

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHER EDUCATION

DATE: MARCH 24, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: WILD
HOGAN
LEGGETT
BRAYMER
MAGOWAN
MCDEVITT
SEEBER

OTHERS PRESENT:

WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER
JOANNE CONLEY, DIRECTOR OF TOURISM
LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
ADMINISTRATION
ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION
MICHAEL BITTEL, PRESIDENT/CEO, ADIRONDACK REGIONAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
KRISTIN HANIFAN, SPECIAL EVENT & CONVENTION SALES DIRECTOR,
LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CVB
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BRUNO
DRISCOLL
SIMPSON
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: DIAMOND
DICKINSON

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 24, 2020 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development and Higher Education Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/economic/>

Note: As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed". Committee Chair Wild and members Hogan, Leggett, Braymer, Magowan and Seeber attended the meeting by video conference; Supervisor McDevitt was physically present. Supervisors Bruno, Driscoll, Simpson and Chairman Thomas participated in the meeting remotely while Supervisor Geraghty was physically present.

Mr. Wild called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development and Higher Education Committee to order at 10:40 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, 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.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed and a copy of same is on file with the meeting minutes. Mr. Wild

acknowledged there was no action to take at today's meeting, but noted he had prepared an outline for discussion to provide updates on the status of the economy and efforts to minimize the impact. He said they were fortunate to have a platform at the County and his intent was to help communicate what the County and their partners were doing to support an economic recovery, as well as to help address any needs they may have moving forward. A lengthy review of the outline Mr. Wild prepared ensued, with participation via video conference by: Chairman Thomas, who provided an update on the purpose and intent of the Workforce Recovery Task Force he was suggesting; Liza Ochsendorf, *Director of the Employment & Training Administration*, who spoke about the Department of Labor (*unemployment insurance*) and local hiring needs through a powerpoint presentation entitled "Warren County Employment & Training", *a copy of which is on file with the meeting minutes*; Ed Bartholomew, *President of the Economic Development Corporation*, who provided State and Federal updates; Michael Bittel, *President/CEO, Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce*, who provided local and small business updates; Kristin Hanifan, *Special Event & Convention Sales Director, Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce & CVB*, who updated the Committee on the status of events planned for the area; and Joanne Conley, *Director of Tourism*, who spoke regarding the Tourism Department's current plans for tourism advertising efforts. Concluding the outline review, Mr. Wild discussed the work from home opportunities which had come to light in connection with the Governor's Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously, Mr. Wild adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board