

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: JUNE 26, 2017**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS MCDEVITT  
MACDONALD  
BEATY  
SIMPSON  
SOKOL  
MONTESI  
LEGGETT  
BRAYMER  
STROUGH

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER  
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 9:29 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Mr. Beaty 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 Ed Bartholomew, President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), who reviewed a powerpoint presentation outlining EDC activities; *a copy of the presentation is on file with the minutes.*

At the conclusion of Mr. Bartholomew's presentation, privilege of the floor was extended to Wayne LaMothe, County Planner, who distributed copies of his 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 amend the 2017 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$10,000 to reflect the receipt of grant funding from the State of New York to cover the increase in part-time salaries associated with administration of the grant for the Horicon Avenue Sewer Project in the Town of Warrensburg.

Motion was made by Mr. MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. LaMothe apprised the County had been awarded grant funding in the amount of \$520,300 through the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) and subsequently presented a request to establish Capital Reserve Project H372 - First Wilderness 2016, in the amount of \$1,040,600 to represent the grant award and the local share match provided through in-kind services.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. LaMothe advised the County had been awarded funding in 2016 for ten individual projects that commenced last October, but they had yet to receive contracts for them. He mentioned he had been told the contracts were imminent. He noted with the addition of the ten projects there would be a total of forty projects the Planning Department was currently working on through The First Wilderness Program, totaling between \$7.2 and \$7.3 million in grant funds.

Finally, Mr. LaMothe spoke regarding a project that started last week through the First Wilderness Program called "Trail of the Week". He indicated each week a different trail was highlighted along the river/ railroad corridor in the Towns of Hadley and Corinth in Saratoga County. He indicated they had signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) and an Intermunicipal Agreement for the program. He stated each week a different trail was highlighted on Facebook which generated approximately 800 views and shares. He indicated he spoke to Joanne Conley, Tourism Director, about adding the "Trail of the Week" to the Warren County Tourism website, subsequent to which the listing received 7,800 views and 12 shares. He expressed gratitude to Ms. Conley and praised the cooperation between departments.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. Strough, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
*As transcribed by Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist*

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