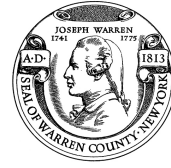


Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020**



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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 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Frank E. Thomas presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Seeber.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Diamond, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Simpson, Hogan, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Magowan, Seeber, Beaty, Shepler, Geraghty and Thomas- 19; Supervisor McDevitt absent- 1

Supervisors Diamond, Driscoll, Frasier, Merlino, Shepler, Geraghty and Thomas were present at the meeting, while Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Braymer, Bruno, Simpson, Hogan, Dickinson, Strough, Wild, Magowan, Seeber and Beaty were present via teleconference.

Commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Thomas noted a motion was necessary to approve the minutes of the March 20th Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board. The motion was made by Supervisor Shepler, seconded by Supervisor Merlino and carried unanimously.

Chairman Thomas asked if Dr. James Seeley, *Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension*, was present to address the Board regarding the 50th anniversary of Arbor Day and Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, responded that this had been delayed until the May 15th Board Meeting.

Prior to commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Thomas introduced Congresswoman Stefanik, who was unable to attend the meeting, but had made herself available via teleconference to update the County regarding what her Office had been working on. Congresswoman Stefanik said first and foremost she would like to thank the Board Members and County staff for all of their brave work during this crisis which had been unprecedented with all of the Counties in her jurisdiction rising to the occasion. She informed she would like to provide a few updates regarding the Federal packages they were negotiating, the first of which pertained to how the funding for the SBA (*Small Business Association*) Paycheck Protection Program had been fully expended and they were working toward adopting additional funding for the Program. She apprised in addition to this they were also negotiating a package to provide support to County and local Governments, as well as the hospitals and community health centers. She stated the Department of Health and Human Services had disbursed the first 30% of the \$70 billion of funding to hospitals, including Glens Falls Hospital. She mentioned the concern that had been expressed by the New York delegation was that this disbursement was based on 2019 data points which were not reflective of the current status. She advised this meant it treated all

hospitals across the Country based on 2019 and the New York delegation wanted to ensure the funds provided to hospitals and community health centers were based on today's data. She informed this would ensure the States and regions hit hardest by the Coronavirus would be reimbursed at a different level than States and hospitals who had not been impacted as much. She said she was working with the Hospital Association of New York and all of the regional hospitals on that issue. She apprised she had an opportunity to participate in the daily briefing with some of the hospitals located in her district, including Glens Falls Hospital, Albany Medical Center and Nathan Littauer Hospital, which served the Fulton County region of her district. She mentioned her office was in daily contact with the hospitals located in her region to ensure she was aware of their concerns and that their needs were being met.

Congresswomen Stefanik said in addition this morning she participated in a conference call with all of the Superintendents of School Districts associated with WSWHE BOCES (*Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Education Services*) to discuss how her office was working to ensure the Department of Education's Federal funding was allocated to their school districts, as she believed this was imperative considering they had to quickly shift to online learning and make changes to their meal programs for low income students. She advised at the federal level they wanted to make the funding process for school districts as seamless as possible to assist them with getting through this tense time. She stated she also had a conversation yesterday with Dr. Kristine Duffy, *President, SUNY Adirondack*, regarding the federal funding for the higher education institutions, with the first 50% already allocated which related to the direct aid to students. She apprised from her perspective she would like the additional 50% of aid to be as stress free as possible because the higher education institutions had been grappling with these unprecedented challenges and she was raising Dr. Duffy's concerns as they continued to set the guidelines at the federal level as to how the response could be set. She mentioned she was aware what was critically important to the Counties was ensuring the next Federal stimulus package included direct funds to local governments; she added she felt this was imperative for the Counties located in her district who had borne the brunt of this crisis with their Public Health Departments stepping up to the plate. She mentioned she was well aware the Counties were in dire fiscal situations so she and some of the other federal delegates from New York were pushing for that direct funding to the Counties which she was fully supportive of. She stated she also believed the Governor of New York State should be required to certify that these funds would be directly allocated to Counties and not remain at the State level because she believed the priority was for these funds to be allocated for the County. She concluded by asking if anyone had any questions she could answer.

Supervisor Braymer thanked Congresswomen Stefanik for providing direct updates to the Board which were appreciated. She asked whether the funding being allocated to SUNY Adirondack could be used to expand broadband coverage and Congresswomen Stefanik responded she believed SUNY Adirondack should be permitted to allocate the funds to their General Fund so they could use it for what they needed. Congresswomen Stefanik said each higher education institution were in different circumstances and she had discussed with SUNY Adirondack how this situation had highlighted the digital divide, as their institution was in a different position than SUNY Plattsburg or Clarkson University in terms of the demographics and the rural nature of the students they served. She said because of this she would be supportive of SUNY Adirondack being able to use that funding for this pivot to online learning and the technological needs. She informed she felt this pandemic was calling attention to the absolute need for a rural broadband strategy across the Country and she cited how the students of North Warren Central School District and Warrensburg School District were faced with the challenge of having students who did not have access to broadband coverage, nor or hot spots. She mentioned the FCC (*Federal Communications Commission*) had taken steps at the federal level to increase investment in rural communities; she added prior to this crisis she discussed with the Chairman of the FCC ensuring New York State was eligible for some of the rural broadband grant

funding that they were previously going to be left out of because of some of the positions at the State level. She said the FCC had made an update to that to ensure New York State was eligible and she was hoping once they got through this crisis that she could have the Chairman of the FCC visit the district and hear from the State corners to make him aware of how critical this funding was. She apprised the Federal Government did want the higher education institutions to use the funding for what they thought they needed, but as everyone was aware it was broader than that.

Supervisor Braymer informed she had been working with the County Planning & Community Development Department to collect data regarding places in the public that would open up their hot spots and then placed this information on a map that was posted on the COVID-19 resources page of the County website and she encouraged Congresswomen Stefanik to review this information and refer her constituents to the page, as well. She recognized Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, for responding quickly to her request to expand one of the County's wifi locations in the Town of Warrensburg which he took care of within a few days. She voiced her appreciation for Congresswomen Stefanik acknowledging this issue and working toward a long-term solution.

Supervisor Bruno advised his understanding was in order for the County to get back to some form of normalcy and open businesses back up faster wide-spread testing would be required and he asked Congresswomen Stefanik if she knew what the status of those tests were. Congresswomen Stefanik replied that this was correct and if they were to look at it from the short and long-term perspectives, testing would be critically important. She said the FDA (*Food and Drug Administration*) had fast tracked their approval process on this quick turn around testing capability, but one of her concerns was that the State had impaired the County's testing capabilities with it being more likely for residents from Downstate New York to be tested than those residing in Upstate New York. She stated as an example .45% of the population of Essex County had been tested, but the average percentage on a State-wide level was 2.5% meaning while testing was low State-wide it was significantly lower in Counties located in Upstate New York. She restated the FDA was approving tests with a the capability to turn around results quicker, adding it was clear she needed to work with the local governments to make these test available to them; however, she noted, it was imperative to ensure that Governor Cuomo made these tests available to Upstate New York, as well even though the population was denser in this area.

Chairman Thomas thanked Congresswomen Stefanik for being present via teleconference to provide the Board Members with an update, noting that all her hard work was much appreciated. Congresswomen Stefanik apprised she just remembered another matter she would like to bring to their attention regarding the eligibility of seasonal businesses for the SBA Paycheck Protection Program. She said she was working to ensure the Department of Treasury guidance was more flexible and understanding of their seasonal nature of businesses to extend the deadline that was set for June 30th in terms of payroll assistance to reflect the busy season. She encouraged Supervisors who received questions from the seasonal hotels, restaurants and other business owners that were critical to the regions economy regarding this program to contact her office because they were working through triaging those questions. Congresswomen Stefanik concluded by thanking everyone at the County for all of their great work.

Returning to the Agenda review with the report by the Chairman of the Board, Chairman Thomas advised this past month had been both busy, as well as stressful at times and he thanked the County Administrator, the County Attorney, the Sheriff's Office, Public Health and more specifically the nurses, Office of Emergency Services, the Clerk of the Board and all of the County employees who were working during this pandemic. He said they had been reacting to the Governors Executive Orders which were not always clear on the requirements, but he believed they had done a good job and had sought clarity when needed with County staff doing what was required of them. He apprised he had renewed the

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Emergency Declaration for another thirty days, as well as the two Executive Orders, one of which restricted access to County Buildings and the others purpose was to assist the Public Health Department with mandatory quarantines. He informed the County had worked hard in order to be in compliance with all of the Governors Executive Orders, but the County was appealing to the Governors Office to allow the recreational vehicle campgrounds to remain open because of the number of seasonal residents from the County who resided in them for the coming months, but no response had been given as of yet. He added he was hoping this request would be granted.

Chairman Thomas apprised he had participated in a significant number of conference calls in the evening with NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*) where representatives of NYSAC were periodically providing updates which had lead to some lobbying with the State when the State Budget was being finalized, as well as with the Federal Government for FMAP (*Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage*) funding and funding for local governments. He stated he had also participated on many calls with the Governors Office which took place during the afternoon hours. He advised had directed the Information Technology Department to work with the Tourism and Planning & Community Development Departments to update and repair the County website to make it more accessible for the public and businesses to find information regarding COVID-19 and the County's action regarding same which they did a great job on, as he believed it was greatly improved.

Chairman Thomas stated on March 26th he had participated in a teleconference with Dr. Duffy concerning the SUNY Adirondack Budget and on March 24th he had attended a meeting as sole member of the LDC (*Local Development Corporation*), during which they appointed a new Board of Directors at their annual organizational meeting. He advised on March 31st he had participated in a FEMA (*Federal Emergency Management Agency*) webinar regarding Disaster Relief 4480 applicant briefing. He said there had been many issues, one of which was when Governor Cuomo proposed taking 20% of the ventilators from hospitals in Upstate New York for use in New York City where there was a definitive need, but this was resolved as a result of the demand decreasing. Chairman Thomas advised he had taken part done a few interviews with the media, put together a video and provided topics for three press releases. He informed he had met many times with the (*COVID-19*) Task Force to discuss various issues, such as testing, supplies, etc.

Chairman Thomas apprised on April 9th the County partnered with Glens Falls Hospital to perform testing for COVID-19 in the rear parking lot of the Municipal Center Building. He said their hours of operation were from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m with 128 tests having been taken as of this morning. He advised the first three days of this operation were challenging due to the inclement weather, but they persevered with the assistance of the Public Health Department. He stated the latest Executive Order from the Governor concerned the mask requirement when individuals were out in public and could not maintain social distancing which went into effect at 8:00 p.m. tonight.

Chairman Thomas stated there was another issue with second homes and short-term rentals involving the Governor taking away the County's ability to issue emergency orders without obtaining approval from the NYS DOH (*New York State Department of Health*) beforehand. He said as a result of this the County submitted a request to NYS DOH to shutdown short-term rentals, but the request was denied. He apprised since this request was denied the County was requesting that anyone with second homes who traveled to the region quarantine themselves for fourteen days and notify the Public Health Department of their presence, as well. In regard to short-term rentals, Chairman Thomas advised he was aware there was an extensive effort to request that these properties not be rented out at this time.

Chairman Thomas informed he had been continuously communicating with the Command Center for the Glens Falls Hospital to determine if they required any assistance from the County. He stated the

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working group established by Supervisor Wild to address the economic impact of this pandemic had met once; he added the County faced many challenges ahead and he believed this group would be beneficial in determining how the County's economy could begin recovering from this situation. In regard to the Census, Chairman Thomas advised the County as a whole appeared to be lagging in its response and he would encourage the Supervisors to urge their constituents to respond to the Census because of its relation to future funding and programs in the County. He mentioned the Planning & Community Development Department had developed some yard signs pertaining to the Census which he suggested the Supervisors pick up to place in areas around their municipalities. He restated how important it was for County residents to respond to the Census.

Chairman Thomas stated the next item on the Agenda concerned the reports by Committee Chairman on the past months meetings or activities.

Supervisor Seeber advised she would like to highlight a few of the Proclamations included in the Resolution packet that related to criminal justice, the first of which Proclaimed April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Warren County and the other Proclaiming May 1, 2020 to be Law Day in Warren County. She reminded them last month a Proclamation was approved Proclaiming next week as National Crime Victims' Rights Week which was nationally recognized with this years theme being steep justice, ensure victim rights and inspire hope. She mentioned as a statistical reminder an individual became a crime victim every twenty-six seconds in the Unites States with more crimes being committed relating to technology, as well as seniors which there was also a Proclamation before them today that Proclaimed May of 2020 to be Older Americans Month. Supervisor Seeber apprised she had the opportunity to participate in two phone calls with the NACo (*National Association of Counties*) Standing Committees she was a member of and she thanked the District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff and Probation Director for participating in a call with the NACo Public Safety and Criminal Justice Standing Committee on April 1st. She advised the next Criminal Justice Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 20th during which the District Attorney and Probation Director would be discussing the new State Budget as it related to Bail and Criminal Justice Reform. She said there had been some significant changes with Bail Reform, but there was still many more issues that needed to be addressed. She informed the current number of inmates that were incarcerated at the County Jail was about fifty-six which was around where they were in January when they first started reporting on these figures as it related to Bail Reform. Supervisor Seeber apprised she had also participated in a NACo webinar for Resilient Counties which she was a member of that advisory group following which she forwarded information from the call on to the Planning & Community Development and Tourism Departments, as well as the Director of Public Relations to work on those GIS maps and some resources that they had been able to develop into the County website. She advised she and Supervisor Beaty had yet to provide a report on the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. they had attended, but the information they had shared with the individual departments had been put to good use.

Supervisor Beaty advised the County Facilities Committee had not met last month, but he had met with Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, and Don DeGraw, *Airport Manager*, last week to curve any unnecessary items from being included on the Committee meeting agenda that may lead to needless spending during this trying financial time. He stated Mary Elizabeth Kissane, *County Attorney*, had distributed an email a few weeks ago concerning the Vincent Macri lawsuit which involved the land the County took through eminent domain for the Airport Runway Extension Project. He said he did not want them to forget that they, as a Board, had made many missteps along this process which was unfortunately continuing to cost the County taxpayers money. He informed as a result of this lawsuit Mr. Macri had won additional compensation resulting in the amount paid for the property totaling over half a million dollars for less then an acre of land; he added the FAA (*Federal Aviation Administration*) had determined the Airport Runway Extension was not necessary and this Project was cancelled. He

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remarked he felt compelled to bring this matter to their attention because he believed the Board could no longer afford to make poor decisions that cost their taxpayers money, such as this Project more so now because the County would be dealing with a shortfall of around \$10 million in sales tax revenue as a result of COVID-19. He apprised he had been perplexed by the fact that only two Supervisors joined him in opposing the Airport Runway Extension Project, with Supervisor Braymer being instrumental from an environmental standpoint and Supervisor Seeber changing her support to opposition once she obtained all of the facts regarding this extension. He said he hoped going forward the Board Members would take the time to review all of the information required to make an informed decision instead of “blindly going over a cliff and following the lead” because the Macri lawsuit was just another example of costing the County taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars that should never have been spent. He concluded by stating he was looking forward to the County Facilities Committee meeting next week which the agendas had already been distributed for.

Supervisor Shepler indicated she had nothing to report on, but she would be making a statement during the Announcements portion of the meeting.

Supervisor Geraghty indicated he had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Conover advised the Public Works Committee had met on April 2nd, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 154-155 and he provided a brief overview of each. Supervisor Conover apprised Resolution No. 155 needed to be withdrawn due to the cancellation of the Project Healing Waters Event.

A motion was made by Supervisor Conover, seconded by Supervisor Magowan and carried unanimously to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 155, *Authorizing Allocation of One Hundred Yearling Rainbow Trout to the Project Healing Waters Event Organized by Robert McArthur*.

Supervisor Leggett stated the Public Safety Committee had not met, but he would like discuss the transfer of funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the Contingent Account for the purchase of face masks which would be added to proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*. Supervisor Dickinson pointed out this was not currently included in proposed Resolution No. 150 and he asked whether Supervisor Leggett was suggesting amending the proposed Resolution to include the transfer as outlined above and Supervisor Leggett replied affirmatively. Supervisor Beaty asked if this could be a separate resolution and Chairman Thomas replied in the negative. Supervisor Beaty voiced his discomfort with this, apprising he believed it should be a separate resolution and therefore would be voting in opposition.

A motion was made by Supervisor Leggett and seconded by Supervisor Dickinson to amend proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*, to include a transfer of funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the Contingent Account for the purpose of purchasing face masks.

Supervisor Diamond advised he concurred with Supervisor Beaty that this transfer should be its own resolution because it had not been discussed by the Public Safety Committee beforehand. He said he understood the need and was fully supportive of purchasing face masks; he added there was a Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for this Monday and the transfer of funds included in proposed Resolution No. 150 as it stood right now was vetted at the Finance Committee meeting, but this had not been addressed by the Public Safety Committee which was why he concurred with Supervisor Beaty that this should be addressed on its own.

In response to Supervisor Diamond’s comments, Supervisor Leggett advised they were dealing with a rapidly moving situation where as of this evening there would be an amendment to the Governors

Executive Orders that required all employees to use face masks. He explained in order to be able to obtain these face masks in the appropriate time and provide protection to County employees time was of the essence. He apprised while they all admired and respected the Committee process, they also admired and respected the need to act quickly when the need arose.

Brian LaFlure, *Fire Coordinator, Director/Office of Emergency Services*, stated the County was dealing with an unprecedented time where there were regulations, including his job description, that indicated what needed to or could occur in the event of a State of Emergency. He advised because there were Federal, State and Local State of Emergencies it was difficult to find an inventory of face masks to purchase with the price changing on a daily basis as a result of significant demand. He stated the face masks they would like to purchase were originally priced at \$0.20, but now they were \$1 and tomorrow they would probably be \$4. He informed there were actions they needed to take during crisis, such as purchasing the face masks, where they could not wait for a Committee meeting to be held. He advised their goal was for the \$25,000 to be the amount not to be exceeded to allow the County to move forward with the much needed purchase to cover County staff because the County, as the employer, was required to provide employees with these face masks. He said while a number of County employees had been working diligently to make their own face masks which saved the County money, they still had employees they were required to provide the face masks for and the longer they delayed the purchase the more expensive it would be to purchase them as a result of the cost for the product increasing on a daily basis. He added another reason they could not wait for the request to go through the regular process was because it was taking a minimum of two weeks to procure face masks with some taking a month or more.

Supervisor Wild advised a discussion took place last month regarding the emergency spending authority which he believed was for the purpose of allowing the County to move quickly in a situation where it could save lives or significant money. He said if there was resistance to this then he would suggest they forward it on to the County Administrator and that team of Supervisors to allow them to determine whether they would approve the expense so that a decision could be made today.

Supervisor Simpson apprised he felt the longer the County held off on this transfer to pay for the purchase of face masks the more difficult and expensive it would be to purchase them and he pointed out North Warren EMS was paying significantly more for their face masks than the County. He remarked he believed they should act on this as soon as possible.

Supervisor Braymer stated she concurred they should move as quickly as possible, but she felt they should address this transfer by itself to allow it to move forward easily.

Supervisor Shepler remarked she was fully supportive of moving this forward as rapidly as possible because face masks were becoming significantly more difficult to obtain while also increasing in price. She said because she understood how important the face masks were and that the County was required to supply them for the employees she was in agreeable to moving forward.

Supervisor Leggett apprised the idea behind amending proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*, to include this transfer related to that being the appropriate resolution for this to be addressed. He stated the County was responding by using \$25,000 which a portion of may be reimbursed by FEMA or other areas. He said this was a housekeeping item and he was unsure what the difference would be if this was addressed in a separate resolution unless it was to vote against it and if that was the case he would like more of an explanation from those who had any resistance to this.

Supervisor Diamond informed it was not a question of voting in opposition of purchasing the face masks, but rather his issue was combining that purchase with the transfer of funding within the Sheriff's Department without independency. He stated the reason he would like this to be its own resolution was because he was opposed to the transfer of funds for the Sheriff's Office that was included in proposed Resolution No. 150 and separating them would allow him to vote on the transfer of funds to purchase the face masks on its own.

A motion was made by Supervisor Geraghty and seconded by Supervisor Merlino to waive the Rules of the Board relating to the requirement that resolutions be mailed to the Board of Supervisors on the Tuesday prior to a regular Board meeting in order to entertain the transfer of funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the Contingent Account for the purchase of purchasing face masks for County employees.

Supervisor Conover asked for a point of order, as he believed there was a motion already on the floor which meant the motion that was being made was out of order. He said the motion in front of them related to County finances and had nothing to do with purchasing face masks because the Department Heads had within public policy more than sufficient authority to make purchases when necessary. He stated what was in front of them was transferring the funds into those accounts to be able to make the purchase. He apprised this was a common practice with transfers going before them for approval every month to move money where it was needed. He remarked he did not understand the request and he inquired whether going forward all transfer of funds would be handled separately which would result in several resolutions to allow each one to be voted on independently. He advised this was something they could discuss, but at the moment this was in accordance with what the County policies were and with respect he would ask that the Chairman call the question on the motion before them.

Chairman Thomas called the question and the motion to amend proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*, to include a transfer of funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the Contingent Account for the purpose of purchasing face masks passed with a vote of 763 in favor (*Supervisors Seeber, Shepler, Geraghty, Conover, Leggett, Bruno, Driscoll, Simpson, Hogan, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Magowan and Thomas*) and 180 against (*Supervisors Beaty, Diamond and Braymer*) and 57 absent (*Supervisor McDevitt*).

During the roll call vote Supervisor Seeber asked for clarification that discussion was over and the motion they were voting on was to amend proposed Resolution No. 150 and Chairman Thomas replied affirmatively. Supervisor Beaty voiced his disappointment that the transfer of funds in the amount of \$25,000 was not going to be addressed in a separate resolution, as he believed it would be adopted by unanimous vote. He added because of this and the fact that the proper authority was already in place to purchase these face masks he would be voting in opposition of the proposed amendment. Supervisor Diamond apprised he would be voting in opposition of the proposed amendment because although he was supportive of spending the money to purchase face masks, he did not agree with the original resolution that was before them. Supervisor Braymer remarked she would like to echo what Supervisor Diamond had just stated, as she believed the transfer to purchase face masks should be its own resolution, more specifically because the County may be reimbursed for this expense. She stated for this reason she would be voting in opposition of the proposed amendment. Supervisor Bruno advised although he concurred this transfer should be entertained in a separate resolution he would be voting in support of the proposed amendment to prevent delaying the process.

Supervisor Leggett requested that Mr. LaFlure provide an update on the activities of the Office of Emergency Services. Mr. LaFlure stated his Office had been working hard and were happy to be able to provide the facility in the rear of the Municipal Center Building to allow the Glens Falls Hospital to operate their clinic. He said there had been some issues with high winds which caused the tent to

slightly tip over, but other than that things were running smoothly. He thanked Ms. Hajos and his staff for their assistance, as well as providing another thousand pounds of sand bags to anchor the tent. He stated this had taken a significant amount of work and going forward he believed they needed to discuss a different scenario depending on how long this would last because the tent was only meant to be used for a short period of time. He informed he had been under the impression the tent was only going to be used for five days when it was originally established; however, he noted, they were now being told it could be used for up to five weeks and he felt they needed to come up with something sturdier than the tent to house the clinic. He stated he had discussed this with the *COVID-19* Task Force and developed some options which he believed would require further discussion at some point in the future. The other area his Office was working on concerned how Governor Cuomo had instructed hospitals and agencies to contact their local Office of Emergency Services with their needs by providing his email address and cell phone number. He apprised he had tasked Amy Drexel, *Emergency Services Coordinator*, with handling these requests, noting she was doing a superb job managing them. He stated the requests from nursing homes, hospitals, EMS providers, fire departments, funeral homes, etc. were received by and processed through his Office and then forwarded on to the State, but the State only provided what they wanted to regardless of what requests were made. He mentioned the priority they were given regarding the supplies provided from the State stockpile was that hospitals took priority and then the nursing homes and health centers were next and the others followed. He said typically the amount of supplies provided to them was only enough for the hospitals and health centers; however, he noted, Ms. Drexel had been doing a better job getting supplies for the other agencies and nursing homes. He added they also received next to no notification when the State was dropping off supplies to them and typically were not made aware until they were in the parking lot which sometimes was in the middle of the night and were sometimes transported on trucks with no equipment to move the pallets off of the truck meaning the supplies had to be removed by hand. He said it had been difficult at times due to his Offices limited staffing, but they had been able to get the work done due to those that had volunteered to assist them which he was appreciative of.

Ms. Drexel advised she could not recall how many requests she had received from health care agencies for face masks on a weekly basis in addition to the requests from the essential businesses that everyone wanted to remain open. She stated she also received requests from school districts and as of this week citizens in order to be in compliance with the order. She remarked while she was pleased everyone wanted to be in compliance there was not enough of a supply to be able to provide for all of the requests she received which was why she suggested to anyone who was not an essential business or in the health care industry to use home made face masks which the CDC (*Center for Disease Control*) provided templates that could be used to make them or contacting someone to make them for you so that the surgical masks were available for the healthcare workers, EMS and Fire Departments. She remarked if everyone worked together as a community the County would persevere through this pandemic.

Mr. LaFlure apprised to touch on that, as an example he said rescue squads could not bring a patient into the emergency room unless they had a surgical face mask on. He pointed out Albany Medical Center would not even let emergency squads on the property without everyone having surgical face masks. He stated this was why it was important for their Department to be able to provide these types of face masks to the EMS providers in the County and if the County had to purchase these face masks for the employees coupled with the inventory they received from the State there may be enough to supply some to the EMS providers, as well. He said he wanted to use this as an example so they could understand that it was not as simple as handing out face masks or telling people to make their own because there were situations where they had to be surgical face masks.

Supervisor Braymer thanked the Office of Emergency Services for all of their hard work, adding she was

unaware they had been fielding calls from residents looking for face masks. She asked how many face masks they anticipated being able to purchase with the \$25,000 and how many were they expecting to receive from the State. Mr. LaFlure responded that Ms. Drexel and Tammie DeLorenzo, Assistant to the County Administrator, had been working on calculating that information by taking the total number of employees in the County and subtracting the number of employees with home made face masks or those who had another source for them and then the dollar amount determined how many weeks the supplies would last. He said when they did these calculations the goal was to determine how much money was required to purchase face masks for County employees that would last until the next Board Meeting. He advised it may be four weeks before the face masks arrived, as he previously noted they were not only difficult to obtain, but were also increasing in cost on a daily basis. He informed the County Administrator had developed a spreadsheet detailing who needed face masks and then they were prioritized by their risk. He pointed out as an example a Patrol Officer would be categorized as high risk and office staff would be considered low risk depending on if they dealt with the public. He stated the initial cost estimate for the face masks was \$48,000, but they felt this was an inappropriate amount so the goal was to obtain enough of a supply to last for thirty days and then at that point in time they would have a better idea of how many were being used every week which was referred to as the "burn rate". He stated the "burn rate" was used to determine how much of a supply was required with the State using this rate to provide a two day supply which was appropriate if another supply was forthcoming, but they were not doing deliveries every two days. He restated Ms. Drexel and Ms. DeLorenzo came up with the \$25,000 figure using the data compiled on the spreadsheet developed by the County Administrator. He apprised they should also consider that all the other businesses in Warren County were trying to determine their needs, as well. Supervisor Braymer questioned whether the County was receiving shipments of face masks from the State every few days that were to be used by the County only and Mr. LaFlure replied in the negative. He explained they were required to distribute the supply they received from the State to the hospital first and then to the health centers and nursing homes, but they decided to set aside a portion of the last shipment they received specifically for the County. He said they were not doing anything inappropriate because they had the ability to prioritize the face masks in whatever manner they wanted to, but it was difficult when individuals from nursing homes and businesses who were told to contact the County for their supplies did so in distress because they had none of their own, but the County had no supply either. He added although they had set aside some face masks from the last shipment for County employees they would still need to purchase additional ones which may not be delivered for a month. Supervisor Braymer informed Supervisor Conover had indicated he had ordered some, but they were not scheduled to be delivered for two weeks.

Supervisor Seeber apprised she wanted to bring something up that related to Roberts Rules of Order surrounding the motion and the second that ended the debate without further discussion, but she would speak to this before they voted on resolutions.

Returning to Supervisor Leggett's Committee report, Supervisor Leggett asked if Sheriff LaFarr had anything to add regarding the Sheriff's Office and their response to COVID-19. Sheriff LaFarr advised his Office was busy, but performing well, apprising he was pleased to report none of his staff or inmates in the County Jail had been infected by the virus. He stated they had been working closely with the County Administrator, Office of Emergency Services and Public Health to assist them by visiting over one thousand homes thus far. He informed last week he had contacted the County Administrator regarding the Probation Department volunteering to assist them by going around the County to raise awareness and visit some of the public locations which had been very successful. Sheriff LaFarr apprised the Communications Division had been busy fielding a significant amount of non-emergency related calls concerning non-essential businesses and gatherings, but they were all being handled; he added there was an 800 phone number they could refer callers to, but they were providing services directly to the County residents so they were not referring any of these calls as of yet. He advised they had a plan in place to handle the calls pertaining to the Governors latest Executive Order which went

into effect as of 8:00 p.m. this evening and would be monitoring this closely over the weekend to stay on top of this, as well. He informed there had been no trends or spikes in any types of specific calls, such as domestic disputes and overdoses then they had under normal circumstances. He apprised outside of this they were taking it one day at a time, adding he was available all day to answer any specific questions anyone had.

Supervisor Diamond indicated he had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Braymer stated the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee had not met last month, but on March 26th she held a City of Glens Falls 3rd Ward Community Forum with her counterpart on the City of Glens Falls Common Council representing the 3rd Ward, Diana Palmer, via teleconference where Sara Frankenfeld, *County GIS Administrator*, provided an update regarding the Census which was very helpful. She indicated she hoped they could continue to push for all County residents to complete the Census. She advised on April 2nd she had a meeting with representatives from Ulster County regarding their County Composting program which she found to be very informative with the possibility of Warren County pursuing that on a limited scaled down basis and she thanked Mr. Hajos for participating in this meeting. She advised during this meeting some questions were raised regarding the status of recreational vehicle parks in the State and within the County which she was looking forward to some guidance from the State on. She acknowledged Ginelle Jones, *Director, Public Health*, for all of her hard work and Ms. Frankenfeld for her work on the Census, as well as the new County resources page on the County website which included the map of the WIFI hot spots, information regarding the Recreation Map and the Safe Trails Initiative which she worked on with Joanne Conley, *Director of Tourism*, and Don Lehman, *Director of Public Relations*, to ensure residents were recreating safely throughout the County. She voiced her appreciation of Ms. Kissane for distributing the information regarding the decision from the Appellate Division Third Judicial Department, as she was aware Ms. Kissane and her Office had worked tirelessly on that appeal. Supervisor Braymer remarked she believed this was a “win/lose” situation which was disappointing in the one regard that the County had to pay more money for the land that related to the Airport Runway Extension Project which was no longer being pursued. She stated she felt like this highlighted the need for the Board Members to take a step back when they were making significant decisions to ensure they had all of the information required in front of them to make appropriate plans and policies based decisions going forward to prevent these problems from compounding and coming back to haunt the County later.

Supervisor Bruno indicated he had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Driscoll apprised the Human Services Committee had not met last month, but he had been receiving regular weekly updates that the County Administrator also received from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services which he forwarded on to the Committee members and he encouraged anyone else interested in receiving these updates to contact him. He stated he also obtained regular updates from Veterans’ Services regarding their ongoing initiatives and he was working with Ms. Frankenfeld, Mr. Lehman and others gathering information regarding SNAP (*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*) and food pantries operating throughout the County which he would report on during the announcements portion of the meeting.

Supervisor Frasier advised the Finance Committee had met on April 2nd, approving proposed Resolution No. 150, as well as Resolution Nos. 158-159 and she provided a brief overview of each. She offered privilege of the floor to Mike Swan, *County Treasurer*, to provide an update on the County finances.

Mr. Swan stated sales tax collections remained ahead of the same time last year for the first two weeks in March, which he felt was a good sign, but occupancy tax collection was almost non-existent. He apprised he was estimating that the revenue received from OTB (*Off Track Betting*) collections would significantly increase over prior years. He requested support of proposed Resolution No. 158,

Authorizing Waiver of Five Percent (5%) Penalty on Late Payment of Property Taxes, which provided him with the authority to waive the 5% penalty on property tax payments that were late now until thirty days after the County was allowed to open back up to the public.

Supervisor Braymer advised she was fully supportive of proposed Resolution N0. 158; she asked where the County stood with its sales tax projection and how he felt the County stood in regards to its Budget for the remainder of the year, more specifically because the summer tourism season was not likely to bring in as much sales tax revenue as originally anticipated even if the State lifted the stay at home order before the summer season started. Mr. Swan responded it was apparent there would be a decrease in the amount of sales tax revenue collected for the year, but he was unsure how much of a decrease there would be. He said car dealers had recently reopened and were selling some vehicles; however, he noted, gas prices were declining. He apprised he felt he would be better equipped to answer that question in about two weeks when he obtained the figures that were reflective of when the shutdown began. He informed on a positive note because the County had a healthy Unappropriated Surplus Fund Balance he believed the County would be able to weather whatever the storm was this year, but he was more concerned with what would occur in 2021, as they would have some hard decisions to make if things did not turn around by the middle to end of this year not only for the County, but also all of the municipalities, as well to try and develop a way to stay under the State Tax Cap and not raise taxes. Supervisor Braymer stated it appeared there would be a decline in sales tax collections and she inquired whether this figure would be in the millions and Mr. Swan replied affirmatively. He advised one of the things he had noticed was that the internet sales had skyrocketed, but he was unsure how much that would offset all of the other losses. He informed his initial thought was the County would come in around \$10 million below what was budgeted for sales tax revenue for the year, but he would have a more accurate analysis of this in four weeks. Supervisor Braymer questioned what the balance of the Unappropriated Surplus Fund Balance was and Mr. Swan replied the balance was slightly more than \$20 million.

Supervisor Beaty stated that gasoline tax made up a portion of the revenue collected by the County, but they had never been able to determine how much of the sales tax revenue collection came from this tax and he asked Mr. Swan if this was a correct assumption. Mr. Swan replied the gasoline tax accounted for about 3% of the total sales tax revenue accumulation. Supervisor Beaty pointed out the amount of gasoline tax collected was going to significantly decline due to less drivers on the road coupled with the cost of a gallon of gasoline being much lower. Mr. Swan advised retail sales and restaurant receipts accounted for almost 40% of the County's sales tax collection with a number of these businesses being closed; however, he noted, home improvement stores such as The Home Depot and Lowe's had steady business.

Supervisor Simpson reported on the April 2nd meeting of the Personnel & Administration Committee meeting, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 156 and 157. He called attention to proposed Resolution No. 157, *Delegating Authority to Make Time Sensitive Decisions in a COVID-19 Related Emergency Situation*, had been amended after mailing to include "after undertaking a documented attempt to contact each member of the Board via call, email and text" to reflect the discussion that take took place at the Committee meeting; he urged support of the proposed Resolution.

Supervisor Braymer asked Supervisor Simpson if he could provide an update regarding the number of employees who were working from home versus the number of employees who were not able to do so due to technological reasons or other basis and Supervisor Simpson replied he did not have that information available to him, but Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, may be better equipped to answer the question. Mr. Moore responded he did not have the statistics in front of him, as this had not been one of his priorities, but he could gather that data if need be. Chairman Thomas advised the data was available, but further research was required in order to provide an accurate figure.

Supervisor Conover apprised for a point of order this meeting could be consumed with questions relating to the County finances and the individual departments and he would encourage any Supervisors with questions like that to call the County Administrator or the relative department to ask that a report be made at a future Committee or Board Meeting.

Supervisor Hogan thanked all of the County employees for being so helpful to everyone during this pandemic. She advised although Cornell Cooperative Extension did not hold a meeting this month they had been busy due to the surge of interest in self sufficiency and sustainability as a result of this pandemic and they were increasing their efforts to educate individuals on how to raise chickens, backyard gardening, nutritious recipes, etc. She informed they were also holding their annual plant sale, but this year everything would be handled online through a link where orders could be placed which she would email to everyone. She apprised it was up in the air whether Game of Logging which was a popular program they offered would occur and she would notify everyone as soon as a final determination was made. Supervisor Hogan stated the last item she would like to touch on was that she had contacted Warren-Hamilton Counties Community Action Agency and they indicated to her the requests they received for assistance had been steady, but she felt an influx would be forthcoming with their food pantry being a staple for a significant number of County residents. She apprised she wanted everyone to keep this in mind as they moved forward in regards to the amount of funding they received from the County which was minuscule because they and other organizations like them were the ones providing assistance to the County's most vulnerable residents during this taxing time.

Supervisor Dickinson stated the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee had not met this month, but he had numerous conversations regarding occupancy tax and the current events with several individuals and what might occur, as well as with the Tourism Department. He advised the next Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 27th for the purpose of discussing the Americade event and he invited everyone to attend. He informed because the Americade was an important event for the County and was scheduled for a time when there was uncertainty whether large groups of people could gather they had arranged for an alternate date resulting in some difficulties because some of the vendors had to travel a significant distance to the region. He said another issue was they tried to schedule events like this so the vendors were able to travel across the United States from one event to another to make it profitable for them and easier to be organized.

Supervisor Merlino informed the Tourism Committee had not met last month, but they were busy working on their presence on social media which was imperative due to the number of individuals who were home as a result of this pandemic and were watching television or using their social media accounts. He stated the Department was also working hard assisting local businesses and residents, as well as the Planning & Community Development Department on the County website and Mr. Lehman and the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce compiling a list of restaurants open that remained open for take out service. He continued, indicating they were also working with Mr. Lehman on the County Facebook Page which currently had about six thousand followers and Supervisor Braymer on the Trail Initiative. He said another thing they were working on was distributing emails and text messages notifying individuals of the County's presence for when the area was opened up.

Supervisor Strough indicated he had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Wild advised the Economic Growth & Development and Higher Education Committee had met on March 24th during which they reported on the various actions that were being taken in support of the SBA loans; he added no resolutions were approved at the meeting. He stated the next meeting scheduled for April 24th would be a lengthy one during which they would again inform everyone of the various activities that were taking place with ten items included on the Committee Meeting Agenda, with the possibility of adding two more items, but he would attempt to keep it as precise as he could. In regard to the question regarding the number of County employees working from home versus those

who were not, he mentioned the activity that was thought of and developed by Ms. Frankenfeld was the COVID-19 Hub for the County which assembled all types of relative information to the business community, health care industry and the County residents on the website. He said it was this type of ingenuity that he sought after in employees to create something that could make a difference in the community while assisting the County with communicating with its residents. He commended Ms. Frankenfeld for thinking of and developing this and advised he was supportive of discussing any ideas that would support the County's economic recovery. Supervisor Wild informed the Economic Recovery Task Force held their first meeting this week and going forward they planned on meeting once a week. He said there was nothing to report on at this time, but he would like to state that the members of this Task Force were all seeking ways to opening the economy back up as soon as possible; however, he noted, the County had no control over this, as the decision would be dictated by the Federal and State Governments. He informed the County residents could influence when this occurred by being diligent about social distancing and keeping the spread of the virus down which would provide for more opportunity to convince Governor Cuomo the County was ready to open. He pointed out if the virus got out of control the County would have a more difficult time doing so and he encouraged all to follow the guidelines set forth by the State and Federal Governments.

Supervisor Magowan thanked all of the employees who were working in the office, as well as those who were working from home to get as much accomplished as possible with a skeleton crew. He also acknowledged Mr. LaFlure and Ms. Drexel for answering all of the phone calls and doing their best to provide the necessary supplies to those in need. Supervisor Magowan indicated since the Support Services Committee had not met he had nothing to report on. He concluded by wishing everyone would stay safe and healthy.

Continuing to the Report by the County Administrator, Mr. Moore recognized the following people for their years of service to the County which he said he was greatly appreciative of

- * Alison McClenahan for 20 years of service to the Records Department;
- * John Miner for 20 years of service to the Department of Public Works;
- * Robert Dixon for 20 years of service to the Department of Real Property Tax Services Department; and
- * Frank Morehouse for 26 years of service to the Buildings and Grounds Department and he thanked him for his work during the Coronavirus response which included overseeing the cleaning staff, who had all been fantastic and the assistance he provided setting up the testing site on the Municipal Center Campus with 145 tests being conducted thus far with about 45% of them for County residents. He remarked the testing site was significant in allowing the County to keep up with the virus. Mr. Moore Mr. Morehouse had been instrumental in developing a new outdoor makeshift facility where the mail had been handled for a number of weeks before it was moved to the loading dock now as a result of the testing site on campus.

Mr. Moore advised the new Executive Order had already been spoken about, adding it was posted this morning on the County's website. He proceeded to read aloud the section regarding the requirements for face masks pertaining to public and private transportation services as follows: Any person utilizing public or private transportation carriers or other for hire vehicles who were old enough to be able to medically tolerate a face covering shall wear a mask or face covering over their nose and mouth during such trip. Any person who is operating such public or private transport shall likewise wear a face covering or mask which covers the nose and mouth where there are other passengers in said vehicle. This directive shall take effect in the same manner as Executive Order 202.17 at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17th. He said this essentially extended the face mask order for the general public into public transportation. He advised he believed everyone was already aware of the face mask requirement concerning the general public so he would not reread that. He mentioned in terms of face masks the County had discussion regarding how difficult they were to purchase and as a County they were

attempting to encourage residents to make face masks at home using the CDC guidance on how to do so. He informed the County was willing to accept face mask donations from anyone who was willing to make these type of face masks and do what they could to distribute them to those in need or individuals who did not otherwise have access to them. He apprised what he had been most worried about was how to properly use the face masks which education needed to be done on. He said he had previously distributed instructions on how to properly wear the face mask and he would be happy to do so again if anyone would like him to. He advised when face masks were not used properly it could increase an individuals likelihood of getting sick because when not properly worn and out in public the particles from the virus could end up on the face mask meaning the outside of the mask should not be touched. He stated he had observed individuals pulling the face mask down around their chin when it was itchy or aggravating and this was the worst thing that could be done. He apprised he had the guidance documents regarding the proper procedure for face masks which he would be happy to circulate amongst social media, etc.

Mr. Moore apprised he did not want to do a long report like he typically would, as he was reporting everyday on the Coronavirus activities, but he did want to acknowledge the Supervisors in terms of the Town Supervisors and Robert Blais, *Mayor, Village of Lake George*, as well as Dan Hall, *Mayor, City of Glens Falls*, whom he spoke to a few times a week if not everyday, as he believed they were all doing a spectacular job responding to this pandemic on behalf of their municipalities. He said the At-Large Supervisors who did not have a work force had also been stellar with Supervisor Diamond, who had extensive experience working on budgets continuing to talk with him regarding budgetary matters, as there was a significant amount of work to do to ensure the County persevered through this crisis and he thanked Supervisor Diamond for this assistance. He advised Supervisor McDevitt, who was Chair of the Health Services Committee, had held meetings and would continue to do so to distribute information as to the County's Public Health response. He recognized Supervisor Braymer for an excellent job working on th Safe Trail Initiative which he believed she was the perfect spokesperson for. He said the trails were open and individuals would be using them with a way to do it safely; he added the Safe Trails Campaign was important for those from out-of-town who may be in the area and he thanked Supervisor Braymer for her work on that. He stated he had been discussing with Supervisor Bruno the unique perspective he had with respect to nursing homes which he felt assisted himself with thinking through issues and how they were dealt with and he thanked Supervisor Bruno for sharing his perspective on that. He mentioned Supervisor Driscoll had been the perfect individual to Chair the Human Services Committee and provide support to the Department of Social Services, Countryside Adult Home and Veterans' Services with his compassionate personality, as well as his connections to the not-for-profit organizations in the community that were valuable. He recognized Supervisor Wild for heading up the economic recovery efforts that he was doing a fantastic job on which he was appreciative of. He said he believed the expansion of the Economic Task Force would not only lead to excellent outcomes with respect to the County's economic recovery, but also superb outcomes going forward with how they could break down some of the economic silos that did exist in economic development and work more County-wide as one team to advance this County and achieve what we knew it could be and he thanked Supervisor Wild for his work on that. He stated he had discussed a number of issues with Supervisor Magowan, most recently regarding the Wood Park and he thanked him for keeping him up to speed on the part he played with his colleagues approaching that situation. He advised it was hard to keep up with the numerous ideas Supervisor Seeber came up with, adding she had done a tremendous job having an impact on how we relate to the public with a few Proclamations going before them today because of Supervisor Seeber. He mentioned Supervisor Seeber played an important role in getting the County to launch the COVID-19 Hub on the County website which Ms. Frankenfeld did a superior job creating with Supervisor Seeber providing a significant amount of the inspiration to take a second look at that and ensure that was something that was carried out. He informed they would do there best to do another question and answer portion of the meeting like they had at the last Board Meeting to allow the members of the public who wanted to participate which Supervisor Seeber had pushed for and he thanked Supervisor Seeber for all of her work and for

making the County more accessible to the public. Mr. Moore stated there was no better person to turn to when he was feeling down than Supervisor Beaty, who lifted his spirits when he really needed it. He mentioned Supervisor Beaty was a superb debater and when there were items they did not agree upon, such as ventilators, he joked with Supervisor Beaty that he was a good attorney in terms of doing a cross examination, but Supervisor Beaty was an excellent witness and having these conversations had assisted him with wrapping his mind around these issues that were difficult. Mr. Moore apprised he was proud of all of the work the County Departments and their staff were doing, as well as the work all of the Supervisors were doing.

Supervisor Braymer advised she believed the questions she was asking were in the forefront of the public's mind and they deserved to have them answered and there was no reason they could not occur in a public forum like this. She said she was appreciative that they were holding a regular Board Meeting, as she was aware other Counties had experienced difficulties with this and she was appreciative of Chairman Thomas for continuing to keep the County operations going forward. She thanked Mr. Moore for everything he was doing in regard to the daily updates he provided which she found to be helpful being aware of that information and having it distributed to the public through Mr. Lehman with the regular updates that individuals were able to sign up for. She recognized Ms. Jones and everyone involved with putting together the testing site which was an amazing resource for the entire region. She requested an update for the public on how long they anticipated that testing site would be able to remain open with respect to the number of testing kits that the County had in inventory and did they foresee an additional supply being provided by the State to keep that going because it was relative to being able to reopen the County's economy. Mr. Moore responded this was an excellent question with the County starting off with a daily capacity of forty-eight which was dictated by testing kits, as well as work flow. He said they had a process where the traffic flowed into the site and there had to be staff on the ground handling that; he added during the first three days of testing they achieved the capacity of forty-eight and they realized from a workflow perspective they could do more. He explained the forty-eight capacity was based on conducting twelve tests per hour over the four hour duration the testing site was open each day, but they were able to add an additional six tests per hour meaning they could handle seventy-two tests per day from a workflow perspective although the demand for that many tests was not always present as providers got used to using this as a resource for their patients. In regards to the testing kit perspective, Mr. Moore advised he had discussions with the Governors Office about the County's ability to obtain more testing kits for this area if there was a demand for them which they had reacted positively to. He apprised the County was one region in the State and the allocation of testing kits needed to be sensitive to the needs of this region. He continued, to the extent the County did have the ability to get more testing kits into this area, he was 100% positive the Governors Office would support them on those efforts if the need arose.

Continuing with the Agenda review, Chairman Thomas advised there would be no report from the County Attorney.

Resuming the Agenda review, Chairman Thomas called for the reading of communications, which Mrs. Allen read aloud, as follows:

Reports from:

1. Employment & Training Administration - Record of Activities for January 1, 2020 - April 2, 2020

Letters/emails from:

1. Pamela J. Vogel, County Clerk - memo designating those to serve as acting Deputy County Clerk in the absence or inability of the Deputy County Clerk to perform the duties of the office.

Continuing to the reading of resolutions, Mrs. Allen announced proposed Resolution Nos. 150-159 were mailed; she informed that proposed Resolution No. 157 was amended after mailing and a motion was needed to approve the revision. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Hogan, seconded by

Supervisor Dickinson and carried unanimously. She apprised there was one proposed Resolution before them today that was proposed by Supervisor Merlino that pertained to amending Resolution No. 222 of 2019 which authorized an event fee for Charles R. Wood Park for 2019 to provide for 50% reduction in event fee rate for the remainder of 2020 which had been distributed to the Board Members yesterday. She said if the Board Members were interested in approving this a motion to Waive the Rules of the Board, as well as a motion to bring this to the floor were required. A motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Braymer and carried unanimously to Waive the Rules of the Board relating to the requirement that resolutions be mailed to the Board of Supervisors on the Tuesday prior to a regular Board meeting in order to entertain a resolution amending Resolution No. 222 of 2019 as outlined above was carried unanimously. Supervisor Merlino advised he was pleased to state that he had discussed the proposed Resolution with every Supervisor, eighteen of which were home when he called. He said he believed everyone understood what they were trying to accomplish as a result of a push from the businesses in that area, as well as those holding events there. He informed the 50% reduction would be in effect for the remainder of 2020 which he, along with Mayor Blais and Mr. Hajos chose because they still needed money to pay for cleaning and maintaining the bathrooms, as well as money for work on the environmental park which was paid for by the revenue received from event bookings. He concluded he would appreciate support of the proposed Resolutions.

Supervisor Dickinson inquired whether the 50% reduction was applicable to the parking area adjacent to the West Brook Parking lot and what used to be the old Village of Lake George Parking lot and Supervisor Merlino responded in the negative. Supervisor Merlino apprised this would be something that would be discussed in the future and was not included in this proposal. He stated the businesses surrounding the Park and some of the vendors with events booked there had inquired about that, as well and he told them he would discuss it with the Board Members to determine whether this was something they would like to do, as well. Supervisor Dickinson advised since this was one of the issues the Americade had he felt the matter would need to be discussed in detail. Supervisor Merlino informed he had just received an email from them last night he responded to indicating he and Supervisor Dickinson would meet to come to a resolution.

A motion was made by Supervisor Merlino and seconded by Supervisor Dickinson to bring the Resolution proposed by Supervisor Merlino to the floor as outlined above.

Supervisor Seeber requested that Mr. Lehman post the Resolution on the YouTube live comments so the public could hear what the proposal was due to it being difficult to hear Supervisor Merlino since they were unable to review it. She stated she was fully supportive of this and she was appreciative of the time Supervisor Merlino had taken to notify the Board Members about this, as she believed that made a big difference when they were bringing things off of the floor and having that discussion and she thanked him for his efforts.

Supervisor Wild stated when he spoke to Supervisor Merlino he had asked him what the typical revenue received was and what the anticipated loss would be because he would like to get a good idea of what the anticipated loss would be as a result of this action. Supervisor Merlino responded according to Mayor Blais about \$30,000 was collected on an annual basis from booking events meaning if this was approved the loss would amount to about \$15,000.

Supervisor Braymer voiced her appreciation of Supervisor Merlino contacting everyone to ensure they were aware of the proposed Resolution. She said along the lines of Supervisor Dickinson's comments she believed they should consider allocating some money for advertising new dates for all of the events if they were required to reschedule. She said from a regional perspective for the Lake George area they could assist those events by doing some sort of promotion when it was safe to open back up to the public for them.

Supervisor Merlino apprised the Tourism Department would be doing a significant amount of advertising as soon as the County was able to open back up for visitors and events. He said they were available to assist the vendors who booked events at the Park and in this region and he encouraged anyone who would like assistance with this to contact the Tourism Department. He apprised they were unable to do anything right now due to everything being closed, as they were unable to advertise something they could not sell, but their department was preparing for when things opened back up so they could hit the ground running.

Chairman Thomas called the question and the motion to bring the Resolution proposed by Supervisor Merlino to the floor as outlined above was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Allen announced the Resolution that Waived the Rules of the Board would now be referred to as Resolution No. 160 and the Resolution proposed by Supervisor Merlino which amended Resolution No. 222 of 2019 would now be Resolution No. 161.

Chairman Thomas called for discussion and public comment on the proposed resolutions, as well as requests for roll call votes.

Supervisor Diamond indicated he would like to discuss proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*. He said for the public's benefit which he was aware there were more individuals watching and observing these meetings, he would like to explain in more detail about the actual Resolution which concerned a finance action that called for a roll call vote. He explained for those who did not have access to the back up documentation this referred to a transfer of funds in the amount of \$90,000 from Budget Code A.3110 110, *Sheriff's Law Enforcement, Salaries-Regular*, to Budget Code A.3110 442, *Sheriff's Law Enforcement, Automotive - Gas & Oil*. He apprised what he interpreted that to mean was there was \$90,000 in this particular personnel line item that was not necessary for personnel usage and his suggestion would be to not transfer the money to spend at this point in time. He said what made this a tad more complicated was the amendment that was added to this resolution to allow them to transfer money for the purpose of funding the purchase of face masks which were in demand in this region. He informed when they advanced their agenda to Resolution No. 157, *Delegating Authority to Make Time Sensitive Decisions in a COVID-19 Related Emergency Situation*, they would be authorizing the County Administrator to make those purchases today meaning it was not necessary to amend this resolution to include the \$90,000 transfer with the transfer to purchase face masks. He remarked what the amendment did which he was opposed to was place his colleagues in a difficult position because if they were opposed to spending \$90,000 which he was, then they would have to vote against the purchase of the face masks resulting in a double edged sword.

Supervisor Seeber echoed the comments of Supervisor Diamond regarding proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*, adding after reviewing Robert's Rules of Order she had a concern on how the proposed Resolution was amended because she was troubled by the manner in which they voted on the proposed Resolution and obtained a second, but did not have additional discussion or further debate. She informed according to Robert's Rules of Order debate was critical to discussion regarding being able to withdraw an amendment or part of that as Supervisor Diamond was bringing up because it did place the Supervisors who were opposed to the \$90,000 transfer in a difficult place, all of which could have been avoided if they had handled the transfer for the face masks separately. She apprised it was important to note that they did have Rules of the Board, but they also had Robert's Rules of Order which specifically stated that cutting off debates infringed upon the rights of members to speak; therefore, no one member of the group could force an immediate end to a debate without the right to do so or calling the previous question. She indicated given Supervisor Conover's discussion on an emphasis of following the rules along with points of order she felt it might be worthwhile to take another look at how that process was handled. She said at this time she would like to ask Mr. Moore if there was a way they could obtain copies of the official Robert's Rules of Order of

in print for all of the Board Members, as she believed many of them were struggling to follow the debate and discussion and then at the same time going back and verify that she was correct on the Robert's Rules of Order which she was basing off what she was reading. She advised when they moved forward with an amendment to a resolution technically they each could have asked for further debate and her hand was raised, but it may have been difficult for the Chairman to see since they were meeting via teleconference. She said they had the opportunity to speak up to two times for ten minutes at a time unless there was a motion made to limit that debate which would require a 2/3rd majority vote. She advised again she would just ask that this was something that could be revisited, but the County Attorney may be the correct person or parliamentarian as it related to Robert's Rules of Order. She added she was not by any means accusing the Chairman of being selective with the Robert's Rules of Order enforcement, but what she was indicating was at that point in time there was a need for further discussion and yet they moved forward with voting on the amendment. She stated because this was an amendment, it had a different set of rules attached to it that then the original motion did.

Chairman Thomas advised there had been considerable discussion on the amendment during which Supervisor Seeber herself had made comments as far as debating it. Supervisor Seeber stated that debate typically occurred after a motion and a second and then the debate whereas in this case the debate happened and the second was done and then they moved forward with voting. She said this was her only point of order and not for the purpose of being argumentative, as she did not believe this was intentional and her only request was they take a look back at that resolution because of the concern expressed by Supervisors Diamond, Beaty and Braymer with the process.

Supervisor Braymer stated she also took issue with amending this particular resolution to include the transfer of funds for the purchase of the face masks with the existing transfer. She informed she was fully supportive of them being able to move forward with purchasing the face masks and assuming proposed Resolution No. 157, *Delegating Authority to Make Time Sensitive Decisions in a COVID-19 Related Emergency Situation*, was approved which she assumed it would be, it would allow this group of Supervisors to move forward with purchasing the face masks. She advised after hearing from the County Treasurer that the County was going to lose millions of dollars in revenue she was concerned about spending money on something that was not essential at this time like the face masks were. She continued, informing this particular transfer concerned moving the money out of a Budget Code for salaries which was troubling because this could result in a shortfall in salaries later this year. She remarked because she was opposed to the transfer of funds for the Sheriff she would be voting in opposition of proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*; however, she noted, she was fully supportive of protecting County employees through the purchase of face masks via other means.

Supervisor Magowan apprised while he had voted in favor of amending proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*, he concurred with some of those who had expressed opposition because he would have preferred for the transfer of funds necessary to purchase the face masks to be a separate resolution to streamline the process for receiving reimbursement for this purchase in the future easier if they were able to obtain that as previously stated by Mr. LaFlure. He stated he was well aware of the difficulties of finding face masks to purchase which was why he felt they should move forward with this and they had discussed providing the group referenced in proposed Resolution No. 157, *Delegating Authority to Make Time Sensitive Decisions in a COVID-19 Related Emergency Situation*, the authority to make the purchase, but they could not move forward with the purchase until the proposed Resolution was adopted. He mentioned he would be following through with the purchase of the face masks, but he was hoping they could have process where this could have been dealt with in its own resolution.

Supervisor Leggett mentioned he had been unaware there was an issue with proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*, and what the Committee had approved and sent to the full

Board for approval regarding the transfer of funds from within the Sheriff's Office Budget. He said that concern could have been brought up during the discussion which he thought they already had a good discussion on at the time of amending proposed Resolution No. 150. He apprised if individuals felt that the transfer of funds for the Sheriff's Office was an issue then perhaps there should be motion to remove that from proposed Resolution No. 150 altogether. He stated possibly the full Board may need to have more information regarding the transfer of funds for the Sheriff's Office which had gone through Committee, was well presented there and approved by them just a few weeks ago. He said if there was an issue with this then they should deal with it.

Supervisor Wild advised Supervisor Leggett addressed what he was going to request which concerned a request for a better explanation as to why there were issues with the Sheriff trying to manage his Budget. He pointed out the Sheriff's Office was one of the essential services provided by the County besides the Government as a whole and he believed they needed to support the Sheriff. He said he did not understand what the issue was with supporting the Sheriff managing his budget.

Supervisor Beaty inquired whether it would be possible for him to propose a resolution to separate the funding for the face masks from the transfer of funds for the Sheriff's Office, as he believed many of the Supervisors would like to see these two items dealt with on their own. He said it was sensible to separate them so they were not tied together and he asked whether it as permissible for him to make this in the form of a motion. Chairman Thomas responded a motion was required to Waive the Rules of the Board relating to the requirement that resolutions be mailed to the Board of Supervisors on the Tuesday prior to a regular Board meeting in order to entertain a resolution.

A motion was made by Supervisor Beaty and seconded by Supervisor Diamond to Waive the Rules of the Board as outlined above.

Supervisor Conover called for a point of order, as he was unsure of what action was being taken. He asked whether the motion that was being considered was to delete the \$90,000 transfer from proposed Resolution No. 150 and Chairman Thomas replied in the negative. Chairman Thomas explained the motion before them was to Waive the Rules of the Board to determine what was going to be proposed. Supervisor Conover inquired whether the individuals who took issue with the Sheriff's transfer wanted to amend proposed Resolution No. 150 to delete this transfer, as he believed this may be a more expedient way to proceed rather than Waiving the Rules of the Board to consider something they were unsure of what they were considering.

Chairman Thomas advised it was not necessary to Waive the Rules of the Board, but a motion was required to amend proposed Resolution No. 150 if that was the desire of the Board.

Supervisor Dickinson stated he did not understand this debate, as he had complete faith in the Sheriff determining where the funds were needed within his Budget which he had done by presenting them with this request. He said he was not second guessing the Sheriff, as he had done a great job managing his Department nor did he understand the issue with the face masks and he believed they should stop discussing these items and move forward with approving them.

Supervisor Magowan advised he was not questioning the transfer of funds for the Sheriff's Office, but he would like them to separate this from the transfer for the purchase of face masks. Chairman Thomas informed in order to do so someone would have to make a motion to amend proposed Resolution No. 150 to remove one of these transfers. Supervisor Magowan stated he did not want to hold up the purchase of the face masks and he inquired whether it would be possible to add an additional resolution that addressed this and Chairman Thomas responded that could be addressed after.

Chairman Thomas announced if someone did not make a motion he was ending discussion and moving

on from this matter to continue with the Agenda review. Supervisor Dickinson remarked he did not believe that was fair. Chairman Thomas responded this was the second time this had been debated and either someone needed to make a motion or it was time to move on. Supervisor Dickinson stated he concurred with Chairman Thomas, but he had a point to make that it was not possible to take one of these and not the other, as purchasing the vehicles for the Sheriff's Office was a time sensitive matter, as well because if they did not place their order for the vehicles they may not be able to obtain them.

Supervisor Geraghty apprised his point was that this had been vetted by the Finance Committee where the Sheriff explained it clearly following which the Committee approved the request. He added one of the reasons the Sheriff was making this request was because the car manufacturer was no longer making the sedans they used for patrol cars so they would be purchasing SUV's.

Supervisor Wild remarked he felt they were demonstrating to the public how dysfunctional government could be. He said they should separate these two transfers and move forward with a vote on each of them, adding he was supportive of both.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wild and seconded by Supervisor Braymer to amend proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*, to remove the transfer of funds in the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of funding the purchase of face masks.

Supervisor Seeber apprised her understanding of what Mr. Moore had highlighted was the funds were not already allocated for the purchase of the face masks and she asked if the resolution they were discussing provided Mr. Moore the ability to authorize and make those appropriations up to \$150,000 also appropriated that money once it was adopted, as she believed all of that could be handled in proposed Resolution No. 157, *Delegating Authority to Make Time Sensitive Decisions in a COVID-19 Related Emergency Situation*, but she was aware they could not amend a resolution twice. Chairman Thomas responded nothing prevented a resolution from being amended multiple times. Supervisor Seeber remarked she was unsure why she read Robert's Rules of Order and she thanked Chairman Thomas for his response.

Supervisor Leggett apprised he was requesting that Resolution No. 150 be amended to remove the transfer of funds for the Sheriff's Office and table it to send it back to Committee.

Chairman Thomas stated if Supervisors Wild and Braymer were agreeable they could amend their motion to remove the transfer in the amount of \$90,000 for the Sheriff's Office from proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*. Supervisor Wild amended his motion and Supervisor Braymer amended her second to amend proposed Resolution No. 150 as outlined above.

Supervisor Frasier asked if that meant they would not be acting on the transfer of funds for the Sheriff even though it had been approved by the Finance Committee and Chairman Thomas replied affirmatively. Supervisor Frasier apprised she was unsure what the issue was because they were both transfers of funds, one for the Sheriff's Office and the other was from the Contingent Account to pay for the purchase of the face masks.

Supervisor Diamond mentioned Supervisor Leggett had come up with a reasonable compromise to this issue. In regard to the statement that this had been vetted by the Finance Committee, he said while that was true it had not gone before the Public Safety Committee which was the Committee chaired by Supervisor Leggett that he was also a member of. He suggested they bring the request for the transfer of funds for the Sheriff's Office before the Public Safety Committee at their meeting on Monday, April 20th and then if it was agreeable through the Committee process, it could be sent back before the full Board to approve.

Supervisor Conover apprised he would be voting in opposition of the proposed amendment to delete the transfer of funds for the Sheriff's Office from proposed Resolution No. 150, as he was confident that the Sheriff was aware of the needs of his Department, as well as the needs of the community. He said he would be supporting the Sheriff's request by voting against the proposed amendment.

Supervisor Leggett advised he would be happy to get the Sheriff on the phone to discuss the timely nature of his request because if it were to be delayed another week they may miss an opportunity to purchase what they needed. He stated Supervisors Beaty and Braymer had brought up the issue of the Board being able to make sound decisions in a timely manner and this was one of them. He apprised he would allow the Chairman to decide whether he would like the Sheriff to be available to explain what the situation surrounding this transfer of funds was so they could make an informed decision.

Privilege of the floor was offered to Sheriff LaFarr, who advised going through the budget process last year he had learned that his Office had a reserve account to purchase vehicle and they had put together a proposal for the vehicles they needed for their staff, but the reserve account was significantly deficient. He apprised he had worked with Chairman Thomas, Supervisor Geraghty and several other Supervisors to work on the Budget, but they were still a little short. He informed they did not have an excess in salaries, as they had projected accurately for their salaries and benefits for their employees, but under the new procedure what was occurring was when they sent candidates to the police academy it resulted in vacancies for a several months resulting in a surplus. He said upon the request of the County Administrator he and the Undersheriff had started reviewing their Budget to determine where they may be able to return money to the Unappropriated Surplus General Fund, but in this instance as previously mentioned by Supervisor Leggett these were vehicles they needed for their staff because the patrol officers required sound reliable vehicles to respond to calls throughout the County. He indicated if this transfer of funds did not go through they would not be able to purchase the vehicles they needed for their patrol officers.

Supervisor Conover questioned whether Sheriff LaFarr had considerable discourse with any Supervisors about this transfer of funds prior to this meeting and Sheriff LaFarr replied in the negative. Supervisor Conover asked whether any of the Supervisors had contacted the Sheriff relative to this transfer and Sheriff LaFarr replied in the negative.

Supervisor Magowan stated he had no issue with the purchase of the vehicles for the Sheriff's Office, adding he felt they may be able to get a better deal right now given the current state of the economy. He said he would like to see a show of hands as to who was in opposition of the purchase of the vehicles and who was against including the transfer for the purchase of the face masks on proposed Resolution NO. 150. He advised what he would like to see were separate resolutions for each of these transfers; he added he thought the issue was with the transfer for the face masks and not the one for the purchase of the vehicles, but he could have misinterpreted that.

Chairman Thomas apprised they had to address one item at a time and currently what was in front of them was a proposed amendment to Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*, to remove the transfer of funds in the amount of \$90,000 for the Sheriff's Office. Supervisor Seeber asked for clarification that the motion before them was to Waive the Rules of the Board and Chairman Thomas replied in the negative. Supervisor Seeber stated she had overheard the Chairman say they were going to handle one transfer at a time and she wanted to ensure the transfer of funds for the Sheriff's Office would be dealt with somewhere else and Chairman Thomas replied this was not up to him.

Chairman Thomas called the question and the motion to amend proposed Resolution No. 150 as outlined above failed due to obtaining the majority vote required, with a vote of 265 in favor (*Supervisors Seeber, Beaty, Diamond and Braymer*) and 678 against (*Supervisors Shepler, Geraghty,*

Conover, Leggett, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Simpson, Hogan, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Magowan and Thomas) and 57 absent (Supervisor McDevitt).

In regard to proposed Resolution No. 156, *Amending Tables of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2020*, Supervisor Driscoll apprised he had heard concerns from members of the public regarding their apprehensions pertaining to this resolution, but he was fully supportive of it. He said he wanted to explain to those who had expressed their concerns that these were decisions that were discussed and vetted long before the County issued the Executive Order in response to COVID-19, some of which was last year or in the beginning of this year. He mentioned he wanted to clarify that to ensure everyone was aware the positions were not in response to any type of emergency and they were necessary to conduct regular business.

Mr. Lehman advised they had received a comment from Frank Dittrich, *Warren County Lodging Association*, regarding proposed Resolution No. 161, *Amending Resolution No. 222 of 2019, Authorizing Event Fee Rates for the Charles R. Wood Park for 2019, to Provide for a 50% Reduction in Event Fee Rates for the Remainder of 2020*. He apprised Mr. Dittrich stated the Warren County Lodging Association and many businesses in the tourism community appreciated the consideration from the County with regard to the fees for the use of Charles R. Wood Festival Commons. Mr. Dittrich said as everyone was aware the contribution of tourism to the community in jobs and sales tax was significant and every action that helped protect the tourism economy would be critical this year and the Warren County Lodging Association wanted to thank them for this.

During the roll call vote Supervisor Seeber remarked she had always been fully supportive of proposed Resolution No. 150, *Making Supplemental Appropriations*, regardless of the changes that had been proposed, but were not approved. Supervisor Beaty advised he would be voting in support of Resolution No. 150 even though he felt the transfers should have been dealt with in two separate resolutions. Supervisor Diamond pointed out at the April 17th Board Meeting Resolution No. 135, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the Vehicle Reserve to Departmental Budgets to Purchase Vehicles; Amending 2020 Warren County Budget*, which had transferred \$375,047 to the Sheriff's Automotive Equipment-Reserve was adopted. He said he would be voting in opposition because of the uncertainty regarding the County's economic future. Supervisor Braymer stated she concurred with Supervisor Diamond and would be voting in opposition.

Chairman Thomas called for a vote on resolutions, following which Resolution No. 150-161 were approved, as presented with the exception of Resolution No. 150, which was amended from the floor; and 155, which was withdrawn.

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

Mr. Lehman stated there was one comment through the County's Facebook account from Alex Thomas, *Town of Queensbury*, who was asking what could be done to stop out-of-State visitors from coming to the County. Chairman Thomas responded there was nothing they could do because the Governor had taken away the County's ability to issue Executive Orders without the approval of the NYS DOH meaning all they could do was request that individuals not travel to the region.

Supervisor Dickinson advised he felt any visitors should be required to notify Public Health of their presence, abide by the quarantine rules and bring a two week supply of food so they did not have to shop for supplies until the quarantine period was over; however, he noted, there was no way to enforce this.

Chairman Thomas called for announcements.

Supervisor Shepler apprised the Town of Thurman's annual Thurman Town-wide garage sale event scheduled for May 16-17, 2020 was cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus.

Supervisor Hogan advised she would like to share two things with the Board, the first of which was a friend of hers had sent her a text indicating two years ago today the tanker rail cars were brought to the Town of North Creek and she asked if everyone remembered when this was the County's most significant issue. She said she recently had to travel to visit a family member out-of-State where they packed enough food to feed them for their entire trip nor did they have any plans to do anything outside of the home. She mentioned during their trip they were flipped off several times and had individuals make faces and gestures at them which made the drive interesting. She apprised she was sharing this so they would understand they did not know what the motivation was for residents that were in the area from out-of-State because they could be here for valid reasons such as they were an essential worker here for healthcare relief. She indicated they needed to be mindful of their redirect when it pertained to this because what happened to her and her family was an unsettling experience which she saw from the other point of view.

Supervisor Braymer stated an article was recently featured in *The Times Union* indicated SNCR (*Saratoga & North Creek Railway*) was being brought into the bankruptcy, but the bankruptcy trustee was searching for an operator for the line. She voiced her concern with that and being aware that this Board had already adopted a resolution concerning the abandonment she would like to see the Board move forward with that so they were clear that the County was not seeking an operator because this avenue had been explored and was not something they were supporting at this time.

Supervisor Driscoll informed as previously mentioned by Supervisor Hogan a number of the food pantries were struggling due to an increase in individuals and families accessing them with some of them located in major cities having long lines of individuals waiting to get in. He said although this was not occurring here, per capita they were seeing an increase. He stated he was working with Mr. Lehman and Ms. Frankenfeld to compile a listing that pinpointed where the food pantries were located, their contact information and their days and hours of operation. He advised he also had a press release that would be distributed to the local newspapers and handouts that would be mailed to the Supervisors this week to distribute to their constituents with the target audience being individuals and families who had either lost their jobs or had their hours greatly reduced. He said these were individuals who had never applied for SNAP (*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*) or accessed a food pantry and he wanted to ensure their experience was as efficient as possible and that they received the correct information about these services which were intended to assist with supplementing their budgets. He apprised 40% of the individuals who benefitted from SNAP which was also known as food stamps were sixteen years of age and younger and about 30% were senior citizens meaning almost two thirds of the population that benefitted from SNAP were vulnerable. He mentioned he had plenty of handouts and food bags available for those who were managing food pantries out of their municipal offices. He advised he had a chance to visit the Broad Street Commons Project which was a Workforce Development Project consisting of seventy-three units of affordable workforce housing on Broad Street in the City of Glens Falls in the 5th Ward yesterday and there was a nice article regarding the project featured in the Wednesday, April 15th edition of *The Post Star*. He said he wanted them to keep this project in mind when they returned to their discussion regarding affordable housing in the County, which was so important, in the coming months.

Supervisor Merlino stated he had received a \$1,000 donation for the Lake Luzerne Senior Center which they would use to distribute baskets of food next week to all of the seniors who they delivered meals for with the Meals on Wheels Program in the Town of Lake Luzerne.

Supervisor Dickinson remarked this had been the longest Board Meeting he had ever attended with the shortest agenda during his twelve year tenure on the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Dickinson and seconded by Supervisor Geraghty, Chairman Thomas adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:38 p.m.