

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: NACo/NYSAC**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2022**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: SEEBER  
BRAYMER  
LEGETT  
DRISCOLL

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
GERACI  
MERLINO  
TRAVIS BROWN, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CUSTOMER ADVISOR, AMAZON  
BUSINESS  
JULIE BUTLER, PURCHASING AGENT  
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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**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR: HOGAN

*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 3, 2022 meeting of the NACo/NYSAC Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:*  
<https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Ms. Seeber called the meeting of the NACo/NYSAC (*National Association of Counties/New York State Association of Counties*) Committee to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan and Mr. Leggett absent*) to approve the minutes from the previous NACo/NYSAC Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Commencing the agenda review, the Discussion Items portion was reviewed, as follows:

New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) -

1. Amazon Prime business opportunity - Travis Brown, *Local Government Customer Advisor, Amazon Business*, attended the meeting virtually to provide information and answer questions, however, due to technical difficulties Mr. Brown was unable to present.

Mr. Leggett entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

4. Support for Standing Committee on Public Safety Resolution:
  - Encouraging the State Legislature and Governor to Enact Legislation to Provide Local Discretion on Pre-Sentence Investigations in Plea Deals Resulting in less than 1 Year Imprisonment.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett and seconded by Ms. Braymer to support the NYSAC resolution as outlined above; discussion ensued with a request by Mr. Driscoll for Robert Iusi, *Director, Probation*, Gregory Canale, *Public Defender*, Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, Jason Carusone, *District Attorney*, James LaFarr, *Sheriff*, to be in attendance to provide input at a future Committee meeting. Ms. Seeber called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan absent*) and the necessary resolution was authorized for the

November 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Returning to Item 1, Mr. Brown continued to encounter technical difficulties and was unable to provide a presentation or answer questions. Ms. Seeber requested the Purchasing Department contact Mr. Brown to review the opportunity and provide findings at the next Committee meeting.

5. Support for Standing Committee on Medicaid and Human Services Resolution:
  - Resolution calling on the New York Congressional Delegation to Support Federal Legislation that Exempts Qualified Residential Treatment Programs from the Federal Medicaid Intuitions for Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion and for New York State to Provide State-Only Medicaid Funding to Cover any loss of Federal Funds until the Exemption is Achieved.
  - Resolution calling on Governor and State Legislature to increase State Funding Support for the Foster Care Block Grant to Pay for the Rate Increase Enacted in the SFY 2023 Budget, and also Increase State Funding for Safety Net Programs.
  - Resolution Urging the Governor and New York State Legislature to Become a True Partner by Focusing on Rent Allowance and Standard of Need which must Include the Restoration of 50/50 Cost Sharing for Safety Net Programs, and Clarify its Homelessness Prevention Goals by Making Permanent Housing the Central Focus.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll and seconded by Ms. Braymer to support the NYSAC resolutions as outlined above. Following discussion, Ms. Seeber called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan absent*) to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

National Association of Counties (NACo) items were discussed as follows:

1. NACO High Performance Leadership Program - nominations for training - interest from DSS, Health Services, County Administrator - One employee in the County Administrator's Office had shown interest in the course and any other interested employees would be notified to contact Craig Leggett, *Acting County Administrator*, or Ms. Seeber.
2. NACO 2023 Legislative Conference February 11 - 14, 2023 - It would be held in Washington D.C. and the deadline for early bird enrollment was December 10, 2022. It was noted any interested Committee members should contact Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*,

A review of the Other items commenced with the following:

1. Submission of Best Practices by Warren County Departments - Continue to create list of best practices. It was noted Resolution No. 344 of 2022 contained Warren County's mission statement, standing and special Committees did not have mission statements.

Returning to New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) portion of the agenda, the following were reviewed:

2. Employee Retention Interviews - Livingston County example - The Human Resources Director was requested to review the example and provide feedback to the Committee.
3. Employee Appreciation Day - Saratoga County example - This item to be referred to the future County Administrator, when hired.

Returning to the Other portion of the agenda the last item was reviewed:

2. Goals for these Committee meetings, updates by members on NACo/NYSAC Committee members and any other items for future topics to be discussed by this Committee - Sharing of Federal and State legislation information to all Board of Supervisors members that could have a direct impact on Town, County and State

was suggested.

As there was no further business to come before the NACo/NYSAC Committee, on motion made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan absent*), Ms. Seeber adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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