

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

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
JENNIFER SWITZER, DIRECTOR, FINANCE

REPRESENTING PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER
CHRIS BELDEN, ASSISTANT PLANNER
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS COORDINATOR
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
AMY LAVINE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS GERAGHTY
SOKOL

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CAROL MCLEAN WRIGHT, OWNER, STONY CREEK RANCH RESORT
SCOTT MCLEAN, OWNER, STONY CREEK RANCH RESORT
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 28, 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 9:29 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Magowan 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 Growth & Development Corporation (EDC)*, who presented a PowerPoint Presentation entitled “Collaborating”, which he reviewed in detail. *A copy of the presentation is on file with the meeting minutes.*

A brief discussion ensued.

There being no further Economic Development business to discuss, 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 the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to change the position of GIS Coordinator position from part-time (32 hrs/week) to full-time effective October 29, 2018.

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

- 2) To authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$16,162 to various budget codes to fund the GIS Coordinator full-time position.
- 3) To authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$570 from various budget codes to Budget Code A.9950 910, Transfer Capital Project, to provide the second quarter 50% salary match for the Capital Project H349, *First Wilderness 2013*, grant.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to the approve both requests for transfers of funds as outlined above and forward same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 4) Authorizing public hearings to be held by the Board of Supervisors in November and December to meet the New York State Community Development Block Grant Program requirements for the sewer line installation at Countryside Adult Home (November hearing) and for a project to address structural needs at Countryside Adult Home (December hearing).

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 19th Board meeting.

Continuing with the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the his agenda, Mr. LaMothe reviewed his 2019 Budget and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Sara Frankenfeld, *GIS Coordinator*, who reviewed future updates on the horizon for the Recreation Mapper. She indicated Warren County DPW Engineers would be utilizing the GIS technology to improve efficiency and time and she explained contract costs in the budget that were necessary to assist DPW's utilization with the Recreation Mapper.

A brief discussion ensued.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Travis Whitehead, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, who noted he did not have an opportunity to speak during the Economic Growth & Development portion of the meeting. He pointed out the uneven employment in the area was not only a difficulty for small businesses but also for manufacturers. He noted his satisfaction of the \$99,000 reduction in the EDC budget; however, he expressed his concern with the EDC's plan to purchase land would turn into an additional asset as it had in past history when they purchased land for the same purpose.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Carol McLean, *Owner, Stony Creek Ranch Resort*, who informed of her efforts to establish a year-round business through the operation of the Polar Express. She clarified for the record they were not in any way associated with IPH (*Iowa Pacific Holdings*) nor were there any plans for them to be. She indicated she planned to have incorporate vendors in her business and hoped to attract more tourism making the area a 365 day destination area based on the pilot program she was trying to initiate.

Concluding the agenda review, Mr. LaMothe noted he had provided the URL link to the Recreation Mapper and mentioned he had also attached an informational packet in regards to the NYS Community Development Block Grant Program for 2018; he apprised although this opportunity was not available to the County, the Towns were able to

participate.

Chairman Conover suggested Mr. LaMothe share the Recreation Mapper link with the Tourism Department for the purposes of incorporation it on their web page; Mr. LaMothe responded he had already done so and the Tourism Department had already included it on their website. Ms. Frankenfeld apprised as a result of a request from Messrs. Wild and Strough, she had implemented a GPS functionality on cell phones with the Recreation Mapper while hiking to work on Android phones; however, she noted, the application would not be available for use on iPhones until changes were made to the system by the Town of Queensbury and Lake George Land Conservancy which she had notified of such.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion made by Ms. Hogan and seconded by Mr. Strough, Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

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