

## WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### COMMITTEE: ARPA ADVISORY

**DATE:           OCTOBER 14, 2022**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

CLAUDIA BRAYMER (CO-CHAIR)  
RACHEL SEEBER  
WAYNE LAMOTHE  
RAY AGNEW  
BETH GILLES  
FRANK THOMAS  
DOUGLAS BEATY  
MIKE WILD  
CRAIG LEGGETT, ACTING COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR  
ETHAN GADDY  
VACANT  
VACANT

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISOR BRUNO  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
GINA MARTIN, OFFICE SPECIALIST, PLANNING & COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
ANDREW MEADER, ADIRONDACK THEATER FESTIVAL BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS  
DOUG MILLER, ADIRONDACK SPORTS COMPLEX  
CHRISTINE V. NORTON, ADK EXCURSIONS  
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MIRIAM WEISFELD, PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, ADIRONDACK  
THEATER FESTIVAL  
SARAH MCLLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

DENNIS DICKINSON (CO-CHAIR)

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 14, 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>

Ms. Braymer called the meeting of the ARPA Advisory Committee to order at 9:03 a.m.

The ARPA Advisory Committee agenda was distributed to those present; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

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

Andrew Meader and Miriam Weisfeld, *Representing Adirondack Theater Festival*, stated their appreciation for the Committee's consideration of their request for funds to assist with costs associated with the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Adirondack Film Festival, outlining the impact COVID had on their organization and how the funding would be used to recover and expand the event.

Ms. Seeber suggested the Adirondack Theater Festival apply for Occupancy Tax Funding for the event which was intended to draw tourism to the area rather than the one time ARPA funding.

Mr. Leggett entered the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Doug Miller, *Adirondack Sports Complex*, responded to comments that had been made at a prior meeting regarding the ARPA funding awarded to his organization. A discussion ensued.

Committee commenced review of the Discussion Items portion of the agenda which included the following:

- a. Update on Community Service Board awards of funding - four resolution requests had been sent to the

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Finance Committee, three requests had been funded with opiate monies and other requests were still under consideration.

- b. Applications for Funding: Small Business - discussion ensued with regard to the three remaining categories for funding, noting the amount of funding remaining was \$3.6 million which would not allow for funding to all applicants. Ms. Braymer asked for suggestions for requests that could be referred to other Committees to reduce the total funding requested amount to allow more applicants to be funded.

Ms. Seeber suggested the following applications be referred to the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee:

- Warren County Public Defender's Office for funding in the amount of \$267,179 for staffing needs.
- Warren County Office of Emergency Services for funding in the amount of \$6,300 for Smart Phone App.
- Warren County Office of Emergency Services for funding in the amount of \$3,146 for COVID-19 PPE.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. LaMothe and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*) to refer the above requests to the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee for consideration.

Ms. Braymer suggested the following applications be referred to Liza Ochsendorf, *Director, Department of Workforce Development*, to assist with connecting them with Southern Adirondack Childcare Network.

- Small Tales Learning Center and Day Care for funding in the amount of \$5,000.
- JLABS Child Center for funding in the amount of \$30,000.

The necessary motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. LaMothe and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*) to refer the above requests to the Department of Workforce Development for consideration.

Ms. Braymer stated another application that could possibly be referred was the Warren County Department of Public Works Solid Waste & Recycling application for funding in the amount of \$1,450,000 for a Central Recycling Facility.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), to refer the Solid Waste & Recycling request to the County Facilities Committee for consideration. Discussion ensued with regard to the amount for the motion that carried and there was a question regarding which recycling application was voted on. Ms. Braymer asked for a re-vote for the Warren County Department of Public Works Solid Waste & Recycling application which carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*).

Ms. Seeber suggested referring the following applications to the Proposed Septic Inspection at Transfer Committee:

- Montcalm: Sewer Line Extension for funding in the amount of \$464,000.
- Montcalm: WWTP Refurbishment and Connection for funding in the amount of \$3,550,000.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), with Mr. Thomas voting in opposition and Mr. Wild abstaining, to refer the above requests for funding to the Proposed Septic Inspection at Committee for consideration.

Ms. Seeber requested the North Warren Emergency Squad request that was tabled be reviewed again during review of the Assistance to Non-Profits.

Mr. Leggett requested review of the CSEA Unit 9000 - Warren County General Bargaining for funding in the amount of \$800,000 for COVID incentive.

Motion was made by Mr. LaMothe, seconded by Mr. Thomas to remove the request based on a past statement by Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, that premium pay was not an eligible use of funds. Mr. Elmen advised his past position with regard to premium pay was specific to County employees for services already rendered and he could not advise whether that was also applicable to the other premium pay applications until he had reviewed the applications. Following that statement, Mr. LaMothe withdrew his motion to allow the County Attorney to research the matter. Discussion continued; following which motion was made by Mr. Thomas to remove the CSEA Unit 9000 - Warren County General Bargaining request.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), with Messrs. Wild and Thomas voting in opposition, to table the request until the next meeting to allow Mr. Elmen to provide an opinion.

Ms. Seeber noted there were other requests in the Premium Pay for Essential Workers category as follows:

- Roette Palmatier for funding in the amount of \$5,000.
- Warrensburg Emergency Medical Services, Inc. for funding in the amount of \$150,000.
- CWI: Education Stipends for essential Workers for funding in the amount of \$45,000.
- CWI: Premium Pay for Essential Workers for funding in the amount of \$420,000.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber and seconded by Mr. LaMothe to table the requests as outlined above; following discussion, Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*) to table the above requests pending further review by the County Attorney.

A lengthy review of the "Address Neg Eco Impact-Assist Small Business" table provided to the Committee members took place during which the Committee considered requests and negotiated amounts to be disbursed. During this time, the following motions were made:

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*) to remove the application from Glens Falls Regional Venture Ecosystem for \$69,554.07 in ARPA funding to address negative impact as a result of COVID as the request did not meeting the ARPA requirement guidelines.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber and seconded by Mr. Thomas to refer the request from Par 27 LLC/DBA Sunnyside Par 3 for funding in the amount of \$175,000 to the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee for consideration. Following discussion, Ms. Seeber amended her motion to include suggestions made by Mr. Wild for alternative funding sources. Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), with Mr. Beaty abstaining and Mr. Wild voting in opposition, to refer the matter to the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee for consideration.

Mr. Leggett stepped out of the meeting at 10:52 a.m. and re-entered the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Ms. Braymer suggested a brief recess period to allow for the calculation of the award totals the Committee had tentatively agreed upon, indicating official action would be taken when the Committee reconvened.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Agnew and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*) to take a brief recess.

The Committee recessed from 11:01 a.m. until 11:10 a.m.

Upon reconvening, action was taken to make funding awards, as follows:

- \$50,000 in ARPA funding to Lotus Estates, LLC dba The Bond 1786 for The Bond 1786 and the National

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Historical Society Association to address negative impact as a result of COVID.

- \$50,000 in ARPA funding to the Painted Pony Championship Rodeo, LLC for Painted Pony Rodeo Championship to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$28,400 in ARPA funding to the Renaissance Dining Group LLC for Café Adirondack to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$9,000 in ARPA funding to Alchemy Bagel Café to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$20,000 in ARPA funding to Kind Cycling to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$13,000 in ARPA funding to Crafted to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$5,000 in ARPA funding to Puckers Gourmet LLC to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$50,000 in ARPA funding to Stephenson Lumber Company, Inc. to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$50,000 in ARPA funding to JsJ Transport LLC to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$11,400 in ARPA funding to All in Glass Studios Too, Inc. to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$19,000 in ARPA funding to ADK Excursions, LLC to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$18,000 in ARPA funding to North Country Guitar to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$10,500 in ARPA funding to My Almond Tree Shop to address negative impact as a result of COVID.
- \$13,000 in ARPA funding to Sticky's Graphics, LLC to address negative impact as a result of COVID.

Motion was made by Mr. Agnew, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), with Mr. Wild abstaining, to approve funding awards as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

- \$150,000 in ARPA funding to the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board to fund a technical assistance program.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. LaMothe and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), with Mr. Wild abstaining and Ms. Gilles recusing, to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

- \$50,000 in ARPA funding to Rooster Amusements to address negative impact as a result of COVID.

Motion was made by Mr. Agnew, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), with Mr. Wild abstaining and Ms. Gilles recusing, to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

- \$14,750 in ARPA funding to All Brands LLC to replace lost revenue and reopen bottle redemption full-time which was closed as a result of negative impact due to COVID.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Agnew and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), with Mr. Wild abstaining and Ms. Gilles recusing, to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

- \$6,875 in ARPA funding to Brunettos Restaurant & Lodging to address negative impact as a result of COVID.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), with Mr. Wild abstaining, to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary

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resolution was authorized for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The Committee discussed a date and time for the next meeting, which they determined would be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was called for.

Christine Norton, *Representing ADK Excursions, LLC*, commended the Committee for the process they had developed.

Committee revisited and discussed the request from the North Warren Emergency Squad, Inc. for \$75,000 in ARPA funding to intended for the replacement of an ambulance which previously approved, but which resolution was tabled at the last Board Meeting and referred back to Committee to consider similar funding to all EMS squads in Warren County.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson absent*), with Mr. Wild and Ms. Braymer voting in opposition, to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Mr. Wild exited the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Committee discussed the funding requests submitted by other emergency organizations; the following action was taken:

- \$13,817 in ARPA funding to West Glens Falls Emergency Squad, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. LaMothe and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Wild absent*) to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

- \$46,568 in ARPA funding to the Bay Ridge Emergency Squad, Inc. to purchase personal protective equipment for all Warren County residents.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Wild absent*) to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

- \$37,435 in ARPA funding to Bay Ridge Volunteer Fire Department to purchase Automated External Defibrillator equipment.

Motion was made by Mr. Agnew, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Wild absent*) to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

- \$30,000 in ARPA funding to Warrensburg Fire Company to assist with revenue loss as a result of not being able to hold the Smoke Eaters Jamboree fundraising event.

Motion was made by Mr. LaMothe, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Wild absent*) to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Agenda Item V(c), requesting award recipients to provide after action reports (with quantitative and qualitative

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summaries) to the ARPA Committee, was not discussed.

There being no further business to come before the ARPA Advisory Committee, on motion made by Mr. LaMothe, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Wild absent*), Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
(*as transcribed by Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board*)