

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2016**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: MCDEVITT  
WOOD  
BEATY  
STROUGH  
SIMPSON  
DICKINSON  
MACDONALD  
MONTESI  
LEGGETT

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:  
ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT  
WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER  
FRASIER  
SOKOL  
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*  
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 22, 2016 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/comm/Archive/2016/economic/>

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 9:19 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous 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.

Proceeding, Mr. LaMothe presented a request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$35,648.18 from Budget Code A.1990 469, Contingent Account-Other Payments/Contributions, to various budget codes to offset the cost of the new Senior Planner position. A brief discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds and to forward same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the request for Transfer of Funds form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing, Mr. LaMothe indicated the Referral/Pending item on the agenda had been taken care of by the previous request.

Next, Mr. LaMothe discussed office staffing indicating that Sue Tucker, currently of the Tourism Department, was to take over his position when he retired and he apprised of a new staff member, Chris Belden, Senior Planner, who had started on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Concluding, Mr. LaMothe notified the sewer project at Countryside Adult home would be postponed until the spring. He discussed the status of grants for the First Wilderness program, and he reported the enhanced 911 software for the Sheriff's Office was currently being installed.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ed Bartholomew, President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), who indicated in 2015 the Empire State Development Corp. had completed an analysis of the impact of tourism in New York State which also compared tourism. He said New York City represented 65%, while Warren County represented 45% of

tourism revenue as compared to other Counties throughout New York. *A copy of The Economic Impact of Tourism in New York is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Bartholomew notified the Planning and Zoning Conference would be held October 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Fort William Henry and he encouraged all to attend.

Following, Mr. Bartholomew indicated the EDC had joined the Lake George Watershed Coalition who currently received a \$5 million grant for a new waste water treatment facility. He noted the First Time Home Buyers program was accepting applications for fifteen homes. He informed the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) job training program offered to low to no income individuals would commence later in the fall and he mentioned the EDC office would be moving to the first floor in the Travelers Building in downtown Glens Falls.

Returning to the Planning and Community Development agenda, Mr. LaMothe provided a review of his department's 2017 Budget request, *a copy of which is on file with the minutes.* No changes to the Budget request were recommended by the Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. MacDonald, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist