

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & ADVOCACY

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BEATY
WILD
CONOVER
SMITH

OTHERS PRESENT:

ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN, COMMISSIONER (D) BOARD OF ELECTIONS
WILLIAM VANNESS, COMMISSIONER (R) BOARD OF ELECTIONS
RACHEL E. SEEBER, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR LEGGETT

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
DICKINSON
DRISCOLL
GERAGHTY
HOGAN
MAGOWAN
MERLINO
STROUGH

TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
JOANNE CONLEY, DIRECTOR, TOURISM
LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK, TOURISM
MARK BEHAN, BEHAN COMMUNICATIONS INC.
CHRISTIAN DUTCHER, DIRECTOR, AMERICADE INC.
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the February 22, 2021 meeting of the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

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 committee members participated by video or teleconference.

Mr. Beaty called the meeting of the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee to order at 2:29 p.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to those present; those participating remotely accessed the agenda via the Warren County website. *A copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Elizabeth McLaughlin, *Commissioner (D) Board of Elections*, who presented a request to authorize proper disposal of ADA voting booths no longer used and 25 BMD Dominion voting machines.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Smith and carried unanimously to approve the request and the

necessary resolution was authorized for the March 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing to the Information for Discussion portion of the agenda, Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, apprised he requested the Board of Elections Commissioners provide an analysis on the timetable change for absentee ballot counting/absentee ballot applications, manual recount if necessary, and the early voting hours provision in the State Budget, as well as the impact these would have on the County. William VanNess, *Commissioner (R), Board of Elections*, stated until they determined if the Governor increased early voting hours it would be hard for them to accurately estimate the future salary budget, but said they had answered the best of their ability. A brief discussion ensued in regards to the depletion of the salary account.

Mr. VanNess stated it was difficult to recruit and obtain voting inspectors at the current rate of \$12.50/hour, and he requested to increase the hourly rate to \$15/hour. Mr. Beaty asked if it was imperative a decision be made during today's meeting or if it could wait until next month and Mr. VanNess replied they would need to send letters out to the inspectors soon, but the matter could wait until the next Committee meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Smith and carried unanimously, Mr. Beaty adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board