

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ARPA ADVISORY**

**DATE: MARCH 17, 2023**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

CLAUDIA BRAYMER (CO-CHAIR)  
DENNIS DICKINSON (CO-CHAIR)  
RACHEL SEEBER  
DOUGLAS BEATY  
FRANK THOMAS  
RAY AGNEW  
ETHAN GADDY  
WAYNE LAMOTHE  
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

MIKE WILD  
BETH GILLES

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL  
MAGOWAN  
MERLINO  
MCDEVITT  
REPRESENTING SPCA OF UPSTATE NEW YORK:  
CATHY A. CLOUTIER  
DR. KYRA HARING  
JEFF DAILEY, FORMER CHIEF, WEST GLENS FALLS/ FIRE ADVISORY BOARD  
HAROLD HALLIDAY, CAPTAIN, NORTH QUEENSBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
GINA MARTIN, OFFICE SPECIALIST, PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 17, 2023 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 8:32 a.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 requested roll call for attendance; the following Committee members were present:

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

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

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

Ann Marie Mason, *Director, Office of Emergency Services*, apprised she had submitted an application for \$152,543.70 to provide Warren County Marine Rescue Team members with apparel and equipment to be used, stored and maintained by the West Glens Falls Fire Department. Discussion ensued.

Jeff Daily, *former Chief, West Glens Falls Fire Department/ Chairman of the Fire Advisory Board*, informed the Warren County Marine Rescue Team was comprised of eight fire companies in Warren County which

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responded to any water rescue emergency calls dispatched in Warren County. He apprised West Glens Falls Fire Department had the largest mobile boat and did not have any divers; however, he said, they were in the process of starting a dive team which they had requested financial assistance for.

Mr. Beaty entered the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

Cathy Cloutier and Dr. Kyra Haring, *representing SPCA of Upstate New York*, spoke with regard to the services the SPCA of Upstate New York provides Warren County, the impacts COVID had on reduced staff and increased relinquished animals and the necessary finances to stay in operation and serve Warren County, Washington County and a portion of Saratoga County residents and animals, with the majority of services in Warren County.

Following a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Mr. Beaty, to refer the matter to the Health Services Committee. Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, advised the matter should be referred to the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee based on the Agriculture Market Law Article 7. Mr. Beaty amended his motion on the floor to indicate the referral was for a joint meeting of the Health Services and Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committees. Mr. Agnew seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to refer funding consideration for SPCA of Upstate New York to a joint meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety and Health Services Committees.

A brief discussion ensued with regard to funding for the SPCA of Upstate New York and Mr. Agnew extended an invitation to assist the SPCA of Upstate New York with fund-raising.

Mr. Dickinson stepped out of the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Ms. Braymer announced there was a remaining balance of \$278,830.67 in ARPA funding.

With regard to the request to appropriate funds to the Warren County Marine Rescue Team, motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Wild and Gilles absent*) to appropriate \$152,543.70 in ARPA funding to Warren County Office of Emergency Services to fund Warren County Marine Rescue Team supplies, materials and equipment and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

Ms. Braymer informed after the funding allocation to the Warren County Marine Rescue Team, the remaining balance in ARPA funding was \$126,286.97.

Mr. Dickinson re-entered the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

The Committee commenced with review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items as follows:

1. Emergency shelter funds to partner nonprofit organization(s) = \$50,000.00
2. Community Services Board - Mental Health Services: \$278,830.67 less \$50k = \$228,830.67

Motion was made by Mr. LaMothe to appropriate \$126,286.97 in ARPA funding to the Office of Community Services. Mr. Elmen opined the motion should include language to enhance projects within the scope of the Community Services Board for mental health services and homelessness impacted by mental health.

Mr. Gaddy presented a request for \$15,000 in ARPA funding for Northern Region Border Commission for the development of cost estimates, preliminary engineering or landscape architects to review a County project for

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submission for a Federal grant fund opportunity for infrastructure projects that would include workforce development, childcare funding, outdoor recreation and infrastructure.

Following discussion, Mr. LaMothe amended his motion on the floor to appropriate \$126,286.97 in ARPA funding to the Office of Community Services and appropriate \$15,000 in ARPA funding to Northern Region Border Commission from the \$126,286.97 balance and allocate the remaining funding to Office of Community Services. Mr. Elmen requested the caveat be included that any additional funds awarded that were returned to the County be designated to Office of Community Services.

Ms. Braymer suggested a separate vote for the two above requests.

Mr. LaMothe subsequently withdrew his motion.

Mr. Dickinson stepped out of the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. LaMothe, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to appropriate \$15,000 in ARPA funding to Northern Border Commission to fund Federal grant application materials for infrastructure project and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. LaMothe, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to appropriate \$111,286.97 in ARPA funding to Office of Community Services to fund mental health and homeless services, as well as any non-expended funding and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

3. Remaining outstanding applications: Item was not discussed.
4. Rescind Reso 503 for Caritas dba Nearcare.

Motion was made by Mr. Agnew, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Dickinson, Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*) to rescind Resolution No. 503 for Caritas dba Nearcare and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

Ms. Braymer voiced her appreciation to members for their participation.

Ms. Seeber extended her appreciation to the Board of Supervisors; NACo (National Association of Counties); NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*); Warren County Treasurer's Office; Warren County Information Technology Department; Ryan Moore, *former County Administrator*; John Taflan, *County Administrator*; County Attorney's Office; Co-Chairs Mr. Dickinson and Ms. Braymer; tax payers and residents.

Mr. Dickinson re-entered the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Mr. LaMothe informed the County Planning Department was obligated for three and a half years to monitor funds, report to the Federal government, monitor the contracts and performance.

Mr. Agnew expressed it had been an honor to serve on the Committee.

Ms. Braymer called for Public Comment:

Mr. Driscoll extended his appreciation to the Committee for support on the homelessness issue and stated Robert

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York, Director, Office of Community Services, had been leaders on the Continuum of Care Committee comprised of Wait House, Open Door, Salvation Army, Family Services, Catholic Charities and other entities.

Mr. Beaty exclaimed the Committee had been the most rewarding he had served on in ten years, noting it had helped as many diverse groups and individuals as was possible.

Harold Halliday, *representing North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Department*, extended his appreciation for help funding the North Queensbury Fire Department project.

There being no further business to come before the ARPA Advisory Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Gilles absent*), Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

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