

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MCDEVITT
MACDONALD
SIMPSON
SOKOL
LEGGETT
BRAYMER
STROUGH

OTHERS PRESENT:

WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER
REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:
ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT
JENNIFER SWITZER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR MERLINO
JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: BEATY
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Please note, the following contains a summarization of the February 27, 2017 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:

<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2017/economic/>

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. LaMothe presented a request to authorize an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Lands and Forests, for ADK Smart Growth Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 17th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. LaMothe introduced a request for a transfer of funds from Budget Code A.8022 110, Planning GIS Program, Salaries-Regular, to Budget Code A.8022 130, Planning GIS Program, Salaries-Part Time, in the amount of \$54,345.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds as outlined above and to forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the Request for Transfer of Funds form is on file with the minutes.*

Supervisor Sokol entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ed Bartholomew, President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), who informed James Clumer was appointed the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Angio Dynamics. He mentioned there was potential for increased employment.

Next, Mr. Bartholomew discussed the purchase of Gracenote by Nielson, during which he noted the EDC was prepared to assist with workforce training, redevelopment and any equipment needs they may have.

Following, Mr. Bartholomew spoke of the need of waste water/storm sewer replacement throughout Warren, Washington and northern Saratoga Counties that received possible capital improvements in the amount of \$1.2 million. He indicated the waste water treatment facility needed in Lake George had not been previously included, in turn he stated the capital needs were \$145 million. He informed discussions were taking place in Washington D.C. regarding the matter and there were tax credits available along with bond programs. He remarked they would look at traditional grant programs to assist the community. He stated the Village of Lake George was inquiring about \$9 million in State and Federal grant money to aid in the construction of a new waste water treatment facility.

Next, Mr. Bartholomew informed the Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council determined that there was a need for \$2 billion over the next twenty years. He notified approximately \$750 million was currently programed between now and 2035, which he said was considerably underfunded.

Concluding, Mr. Bartholomew discussed portions of the information pack he distributed to the Committee; *a copy of the information packet is on file with the minutes.*

A brief conservation ensued.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. MacDonald, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist