

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & ADVOCACY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BEATY
LEGGETT
WILD
CONOVER
DIAMOND

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN, COMMISSIONER (D)
WILLIAM VANNESS, COMMISSIONER (R)
JULIE BUTLER, PURCHASING AGENT
PAM VOGEL, COUNTY CLERK
RACHEL E. SEEBER, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARAH McLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER (VIA ZOOM)
BRUNO
DRISCOLL
HOGAN
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 20, 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: 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.

Mr. Beaty called the meeting of the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee to order at 1:45 p.m.

Copies of the Board of Elections, Purchasing, County Clerk/DMV and Governmental Operations & Advocacy agendas were distributed to those present; those participating remotely accessed the agenda via the Warren County website. *Copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

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

The Committee began with a review of the Referrals/Pending Items portion of the Governmental Operations &

Advocacy agenda as follows:

- 1) Discussion regarding Warren County Local Laws pertaining to the sale of firework sto continue with the Committee requesting the Director of the Office of Emergency Services to provide statistics pertaining to injuries sustained as a result of the use of fireworks, comparing the figures for those sustained before and after the County's Local Laws were enacted; and Clerk of the Board to reach out to the City of Glens Falls Common Council for their feelings on the possibility of the County's Local Laws being rescinded and report back to the Committee. The consensus of the Committee was to bring the item back next month to allow for Mr. Dickinson to participate in the discussion.
- 2) Referral from the Finance Committee regarding the abandonment and clean-up of the Town of Johnsbury Tax Map Parcel No. 133.8-1-27 (*Mosher's Garage*), and to consider exploring the possibility of adopting a local law permitting the County to hold property owners of polluted properties who abandoned them accountable and be entitled to recoup any money spent on cleanup efforts. Update: It was determined the County Attorney would review and determine what options were available to the County and would provide an update at the next Committee Meeting. Robert Terwilliger, *Acting County Attorney*, requested an extension to perform more research and the Committee agreed to bring the item back next month.

Mr. Diamond exited the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

- 3) Referral from the August 20th Board Meeting to look into issue with AirBnb and fact that sex offenders would live in short-term rentals for ten days without being required to register where they are staying - It was determined the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1996 did not restrict where a sex offender may live and restriction of residence was not the purpose of the Act. The Committee requested Chairwoman Seeber draft a letter to State Representatives advocating for stronger sex offender laws with regards to short-term rentals and it was decided the topic would be added to the InterCounty Legislative Committee agenda for discussion.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Bruno who provided copies of a handout for the Committee to review in regards to Cattaraugus County declaring themselves a Constitutional County. A discussion ensued following which the consensus of the Committee was to bring the item back next month.

The Committee moved on to review the Discussion Items portion of the Board of Elections agenda which consisted of the 2022 Board of Elections Budget Review.

There being no further Board of Elections business to discuss, the Committee proceeded to review the Purchasing agenda which consisted of the following Action Agenda/New Business Items:

- A. Review of 2022 Purchasing & Stockroom Budget Requests
- B. Approving revisions to the 2021 Purchasing Policy

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to approve amendments to the 2021 Warren County Purchasing Policy to comply with Federal Grant funding requirements and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 15th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Finally the Committee reviewed the County Clerk/DMV agenda which included the following Discussion items:

- A. 2022 Budget Request Presentation

B. 2021 County Clerk Receipts/Revenue Activity: Mortgage Tax Year to Date

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously, Mr. Beaty adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

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