrow after his good friend Dave Strader, who was the Hall of Fame Sports Announcer from this region that returned every summer to live here and be part of the community. He informed there would be a Recognition Ceremony tomorrow along with a fundraiser at Sunnyside Golf Course for Cancer and Alzheimer.

Supervisor Braymer remarked she would like to echo Supervisor Beaty's comments regarding how fair Mr. Reichenbach was when addressing the full Board, as well as the Department Heads. She said she was aware of how overwhelming the position was, and she noted, he would be missed.

Supervisor Braymer announced next Thursday night the Adirondack Balloon Festival would commence with a launch in Crandall Park in the City of Glens Falls followed by a car show and other activities in the downtown area of Glens Street in the City of Glens Falls.

Supervisor Geraghty apprised the calendars were available for pick up in the Purchasing Department for those who purchased them through the County. He announced the World's Largest Garage Sale commenced in the Town of Warrensburg on September 29th. He encouraged those who planned on attending and required parking to come and see him at the Warrensburg Fire House.

Supervisor Merlino thanked Mr. Reichenbach for being fair during his dealings with him, noting he would be missed. He apprised the Town of Lake Luzerne was celebrating its 225th anniversary this Saturday with a small parade at 1:00 p.m.

Supervisor Dickinson announced the Marshall Tucker Band would be performing at the Festival Space on September 24th and he encouraged all to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Simpson and seconded by Supervisor Dickinson, Chairman Conover adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:16 a.m.