

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ARPA ADVISORY**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

CLAUDIA BRAYMER CO-CHAIR  
RACHEL SEEBER  
WAYNE LAMOTHE  
BETH GILLES  
FRANK THOMAS  
DOUGLAS BEATY  
MICHAEL WILD  
CRAIG LEGGETT  
ETHAN GADDY

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISOR STROUGH  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
GINA MARTIN, OFFICE SPECIALIST, PLANNING & COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
AMY COLLINS, TOURISM & BUSINESS COORDINATOR, CITY OF GLENS  
FALLS  
REPRESENTING THE SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK CHILD CARE NETWORK  
LYNN SICKLES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
JORGEY WETHINGTON, PROVIDER SERVICES COORDINATOR  
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
JENNA BRAND, JLABS CHILD CENTER  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

DENNIS DICKINSON CO-CHAIR  
RAY AGNEW

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 15, 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 2:32 p.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed; a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Ms. Braymer requested a roll call for attendance; the following members were present:

Ms. Braymer, Ms. Seeber, Ms. Gilles, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wild, and Mr. Gaddy. (*Messrs. Dickinson, LaMothe, Agnew and Leggett absent*).

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

Mr. LaMothe entered the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Commencing the agenda review, privilege of the floor was extended to the following individuals for public comment:

Jim Siplon, *President, Economic Development Corporation (EDC)*, spoke regarding the EDC applications to address negative economic impacts, along with housing and broadband infrastructure.

Ms. Seeber stepped out of the meeting at 2:34 p.m. and re-entered the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild and seconded by Mr. Thomas to appropriate \$100,000 in ARPA funding to the EDC. Following discussion, Messrs. Wild and Thomas withdrew their motions pending further information.

Amy Collins, *Tourism & Business Coordinator, City of Glens Falls*, spoke regarding the City of Glens Falls request for \$250,000 to fund their recreation courts. It was mentioned there were four recreation courts in need of repair. Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, notified two of the recreation courts that were located in the City were

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Census tracked for Housing and Urban Development (*HUD*), making them eligible for ARPA funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty and seconded by Ms. Seeber to appropriate \$172,500 in ARPA funding to the City of Glens Falls. Upon further discussion Mr. Wild made a motion, which Mr. LaMothe seconded, to table the request from the City of Glens Falls, pending further information; Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion to table failed due to a lack of majority vote, with Ms. Seeber, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Beaty voting in opposition (*Messrs. Dickinson, Agnew and Leggett absent*).

Returning to the prior motion on the floor to appropriate \$172,500 in ARPA funding to the City of Glens Falls, discussion continued during which Mr. Beaty and Ms. Seeber amended their motion to indicate that the funding award would be specific to improvements at the East Field and Montcalm Parks. Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a majority vote of those present, with Mr. Gaddy abstaining, (*Messrs. Dickinson, Agnew and Leggett absent*) to appropriate \$172,500 in ARPA funding to the City of Glens Falls to support improvements to East Field and Montcalm Parks, both of which were identified as disproportionate areas of the City, and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Jenna Brand, *JLABS Child Center*, was in attendance to provide the Committee with more information regarding her plan to open a child care center. She provided an overview regarding her business plan and answered question posed by the Committee, indicating she was increasing her request for ARPA funding from \$30,000 to \$100,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried by a majority vote of those present with Mr. Gaddy abstaining, (*Messrs. Dickinson, Agnew and Leggett absent*) to appropriate \$100,000 in ARPA funding to JLABS Child Center and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Mr. Beaty exited the meeting at 3:59 p.m., Mr. Thomas exited the meeting at 4:02 p.m., Mr. Leggett entered the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

The Discussion Items section of the agenda was reviewed with updates being provided as follows:

- b. JLABS - this item was previously discussed.
- c. Contact with awarded small businesses - there would be discussions between representatives of the Planning & Community Development Department, the County Attorney's Office and the County Treasurer's Office to ensure a program was in place for reporting after the ARPA funding was awarded.
- d. EMS agencies - applications would be scored and Mr. Leggett would inquire if there were any further applications from EMS agencies.
- a. Community Services Board awards- three applications were directly referred to the Finance Committee and Robert York, *Director, Office of Community Services*, would be asked to attend a future meeting to update the Committee on ARPA funding distribution.

The Committee discussed a date and time for the next meeting, which they determined would be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the ARPA Advisory Committee, on motion made by Mr. LaMothe seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Agnew, Thomas and Beaty absent*), Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, legislative Office Specialist