

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ARPA ADVISORY

DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS CLAUDIA BRAYMER CO-CHAIR
RACHEL SEEBER
WAYNE LAMOTHE
RAY AGNEW
BETH GILLES
FRANK THOMAS
DOUGLAS BEATY
MICHAEL WILD
ETHAN GADDY

OTHERS PRESENT:

LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR MERLINO
GINA MARTIN, OFFICE SPECIALIST, PLANNING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS DENNIS DICKINSON CO-CHAIR
CRAIG LEGGETT

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the December 6, 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 3:00 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, Mr. LaMothe, Mr. Agnew, Ms. Gilles, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Beaty, Mr. Wild and Mr. Gaddy (*Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Seeber and Mr. Leggett absent*).

Ms. Seeber entered the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

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

Commencing the agenda with Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment, the following spoke:

Sara Frankenfeld, *GIS Administrator*, spoke regarding the two challenges they faced extending broadband in Warren County.

Liza Ochsendorf, *Director, Workforce Development*, spoke regarding the workforce being challenged by mental health along with the application from The Open Door, whose programs were different than those in her department. She mentioned she also worked with Meals on Wheels. Ms Braymer indicted that program was going to be a contract through the County. She advised a new application was submitted by the Salvation Army to aid in the cost of Code Blue that would be reviewed at a future meeting. Regarding the application submitted by The Open Door, no action was taken.

Ms. Seeber exited the meeting at 3:28 p.m. and re-entered the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Jim Siplon, *President, Economic Development Corporation*, spoke regarding the EDC applications to address housing and broadband infrastructure.

A brief discussion was held in regard to the remaining amount of ARPA funds available, along with a report submitted by Robert York, *Director, Office of Community Services* for the \$1 million that was appropriated to Behavioral Health ARPA Projects. *A copy of the report is on file with the minutes.*

The meeting commenced with review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items to award funding to the remaining applicants:

To appropriate \$60,000 in ARPA funding to Tri-County United Way to address negative economic impacts.

Motion was made by Ms. Gilles, seconded by Mr. Agnew and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16th Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty to appropriate \$31,000 in ARPA funding to Brant Lake Foundation Inc., DBA Brant Lake Association. Following a brief discussion Mr. Beaty withdrew his motion.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild and seconded by Mr. Agnew to appropriate \$50,000 in ARPA funding to Warren County Economic Development Corporation for Warren County Housing. Following a brief discussion, Messrs. Wild and Agnew amended their motions to include coordinating with the Planning & Community Development Department regarding the Housing Study they were conducting to ensure there was no overlap. Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a majority vote of those present, with Ms. Seeber voting in opposition, (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*) and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16th Board Meeting.

Mr. Thomas exited the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and re-entered the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Returning to the application from the Brant Lake Association, a motion was made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Mr. LaMothe and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*), with Mr. Wild abstaining, to appropriate \$31,000 in ARPA funding to Brant Lake Foundation Inc., DBA Brant Lake Association contingent upon them receiving a permit for the treatment of milfoil and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16th Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. LaMothe, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*), with Ms. Seeber recusing, to appropriate \$16,854.65 in ARPA funding to the Research Foundation for SUNY: Textbooks on Reserve and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16th Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*) to appropriate \$11,600 in ARPA funding to Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District for MS4 Lake Monitoring and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16th Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*) to appropriate \$3,000 in ARPA funding to Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District for Weather Monitoring and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16th Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Agnew to appropriate \$50,000 in ARPA funding to Warren County Economic Development Corporation for Broadband mapping; however, the motion failed due to a lack of majority vote, with Ms. Braymer, Ms. Seeber, Mr. LaMothe and Mr. Beaty voting in opposition, Ms. Gilles and Mr. Gaddy abstaining, and Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent.

Discussion ensued with regard to the Warren County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Central Recycling Facility. It was mentioned this request was referred to the Public Works Committee, but they had referred the request back to the ARPA Advisory Committee for discussion for potential funding. It was the consensus of the Committee to

discuss this matter at a later date.

Motion was made by Mr. LaMothe and seconded by Mr. Beaty to appropriate \$15,250 in ARPA funding to Warren County Economic Development Corporation for Broadband mapping. Upon further discussion Messrs. LaMothe and Beaty amended their motions to increase the amount to \$30,000. Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*) to appropriate \$30,000 in ARPA funding to Warren County Economic Development Corporation for Broadband and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16th Board Meeting.

A request was made to amend Resolution No. 500 of 2022 to change the legal entity from National Association of Counties to the National Council for Mental Wellbeing.

Motion was made by Mr. LaMothe, seconded by Ms. Gilles and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16th Board Meeting.

Mr. Agnew made a motion to approve all EMS (*Emergency Medical Service*) applications, with the exception of the application for the tanker. A discussion ensued following which Mr. Agnew withdrew his motion.

Following, Mr. Agnew made a motion to reserve \$250,000 for the EMS applications; the motion was seconded by Ms. Seeber. Upon further discussion the amount reserved was amended to \$320,000, Mr. Agnew and Ms. Seeber amended their motions to increase the amount to \$320,000. Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*) to reserve \$320,000 for the EMS agencies upon completion of the applications.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty, seconded by Mr. LaMothe and carried by a majority of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*) to appropriate \$13,500 in ARPA Funding to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6196 for a roof replacement and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 16th Board Meeting.

Ms. Seeber made a motion to fund Glens Falls Hospital's Behavioral Health Crisis Unit Reallocation and Expansion project up to the capacity of the remaining ARPA funds. Mr. Agnew mentioned additional funds were raised for the project and they would continue fund-raising efforts. Ms. Seeber amended her motion, seconded by Mr. Thomas to appropriate \$750,000 in ARPA funding to the Glens Fall Hospital for the Behavioral Health Crisis Unit reallocation and expansion. Ms. Braymer called the question and the amended motion was carried by a majority vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*), with Mr. Agnew abstaining, for the December 16th Board Meeting.

The Committee discussed a date and time for the next meeting, which they determined would be held on December 20th at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the ARPA Advisory Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson and Leggett absent*), Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, legislative Office Specialist