

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: JOINT ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHER EDUCATION/FINANCE

DATE: JUNE 5, 2020

ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT OTHERS PRESENT:

AND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTING SUNY ADIRONDACK:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WILD

LEGGETT

BRAYMER

DICKINSON

MAGOWAN

MCDEVITT

SEEBER

DR. KRISTINE DUFFY, PRESIDENT

ANN MARIE SCHEIDEGGER, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/TREASURER

FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SUPERVISOR DRISCOLL

DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER

AND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND

MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS HOGAN

DIAMOND

STAFF

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER

CONOVER

BEATY

BRAYMER

MCDEVITT

MERLINO

STROUGH

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS GERAGHTY

SIMPSON

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 5, 2020 joint meeting of the Economic Growth & Development and Higher Education and Finance Committees; the meeting in its entirety can be heard on the Warren County website using the following links:

<https://warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/economic/>

<https://warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/finance/>

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". All of the Committee members participated via video or teleconference, aside from Messrs. McDevitt and Merlino who were physically present.

Mrs. Frasier called the Finance Committee to order at 9:03 a.m. and Mr. Wild called the Economic Growth & Development and Higher Education Committee to order immediately after.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to those Committee members in attendance, those participating virtually accessed the agenda via the Warren County website; a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Dr. Kristine Duffy, *President of SUNY (State University of New York) Adirondack*, began with a thorough review of a powerpoint presentation entitled “SUNY Adirondack Class of 2020”, during which she answered questions posed by Warren and Washington County representatives; *a copy of the powerpoint presentation is on file with the meeting minutes*. During her presentation, Dr. Duffy noted that because there was the potential for a delay, or even an elimination, in State funding, the intent of the meeting was to bring the Committees up to speed on the current budgetary status, with the intent of providing updated information in the coming weeks. She advised that although the Counties were typically asked to adopted resolutions introducing the SUNY Adirondack Budget in June and adopting it in July, that timeline would be pushed back for 2020 given the unknowns related to State funding.

Discussion was held regarding the changing future of how college courses would be facilitated in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as with regard to the preliminary budget information provided and the possibility of increasing shared services opportunities to reduce expenses.

Mr. McDevitt left the meeting at 9:51 a.m. and Mr. Merlino left at 10:06 a.m.

In closing, Dr. Duffy advised of a grass roots campaign aimed at supporting and encouraging attendance at local community colleges; she noted that marketing materials were being developed for this effort and once they became available, she would reach out to each County to provide them and seek assistance.

There being no further business to come before the Committees, Mrs. Frasier adjourned the meeting of the Finance Committee at 10:29 a.m. and Mr. Wild adjourned the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development and Higher Education Committee immediately after.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board