

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2018

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS MCDEVITT  
BEATY  
LEGGETT  
BRAYMER  
STROUGH  
HOGAN  
MAGOWAN  
SIMPSON  
WILD

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT  
JOHN WHEATLY, VICE PRESIDENT  
WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER  
CHRIS BELDEN, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER  
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL  
HYDE  
LOEB  
MERLINO  
SOKOL  
JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the February 26, 2018 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/2018/economic>*

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 9:37 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Leggett 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, and a discussion ensued; *a copy of the presentation is on file with the minutes.*

Chairman Conover entered the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Mr. Driscoll entered the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Mr. Bartholomew informed the EDC would be participating in a panel discussion that was by invite only on February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Hyde Museum.

Moving on to the Planning portion of the meeting, 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 the following requests:

- 1) To amend Capital Project H372, First Wilderness 2016, for adjustments to the source of funding for local matching funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mrs. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the

request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To amend Capital Project H347, Invasive Species Boat Washing Stations, to reflect adjustments to the fund to allocate local matching funds/in kind services.

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

- 3) To establish Capital Fund H380 for the administration of the 2016 Adirondack Smart Growth Implementation Grant awarded to Warren County.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mrs. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Travis Whitehead, Town of Queensbury Resident, mentioned in light of the Lake George Watershed project he advised caution when accepting to administer grants due to the past issue with Mr. Decker and the Lake George Watershed money matching. Mr. LaMothe replied that he and Chris Belden, *Assistant County Planner*, had been working on the clean up of past grant applications as well as making sure not to duplicate grants. He added, they were being mindful that there was match funding which they would be sure to get hard copies of the commitments. Mr. LaMothe noted there was a list of twelve grants they had looked at as well as ones being administered, adding the grant projects he was overseeing and reviewing had not already been started stressing they were not picking up where someone else had left off . He remarked going forward his department would be diligent in clearly identifying the match as well as ensuring a project had not been previously started.

Mr. Wild requested a copy of the list of grants that were being considered from Mr. LaMothe. Mr. LaMothe advised Mr. Belden, had prepared a table of this information which he would get to him. Mr. Belden added they had been meeting with the different organizations and the Village of Lake George resulting in more communication regarding the grants.

Mr. LaMothe explained that when the County was not an eligible applicant under the grant program the Town of Johnsbury acted as the applicant just as the Village of Lake George was the applicant for projects in Hague and all over the lake which was why the Mayor of Lake George wasn't conducive to writing a check for a project outside of his Village in which a funding source needed to be identified.

Mr. Whitehead asked Mr. Swan the status of the \$50,000 owed by the Town of Queensbury for the Lake George Watershed Coalition grant. Mr. Swan replied he believed the matter was possibly pending litigation; he said it was his understanding the Town of Queensbury wrote a check to an individual for an amount of money that was due to the County and the Town of Queensbury was not responsible for the \$50,000.

Mrs. Hyde entered the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Mr. McDevitt noted it was a complicated process but he believed New York State saw the County as credible and competent to carry out the programs.

Mr. Wild commented that the grant process appeared very creative and complicated and inquired if it was designed to use matching sources as long as they could be documented. Mr. LaMothe agreed and added that there was a checks and balances process in which several departments within the County

would over see the grants. He wanted it to be known that his office was not interested in administrating grants already executed or started with local municipalities due to the extensive work involved trying to track paperwork and have funds reimbursed to the County.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. Wild, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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