

## WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: COUNTY FACILITIES

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2015

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS GIRARD  
WOOD  
WESTCOTT  
MONROE  
STROUGH  
CONOVER  
SEEBER

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING THE OPEN DOUR SOUP KITCHEN:  
KIM COOK, DIRECTOR  
MARK SCHACHNER, LEGAL COUNSEL  
REPRESENTING THE WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:  
JOAN ALDOUS  
MARILYN VAN DYKE  
FAITH BOUCHARD  
JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MARTIN AUFFREDOU, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
FRANK THOMAS. BUDGET OFFICER  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
BROCK  
MCDEVITT  
SIMPSON  
TAYLOR  
CHARLES WALLACE, ADMINISTRATOR, FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING CODE  
ENFORCEMENT  
DR. JAMES A. SEELEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CORNELL COOPERATIVE  
EXTENSION  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 18, 2015 meeting of the County Facilities Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: [http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/county\\_facilities/](http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/county_facilities/)*

Mr. Girard called the meeting of the County Facilities Committee to order at 11:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Mr. Girard apprised the purpose of the meeting was for the Committee to hear a proposal from representatives of The Open Door relative to the use of the County Detention Home on a one-year temporary basis as a Code Blue Shelter.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mark Schachner and Kim Cook, both of The Open Door, who made a formal presentation of their request during which they indicated they were requesting that the County allow them use of the former Detention Home Building and for the County to provide snow and garbage removal. They also advised The Open Door would pay for all utilities and would provide the proper insurances, while the City of Glens Falls would provide bus transportation to those requiring shelter during a Code Blue event. It was specified that the transportation would be provided to bring the homeless from the City to the former Detention Home in the evening, as well as to return them to the City in the morning. Mr. Schachner explained a Cold Blue event occurred

when either the temperature was forecast to be 20 degrees or below, or when 12 inches of snow was expected.

A lengthy discussion on this matter ensued during which the Committee posed many questions which were answered by Mr. Schachner and Ms. Cook. Also during these discussions it was determined that Jeffery Tennyson, Superintendent of Public Works, should proceed with efforts to remove the Detention Home from Westmount's co-generation system and have it reconnected to the available power grid. Marilyn Van Dyke, of the Warren County Historical Society, apprised of the Historical Society's desire to use the Detention Home in the future, and she distributed copies of an architectural review of the premises which the Historical Society had independently commissioned; Ms. Van Dyke noted that the architectural report cited several deficiencies that would need correction before the building could be occupied. In response to Ms. Van Dyke comments, Charles Wallace, Administrator, Fire Prevention and Building Codes Enforcement, indicated this would not be the case because of the buildings prior use. At the conclusion of these discussions, motion was made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Mr. Westcott and carried unanimously to authorize a lease agreement with The Open Door to use the former County Detention Home for a Code Blue Shelter from November 2015 through March 2016 with the understanding that the County would provide snow and trash removal and the Open Door would provide the necessary insurance coverage and pay for any utility costs incurred when the building was reconnected to the available power grid. The necessary resolution was authorized for the November 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Next, a lengthy discussion took place regarding the contracts the County had with Siemens Building Technologies for the Municipal Center Building and Countryside Adult Home, following which it was determined that County would conduct an in-house study of the contracts to determine whether the savings guaranteed wherein were achieved. It was noted that this matter would be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the County Facilities Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Ms. Seeber, Mr. Girard adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board