

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ARPA ADVISORY

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR HOGAN
WAYNE LAMOTHE
RAY AGNEW (VIA ZOOM)
BETH GILLES (VIA ZOOM)
MICHAEL BITTEL
SUPERVISOR THOMAS
SUPERVISOR BEATY
SUPERVISOR BRAYMER (VIA ZOOM)
SUPERVISOR WILD
CHAIRWOMAN SEEBER
RYAN MOORE
MICHAEL SWAN
ETHAN GADDY

OTHERS PRESENT:

LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL
GERAGHTY
LEGGETT
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
KIM SOPCZYK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FAMILY SERVICES ASSOCIATES
OF GLENS FALLS
JOHN CARR, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 16, 2021 meeting of the ARPA Advisory Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:
<https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Note: Pursuant to New York State Legislation (S.50001/A.40001): “Notwithstanding the provisions of article 7 of the public officers law to the contrary, any state agency, department, corporation, office, authority, board, or commission, as well as any local public body, or public corporation as defined in section 66 of the general construction law, or political subdivisions as defined in section 100 of the general municipal law, or a committee or subcommittee or other similar body of such entity, shall be authorized to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize 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 Committee Members in attendance were physically present aside from Ray Agnew, Beth Gillis and Ms. Braymer who participated virtually.

Ms. Hogan called the meeting of the ARPA (*America Rescue Plan Act*) Advisory Committee to order at 3:00 p.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to those present and a copy of same is on file with the meeting minutes.

Ms. Hogan began by advising the County had receiving \$12 million in ARPA funds, indicating this was a once in a generation opportunity that must be used to respond to the impacts of the pandemic which included medical, economic, social and fiscal issues. She informed the job of this committee was to be a channel to receive information and filter it to the full Board for consideration. Introduction of the Committee members followed.

Wayne LaMothe, *County Planner*, discussed the Schedule and Timeline/Project Approach. He indicated half the funds were present at the County while the other half would be distributed in 2022. He advised the funds had to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. Ethan Gaddy *Assistant County Planner*, spoke regarding Guiding Principles and Key Considerations. He discussed Preliminary Priorities, Public Engagement and what the following steps would be. Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, read aloud a few key ideas that were submitted for ways to use the ARPA funding. Mr. Gaddy informed stake holders would be invited to a future meeting.

Michael Swan, *County Treasurer*, entered the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Privilege of the floor/Public comment was called for.

Kim Sopczyk, *Executive Director, Family Services Associates of Glens Falls*, commented that the ARPA funds could be used for daycare along with ways to gain more daycare providers.

John Carr, *Warren County Resident*, spoke regarding the current state of EMS (*Emergency Medical Services*) and how it was dysfunctional, adding he would like to see County-wide EMS services system, as well as a better healthcare system, to be prepared for the next pandemic.

There being no further business to come before the ARPA Advisory Committee, Ms. Hogan adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist