

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 546 OF 2014

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Conover, Taylor, Sokol, Monroe, Wood, Kenny, Merlino, Frasier and Dickinson

**ADOPTING COURT EXPANSION PROJECT NEEDS ASSESSMENT
AS PREPARED BY THE ENGINEERING FIRM OF CLARK PATTERSON
LEE; AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTION FOR THE COUNTY TO
MOVE FORWARD WITH CONCEPT 1 OF THE COURT EXPANSION
PROJECT; EXPRESSING INTENT TO BORROW FUNDING NECESSARY
TO COMPLETE THE COURT EXPANSION PROJECT AND ESTABLISHING LEAD
AGENCY FOR THE COURT EXPANSION PROJECT UNDER THE STATE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (“SEQRA”)**

WHEREAS, the engineering firm of Clark Patterson Lee prepared a Court expansion project needs assessment and drafted three potential concepts to address the need for additional and updated Court space for Warren County, and

WHEREAS, the County Facilities Committee has reviewed and considered the Court expansion project needs assessment and the concept plans and desires to move forward with Concept 1 as presented by Clark Patterson Lee which includes new construction for additional court space and renovation of existing court space and associated facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to proceed to the schematic design phase which will require additional professional engineering services and initial environmental review with funding for the schematic design phase services proposed to be paid from funds authorized by separate resolutions previously adopted by of the Board of Supervisors and an appropriation from the General Fund Unappropriated balances (Surplus) in the amount of Forty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000), and

WHEREAS, at the present time, the cost to complete the Court expansion project is estimated at \$16.3 million dollars and Warren County intends to obtain the necessary funds through issuance of municipal bonds but will explore all possible funding options including borrowing funds through the New York State Dormitory Authority which may qualify Warren County for reimbursement of interest costs

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through the New York State Office of Court Administration, funding through other qualified agencies and/or the issuance of Serial Bonds through financing funding methods, and

WHEREAS, with the exception of the schematic design phase costs, Warren County intends that all other costs associated with the Court expansion project design, engineering, architectural, environmental review, legal and construction services and any other necessary costs associated with the Court expansion project shall be included in the borrowing, and to the extent possible, explore having certain aspects of the Court expansion project completed by Warren County Department of Public Works staff to reduce the total costs of the Court expansion project, and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) for the Court expansion project as prepared by Clark Patterson Lee has been presented and reviewed by the Warren County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby determines that the Court expansion project is an unlisted action under SEQRA and the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby desires to serve as lead agency under SEQRA for the Court expansion project, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Warren County Board of Supervisors adopts the Court expansion project needs assessment as prepared by Clark Patterson Lee, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and adopts Concept 1 for the Court expansion project and directs that the same be forwarded to the New York State Office of Court Administration for review, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Court expansion project is hereby advanced to the schematic design phase and Clark Patterson Lee is hereby authorized to perform these services, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby declares SEQRA lead agency status for the Court expansion project and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to

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execute Part I of the full environmental assessment form, and notice shall be provided to all involved interested agencies in accordance with the provisions of SEQRA, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its intent, subject to the adoption of a formal bond resolution by the Board of Supervisors and excluding the schematic design phase costs, that the Court expansion project including all necessary design, engineering, architectural, environmental review, legal and construction costs and all other necessary and associated costs shall be paid through issuance of municipal bonds, and Warren County shall explore financing the costs of the Court expansion project through the New York State Dormitory Authority and all other possible financial resources, including, and to the extent possible, having the Warren County Department of Public Works complete portions of the Court expansion project in order to reduce the costs of the Court expansion project, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Warren County Administrator and the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works are hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents required to carry out the terms of this resolution, and be it further

RESOLVED, that final approval and authorization of the Court expansion project following completion of schematic design shall be subject to further resolution of the Warren County Board of Supervisors.