

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 22, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: HOGAN (VIA ZOOM)
WILD
LEGGETT
GERAGHTY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: FRASIER
STROUGH
MERLINO

OTHERS PRESENT:

LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING
ADMINISTRATION

REPRESENTING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR

RACHEL E. SEEBER, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD

RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

LARRY ELMAN, COUNTY ATTORNEY

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

SARAH MCLLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS BEATY

BRAYMER (VIA ZOOM)

DRISCOLL

GERAGHTY

MAGOWAN

SHEPLER

SMITH

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

CHUCK BARTON, CEO, BARTON MINES

TREVOR THOMAS, ENGINEER H2H GEOSCIENTIST, BARTON MINES

ROB ALBANO, BARTON MINES

BERNARD MYLEWSKI, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT

JOHN BRODT, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT

RICH HISERT, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT

MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 22, 2021 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development 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 of the Committee members in attendance were physically present aside from Ms. Hogan who participated virtually.

Ms. Hogan called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 10:14 a.m.

Copies of the Employment & Training Administration and Planning & Community Development agendas were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed the agenda via the Warren County website; *copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

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

The Employment & Training agenda review commenced with the following requests:

- 1) To amend the Table of Organization & Salary Schedule to create the new positions of Employment & Training Caseworker II #2, *Grade 12, Base Annual Salary \$41,003*, and Employment & Training Caseworker II #1, *Grade 12, Annual Base Salary \$41,003*, effective December 20, 2021; and
- 2) To fill the vacant positions of Employment & Training Caseworker II #2, *Grade 12, Annual Base Salary \$41,003*, and Employment & Training Caseworker II #1, *Grade 12, Base Annual Salary \$41,003*, due to creation.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee. *Copies of the resolution request and the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$3,000 to reflect receipt of a donation from Glens Falls National Bank to utilize the funds for marketing purposes to inform the public of the free service.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding the agenda review, an update was provided in regards to the unemployment rate during which it was reported that the rate had been 3.8% since September; the Committee was advised that there were open positions within the workforce, but there was still a high risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, an update was provided on the child care industry, indicating there had been a 40% loss of daycare providers since March 2019, and the Employment & Training Administration was working on training and establishing daycare workers while awaiting federal funds to implement a program.

Moving on to the review of the Planning & Community Development agenda, the following requests were presented:

- 1a) To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$29,059.74 to move \$21,189.02 to Capital Project H292, *First Wilderness-Making the Connection*, and \$7,840.02 to Capital Project H372, *First Wilderness Plan Implication 2016*.
- 1b) To close the following Capital Projects and return funds to the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus:
 - H312 *First Wilderness 2008, in the amount of \$14,200.07*
 - H313 *First Wilderness 2009, in the amount of \$8,035.21*
 - H334 *First Wilderness 2011, in the amount of \$6,824.46.*
- 1c) To increase Capital Project H372, *First Wilderness Heritage Corridor-Plan Implementation 2016*, in the amount of \$7,870.72.
- 1d) To increase Capital Project H292, *First Wilderness Heritage Corridor-Making the Connection*, in the amount of \$21,189.02.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Wild exited the meeting at 10:30 a.m., at which point Chairwoman Seeber served to make a quorum of the Committee.

- 2) For a new contract with New York State Office of Information Technology Services to acquire imagery of Warren County in the spring of 2022, in the amount of \$86,200.

Wayne LaMothe, *County Planner*, indicated a source of funding would need to be determined to cover the cost of the contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Chairwoman Seeber and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Wild re-joined the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Next, Sara Frankenfeld, *GIS Administrator*, provided an update with a Power Point presentation on Letterboxing which was a success. A copy of the Power Point presentation is on file with the minutes.

Ms. Hogan announced she must step away from the meeting as her position with the Adirondack Park Agency prevented her from being involved with the next agenda item. She advised she would be turning the Chair over to Supervisor Leggett and would return when the presentation concluded. Mr. Leggett assumed the Chair at 10:50 a.m.

Chuck Barton, *Barton Mines CEO* and Trevor Thomas, *Engineer H2H Geoscientist*, presented a Power Point Presentation entitled “*Sustaining Our Business & Local Jobs for the Future, Request for a mining permit Modification-November 2021*”, and answered question posed by the committee. He indicated they were looking for support from the Committee regarding their application to the Adirondack Park Agency to modify their mining permit.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to authorize the County Administrator and County Attorney to draft a letter on behalf of the Board of Supervisors in support of Barton International’s application to the Adirondack Park Agency as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 17th Board Meeting.

Ms. Hogan returned to the meeting and resumed as Chair at 11:34 a.m.

As there was no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously, Ms. Hogan adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist