

## WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: APRIL 29, 2019

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS MCDEVITT

BEATY

LEGGETT

BRAYMER

STROUGH

HOGAN

MAGOWAN

SIMPSON

WILD

REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT

JOHN WHEATLY, VICE PRESIDENT

JENNIFER SWITZER, DIRECTOR, FINANCE

REPRESENTING PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR

REPRESENTING LEHIGH CEMENT COMPANY, LLC:

DAVID DREYER, PLANT MANAGER

JANA FREDERICK, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

JOHN BRODT, COMMUNITY LIASON, BEHAN COMMUNICATIONS

REPRESENTING ADIRONDACK NORTH COUNTRY ASSOCIATION:

CAITLYN WARGO, COMMUNICATIONS & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

DANIELLE DELAINI, BUSINESS TRANSITION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL

GERAGHTY

LOEB

SOKOL

TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT

DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*

LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 29, 2019 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2019/economic>*

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 9:01 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Economic Growth & Development Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Sara Frankenfeld, *GIS Administrator*, who distributed copies of the Planning & Community Development agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. Frankenfeld presented the following requests:

- 1) To authorize a new contract with Advokate, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$56,442 for marketing and social media support related to the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor for a term commencing

June 2019 and terminating June 2020.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To authorize an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Smart Growth Grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. McDevitt thanked Ms. Braymer for her direction in helping the County in becoming a “smart community”.

There being no further Planning & Community Development business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to David Dreyer, *Plant Manager*, Lehigh Cement Company, LLC, who presented a PowerPoint Presentation entitled “Presentation to the Warren County Economic Growth & Development Committee”, a copy of which is on file with the meeting minutes. During the presentation, Jana Frederick, *Environmental Manager*, Lehigh Cement Company, LLC, also spoke, presenting the emissions testing portion of the PowerPoint Presentation.

A lengthy discussion ensued, at the conclusion of which Mr. Beaty commended Lehigh Cement Company, LLC, on their environmentally responsible efforts and transparency. Mr. McDevitt concurred and thanked the Lehigh Cement Company representatives for attending.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ed Bartholomew, *President of the Economic Growth & Development Corporation (EDC)*, who presented a PowerPoint Presentation entitled “Collaborating”, which he reviewed in detail. During his presentation he noted that the PowerPoint included a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) chart for the neighboring Glens Falls area, as requested by Mr. Wild at last month’s meeting. *A copy of the presentation is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Caitlyn Wargo, *Communications & Development Director, Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA)*, who apprised they were an economic development organization located in Saranac Lake. She stated they helped grow the new economy in the North Country through local food business and local clean energy to build a foundation for a resilient economic future. Ms. Wargo informed that both Patricia Tatich, *Associate Planner*, Planning & Community Development, and Chris Hunsinger, *Director, Employment & Training Administration*, were Board Members. She mentioned a program called “Center for Businesses in Transition” which was developed by Danielle Delaini, *Business Transition Program Coordinator, ANCA*, who she introduced to expound on the program.

Ms. Delaini apprised their organization helped by providing an economic analysis to businesses looking for a succession plan. She stated the program started in January 2019 for a regional approach and partnered with over fifty organizations, with eight offices who had community liaisons providing the program. Ms. Delaini apprised there would be a webinar held on June 20<sup>th</sup> about workers co-operatives and ease-ops to

explain the difference and provide information on both.

Mr. Leggett thanked Ms. Wargo and Ms. Delaini for sharing this information; he noted that most of Warren County was located in the Adirondack Park and looked southward for economic vitality, but looked Northward for what drove the County as a gateway.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion made by Mr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Strough, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board