

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ARPA ADVISORY

DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

CLAUDIA BRAYMER (CO-CHAIR)
RACHEL SEEBER
RAY AGNEW
FRANK THOMAS
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ETHAN GADDY

OTHERS PRESENT:

LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR MAGOWAN
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
GINA MARTIN, OFFICE SPECIALIST, PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

DENNIS DICKINSON (CO-CHAIR)
BETH GILLES
DOUGLAS BEATY
MIKE WILD
WAYNE LAMOTHE

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the December 20, 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 2:02 p.m.

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

Ms. Braymer apprised Mr. Magowan was seated among Committee members; however, she noted he was not a member of the Committee.

Ms. Braymer welcomed John Taflan, the newly appointed County Administrator, who served as an ex-officio Committee member.

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

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

There being no members of the public present wishing to address the Committee, the agenda review commenced with the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion section, as follows:

- a. Award funding to remaining applicants - Discussion ensued with regard to the Warren County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Central Recycling Facility. Due to a limited amount of remaining funds a suggestion was made to consider funding the project in phases, noting further information was needed.
- b. EMS agency application scoring - Ms. Braymer informed if the Committee funded all of the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) requests of \$320,000 excluding the Luzerne-Hadley Fire Department Tanker for \$450,000 there would be \$987,520 remaining. Discussion ensued with regard to application scoring during which a document entitled, "Fire/EMS ARPA project review" was distributed; a copy is on file with the minutes.

Committee reviewed the EMS requests, with the following action being taken:

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber and seconded by Mr. Agnew to appropriate \$40,000 in ARPA funding to the Rockwell Falls Ambulance Service to fund ambulance supplies. Following discussion, Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Gilles, Messrs. Beaty, LaMothe and Wild absent*) to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the January 20th Board meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber and seconded by Mr. Thomas to appropriate \$16,450 in ARPA funding to the West Glens Falls Emergency Medical Service to fund office equipment replacement. Following discussion, Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Gilles, Messrs. Beaty, LaMothe and Wild absent*) to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the January 20th Board meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Seeber and seconded by Mr. Thomas to appropriate ARPA funding to the following:

- \$36,990 in ARPA funding to Luzerne-Hadley Fire Department to fund radio upgrade;
- \$52,300 in ARPA funding to North Queensbury Rescue to fund an ALS vehicle;
- \$40,000 in ARPA funding to Lake George Emergency Medical Service to fund emergency medical supplies;
- \$75,000 in ARPA funding to City of Glens Falls fire Department to fund an ambulance;
- \$75,000 in ARPA funding to Bolton Emergency Medical Service to fund an ambulance;
- \$73,000 in ARPA funding to Johnsbury Emergency Medical Service to fund an ambulance;
- \$14,575 in ARPA funding to Bay Ridge to fund iSim;
- \$9,260.50 in ARPA funding to Bay Ridge to fund reflective jackets; and
- \$72,040 in ARPA funding to Stony Creek Fire Department to fund equipment replacement.

Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, advised the funding category for Lake George Emergency Medical Service and City of Glens Falls Fire Department would be classified as “the costs to improve the design and execution of programs responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and administer or improve the efficacy of programs addressing the public health emergency or it’s negative economic impacts”, rather than non-for-profit entity funding, due to both being municipal entities. Following discussion, Ms. Braymer asked Ms. Seeber and Mr. Thomas if they were in agreement to amend their motions to change the category as suggested by Mr. Elmen and they replied affirmatively. Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Gilles, Messrs. Beaty, LaMothe and Wild absent*) to authorize the funding awards as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the January 20th Board meeting.

Committee returned to review of remaining applicants which included the following:

With regard to the Luzerne-Hadley Fire Department’s request for \$450,000 for a tanker, there was question as to whether a lower funding amount would help and if any funding had been awarded by Saratoga County. It was noted the Planning Department would contact the applicant and the matter would be discussed again at the next Committee meeting.

Concerning the Salvation Army’s request for \$250,000 to fund an emergency shelter, there was question as to whether a Request For Proposal (*RFP*) was needed to take over the Code Blue homeless shelter. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to the proposal and the agreement with the Salvation Army authorized at the December 16th Board Meeting for the Warren/Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging senior nutrition meal program and how the agreement was contingent upon receiving ARPA funding. It was the consensus of the Committee that more information was needed before the request could be considered.

Moving to the request from Servants of the Word Inc. dba The Open Door for funding to support their Life Path Program, motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Seeber to appropriate \$75,000 in ARPA funding for the program. Upon discussion, Mr. Thomas and Ms. Seeber amended their respective motion and second to increase the appropriation to the full requested amount of \$100,000; Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Gilles, Messrs. Beaty, LaMothe and Wild absent*) to approve the funding award as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the January 20th Board meeting.

With regard to the requests from Adirondack Community College for \$783,462 to fund work, learn, play at Adirondack and for \$1,281,500 to support students in high demand health professions, the Committee discussed how the County was considering its sponsor contribution to the college and whether SUNY had received their own ARPA funding. It was the consensus of the Committee to refrain from making any award on either request at this time.

Ms. Braymer informed since it was the last meeting of the year, she, as co-Chair extended her appreciation to everyone for their participation.

There being no further business to come before the ARPA Advisory Committee, on motion made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Gilles, Messrs. Beaty, LaMothe and Wild absent*), Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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