

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: JULY 31, 2017

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS MCDEVITT  
MACDONALD  
BEATY  
SIMPSON  
SOKOL  
MONTESI  
LEGGETT  
STROUGH

OTHERS PRESENT:

ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR BRAYMER

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the July 31, 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 Ed Bartholomew, *President of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC)*, who reviewed a power point presentation outlining EDC activities; *a copy of the presentation is on file with the minutes.*

Chairman Conover entered at 9:18 a.m.

Mr. Thomas entered at 9:19 a.m.

Mr. Sokol entered at 9:20 a.m.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bartholomew's presentation, he apprised that he had met with representatives of the Economic Development Administration (EDA), which was an agency within the U.S. Department of Congress. He apprised the last representative to the EDA from the State of New York had retired three years ago and a local representative had not been appointed since. He spoke about the effectiveness of the EDA's programming and pointed out that the Warren-Washington County Industrial Park, Queensbury Business Park and Tech Meadows all received funds through EDA and he said he had conveyed appreciation to the EDA representatives.

Next, Mr. Bartholomew advised of funds received from the State for the Glens Falls Hospital and City of Glens Falls revitalization projects which totaled \$30 million. He said these monies would be used to help consolidate many functions not currently available in one area. He noted Glens Falls Hospital had a \$500 million annual economic impact on the area; he added Hudson Headwaters Health Network, with their seventeen Primary Health facilities, also provided an economic boost to the area.

Continuing, Mr. Bartholomew mentioned the recent closing of the Price Chopper market on Cooper Street in Glens Falls, and the impact it would have on the residents who lived in that area. He indicated there was hope that another market would choose to occupy the building; however, he said there had been no

indication of potential buyers so far.

Finally, Mr. Bartholomew apprised that New York Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and Florida Congressman Ted Deutch had proposed to extend travel visa's for Canadians who owned or rented a home in the United States by an additional sixty days to help the economy.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Simpson, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board