

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ARPA ADVISORY

DATE: MAY 10, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

CLAUDIA BRAYMER (CO-CHAIR)
DENNIS DICKINSON (CO-CHAIR)
RACHEL SEEBER
WAYNE LAMOTHE
RAY AGNEW
BETH GILLES (VIA ZOOM)
FRANK THOMAS
DOUGLAS BEATY
MICHAEL WILD
RYAN MOORE
MICHAEL SWAN
ETHAN GADDY

OTHERS PRESENT:

LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL
GERACI (VIA ZOOM)
HOGAN (VIA ZOOM)
MERLINO
ROBERT YORK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
ANDREA DEEPE, WARREN - WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL
HEALTH
JENNIFER NEIFELD, 820 RIVER ST., INC.
DOUG MILLER, ADIRONDACK SPORTS COMPLEX
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (VIA
ZOOM)
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS (VIA ZOOM)
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

MICHAEL BITTEL

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 10, 2022 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 Ms. Gilles who attended virtually.

Ms. Braymer called the meeting of the ARPA Advisory Committee to order at 3:07 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Bittel absent*) to approve the minutes from the previous ARPA Advisory Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

The ARPA Advisory Committee agenda was 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 minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review with Item 1, Ethan Gaddy, *Assistant County Planner*, provided an overview of the draft application created based on examples of Saratoga and Ulster Counties applications; Committee members were asked to review the draft and provide any feedback to himself and Wayne LaMothe, *County Planner*, within the week.

Discussion ensued in regards to the administrative duties and costs for the ARPA funding, following which a motion

was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Swan and carried by majority vote of those present (*Mr. Bittel absent*), with Ms. Seeber abstaining, to allocate 3% of the total ARPA funding grant administration budget to be delegated for the cost of staffing to assistance for grant administration and reporting and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 20th Board meeting.

Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, advised his office had produced a draft contract for outside entities receiving ARPA funding as a sub-recipient which was currently undergoing review and revision and would be presented to the Committee for review at a future meeting; he noted a direct recipient form would also be produced. Discussion ensued.

Moving on to Item 2, Committee heard comments from Robert York, *Director, Office of Community Services*, Andrea Deepe, *CEO, Warren - Washington Association for Mental Health*, and Jennifer Neilfeld, *CEO, 820 River St., Inc.*, regarding mental health services impacts.

Discussion ensued during which a motion was made by Mr. Wild and seconded by Mr. Dickinson to allocate \$500,000 for mental health projects and bring recommendations back to the Committee in 30/60 days. Upon further discussion, the motion was amended by Mr. Wild and Mr. Dickinson to increase the amount of the allocation to \$1,000,000, as well as to authorize a sub-recipient agreement with the Office of Community Services to receive applications and distribute said funding for mental health/addiction/substance abuse/community service projects. Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Bittel absent*) and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 20th Board meeting.

Mr. Beaty raised the topic of funding for the Adirondack Sports Complex which was discussed at the last meeting. Discussion ensued, during which a motion was made by Mr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Dickinson to authorize the allocation of \$200,000 to the Adirondack Sports Complex to help with lost revenue as a result of the pandemic. Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion passed by a majority vote of those present (*Mr. Bittel absent*) with Ms. Gilles, Mr. Wild, Mr. Gaddy and Mr. Swan opposing and Ms. Braymer abstaining; the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 20th Board meeting.

Ms. Gilles exited the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Moving on to Item 3, Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, spoke regarding the Meals on Wheels program, reminding the Committee they had previously heard a proposal from the Salvation Army for same. He recommended inviting representatives from the Salvation Army to attend a future Board meeting to make their presentation once again, following which the Committee could revisit the issue if the Board was receptive.

In regard to Item 4, Ms. Braymer stated feed back on the draft application was necessary and a deadline for the application submission was tentatively set for the end of June.

Ms. Braymer suggested the next meeting be tentatively held on May 25th at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the ARPA Advisory Committee, motion was made by Mr. Swan, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Bittel absent*), Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

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