

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE & RULES

DATE: MARCH 1, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: STROUGH
BRAYMER
WILD
MCDEVITT
DICKINSON
GERAGHTY
MAGOWAN
SOKOL
DRISCOLL

OTHERS PRESENT:

RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS BEATY
HOGAN
LOEB
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: LEGGETT
DIAMOND

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 1, 2019 Meeting of the Legislative & Rules 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/2019/legislative/>

Mr. Strough called the meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee to order at 11:44 a.m.

Mr. Strough informed the purpose of today's meeting was to discuss the proposed resolution which opposed the proposed and amended 2020 Executive State Budget impacting aid and incentives to Municipalities and State costs shifting to Counties which he read aloud. Mr. Driscoll inquired how his vote would impact the City of Glens Falls and Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, replied the City retained their AIM funding, adding the only reductions that were made were to Towns and Villages where the AIM funding represented less than 2% of their budget that affected 80% of the communities in the State. He said the State saved \$60 million. Ms. Braymer informed the County would have a better handle on the situation if sales tax could pay the \$200,000+ deficit. Mr. Moore informed the County could change their sales tax distribution. Ms. Braymer explained the marketplace was gaining money. Mr. Moore advised a reduction in sales tax would result in higher property taxes. Mr. Wild inquired about marketplace internet sales and Mr. Moore replied these were internet sales from out-of-state. Mr. Geraghty remarked it was an awful way to treat towns and villages by shifting the cost to County residents. Mr. Wild inquired what was the likelihood that they would impact change, suggesting a stronger resolution. Mr. Moore indicated if they wanted to make an impact they would need to do it now. Ms. Braymer advised a strong statement was required because the Governor was dealing with what happened at the federal level. Mr. Beaty notified New York State had lost one million residents since 2010 and they were the highest regulated and taxed State in Country.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to authorize a resolution opposing the proposed and amended 2020 Executive State Budget impacting aid and incentives

to Municipalities and State costs shifts to Counties and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 15, 2019 Board Meeting.

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

Ms. Braymer mentioned she spoke Dan Hall, *Mayor for the City of Glens Falls*, regarding instillation of telecommunication towers to install internet in public right-aways. Mr. Strough indicated this was new 5G technology with the intent to magnify cell signals that were required to be placed every few hundred feet. Mr. Dickinson suggested drafting a resolution to stop the installation. Ms. Braymer notified they would need legislation by April 15th. Mr. Geraghty suggested acquiring more information before the March 15th Board meeting. Ms. Hogan informed she had attended a seminar regarding 5G, apprising the device had to be 150 yards from the technology. Mr. Strough advised many subdivisions had buried utilities and esthetic guidance and 5G could be installed with the other utilities. He explained they needed a controlling ordinance.

As there was no further business to come before the Legislative & Rules Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Wild, Mr. Strough adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist