

# WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: APRIL 26, 2022

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WILD  
MCDEVITT  
HOGAN (VIA ZOOM)  
STROUGH (VIA ZOOM)  
LEGETT

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER  
MAGOWAN

### OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:  
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING ADMINISTRATION  
(VIA ZOOM)  
REPRESENTING PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:  
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR  
ETHAN GADDY, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS GERACI (VIA ZOOM)  
SEEBER (VIA ZOOM)  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 26, 2022 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development 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 of the Committee members in attendance were physically present, aside from Supervisors Hogan and Strough who attended remotely.*

Mr. Wild called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 1:50 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Strough, Mrs. Frasier and Mr. Magowan absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Employment & Training Administration and Planning & Community Development agendas were distributed to those in attendance, those participating remotely accessed the agenda via the Warren County website. *Copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jim Siplon, *President & CEO, Warren County EDC*, who provided an economic activity update. He mentioned the upcoming annual EDC luncheon which would be held on June 17, 2022 at The Great Escape Lodge and he encouraged all to attend.

Mr. Strough entered the meeting at 1:53 p.m. remotely.

Mr. Wild requested Mr. Leggett provide a brief explanation of land banks. Mr. Leggett informed land banks were approved for entities, such as Counties, that could foreclose on properties and were used as a method for removing appropriate properties from the foreclosure process and converting them for reuse through a strategic program, converting single family homes or vacant land into residential development. He stated there were a limited number of land banks authorized by the State and both Clinton County and Essex County were in the process of applying for them. He explained it was not an immediate fix, but rather a tool that could be used with partnerships to address the housing issue.

Moving on, the Committee reviewed the Employment & Training Administration agenda which included a request to authorize a new contract with Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to provide employment and training services for the summer youth employment program through Operation Food Chain in an amount not to exceed \$15,356 for a term commencing June 29, 2022 and terminating August 19, 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by McDevitt and carried by unanimous vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier and Mr. Magowan absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A review of the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda commenced, during which Liza Ochsendorf, *Director, Employment & Training Administration*, provided updates on general employment and training matters and in relation to the upcoming summer tourism season.

There being no further Employment & Training Administration business to discuss, the Committee commenced with a review of the Planning & Community Development agenda, which consisted of updates on current Departmental projects.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier and Mr. Magowan absent*), Mr. Wild adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

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