

## WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: JULY 29, 2019

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS MCDEVITT  
BEATY  
LEGGETT  
BRAYMER  
STROUGH  
HOGAN  
SIMPSON  
WILD

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR MAGOWAN

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER  
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR  
CHRIS BELDEN, ASSISTANT PLANNER

REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT  
JENNIFER SWITZER, DIRECTOR, FINANCE  
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL  
SOKOL  
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
GINA MINTZER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE GEORGE CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE & CVB  
CARRIE WRIGHT, PROGRAM ANALYST, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
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 July 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 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Simpson 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 Wayne LaMothe, *County Planner*, 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 his agenda review, Mr. LaMothe presented the following requests:

- 1) To increase Capital Project H380, *Promoting the First Wilderness*, in the amount of \$6,851.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Hogan entered the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

- 2) To authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$858.18 from Budget Code A.8021 110, *Planning (and Comm. Dev.), Salaries-Regular*, to Budget Code A.9950 910, *Transfers-Capital Projects, Interfund Transfers*, to offset a negative balance in Capital Project H341, *Flood Mitigation Grant*.
- 3) To increase Capital Project H341, *Flood Mitigation Grant*, in the amount of \$858.18 to cover public hearing expenses.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and forward same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 4) To close the following Capital Projects and return remaining funds to the General Fund: H297 County Quadrecentennial Program (\$0.00), H314 First Wilderness Scenic Byways (\$9.61), H341 Flood Mitigation Grant (\$0.00), H363 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (\$11.37), as all funds have been expended and the grantor agency has closed out the program.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 5) To authorize a transfer of funds totaling \$2,008.15 between various budget codes in order to cover cost-of-living salary increase for the GIS Administrator position.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing with the Information for Discussion/Review section, Mr. LaMothe noted he had provided a list of current CFA (*Consolidated Funding Application*) grant applications submitted, a copy of which is included with the agenda.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Chris Belden, *Assistant Planner*, who provided an update on the Lake George/Town of Queensbury grant project.

Mr. Leggett thanked the Planning Department for their work in obtaining grants for town projects.

Privilege of the floor was extended to anyone present wishing to address the Committee on any matter. Travis Whitehead, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, spoke on the potential sale of four parcels of property in Queensbury which the EDC (*Economic Development Corporation*) of Warren County had a contract to purchase, according to discussion at the July 22, 2019 Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee meeting. Mr. Whitehead voiced his concern that the Town of Queensbury and the Queensbury School District would have to repay a total of \$181,000 plus taxes to Warren County through the chargebacks requested. Michael Swan, *County Treasurer*, announced that his Office had resolved this issue last week, following the Committee meeting, and could confirm that these chargebacks to the Town and school would

not occur. Mr. Whitehead replied he felt a public hearing should be held before the EDC was able to purchase the parcels of land which were being offered at an amount below market value that did not include the cost of improvements made by New York State.

There being no further Planning & Community Development business to discuss, 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. *A copy of the presentation is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Ms. Braymer entered the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

During Mr. Bartholomew's presentation on the topic of pathway corridor improvements, he asked Mr. Strough to speak on the Round Pond Road intersection. Mr. Strough briefly explained the need for a signalized intersection for the safety of both vehicles and pedestrians as the area was problematic and a high incidence of accidents occurred there.

A brief discussion ensued in regards to the Adirondack Northway (*Interstate 87*) exit signs and attraction advertising on the New York State Thruway.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion made by Mr. Leggett and seconded by Mr. Wild, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

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