

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: JUNE 1, 2016**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: MCDEVITT  
WOOD  
BEATY  
STROUGH  
SIMPSON  
MACDONALD  
MONTESI  
LEGGETT

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:  
ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT  
WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
MARY KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER  
MERLINO  
SEEBER  
SOKOL  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR: DICKINSON

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Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 10:34 a.m.

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

Privilege of the floor was extended to Wayne LaMothe, County Planner, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. LaMothe presented a request to fill the vacant position of Office Specialist, Grade 7, Annual Base Salary \$30,959, due to resignation to become effective June 24, 2016.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request to fill the position as outlined above, and to forward same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee for reporting services. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. LaMothe presented a request to amend the table of organization and salary schedule to create the position of Temporary Office Specialist, for a duration commencing June 17, 2016 and terminating June 24, 2016. He informed the intent of the temporary position was for training purposes.

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

Continuing, Mr. LaMothe presented a request to authorize submission of 2016 Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA) for grant funding for various projects selected from the First Wilderness Plan as the funding became available.

Motion was made by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A discussion ensued pertaining to the First Wilderness Plan.

Next, Mr. LaMothe presented a request to submit an application to the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation for grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 for the 2015-2016 Housing Assistance Program.

Following some discussion, motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Montesi and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaMothe provided a brief overview of his office staffing chart during which he discussed hiring an additional full time employee. He indicated in the next two years the Planning Department would lose all of its long-time members.

A discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to create the new position of Senior Planner and refer same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ed Bartholomew, President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), who discussed the rules and regulations of grants. He indicated he was working with the Town of Chester and Supervisor Leggett on a Regional Grant in the amount of \$700,000 as well as various other grants.

Mr. Bartholomew notified of the following:

- ❖ EDC was commencing the second round of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) job training in the fall;
- ❖ Beginning August 1, 2016 there would be a home buyers program for homes purchased outside the City of Glens Falls;
- ❖ Two independent film crews were interested in film scenes in Warren County.

A brief discussion ensued relative to independent film makers filming scenes in Warren County.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Montesi, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist