

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: McDEVITT  
SMITH  
STROUGH  
MAGOWAN  
LEGGETT

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER  
ETHAN GADDY, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER

REPRESENTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR  
MIKE GRAINY, WORKFORCE CAREER COUNSELOR

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

SUPERVISORS: WILD  
BRAYMER

JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

RYAN DICKEY, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS FRASIER

GERACI

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CARM BASILE, CEO, CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WILLIAM COLLINS, MAYOR, CITY OF GLENS FALLS

SCOTT SOPOZYK, TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR, CITY OF GLENS FALLS

LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the February 23, 2023 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>*

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 12:38 p.m.

Copies of the Planning & Community Development and Workforce Development meeting agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

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

The meeting commenced with review of the Planning & Community Development agenda with the following requests:

1. To authorize for Wayne E. LaMothe, *Director, Planning & Community Development*, to attend the 2023 National Planning Conference on April 1-5, 2023 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2. To authorize for Ethan Gaddy, *Assistant County Planner*, to attend the 2023 National Planning Conference on April 1-5, 2023 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the March 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was determined resolutions were not necessary for these requests.)*

3. To fill the vacant position of Assistant County Planner, *Base Salary \$69,431*, due to promotion.
4. To fill the vacant position of Principal Planner, *Base Salary \$69,431*.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the requests as presented and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *Copies of the Intent to Fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the minutes.*

5. To amend the Warren County Budget for 2023 in the amount of \$66,040 to amend revenue codes to reflect receipt of ARPA administrative funding for 2023 per Resolution No. 260 of 2022.

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as presented and refer the same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

6. To appropriate funds in the amount of \$200,000 from Budget Code A.909.00, *General Fund Unappropriated Surplus*, to Budget Code A.8020 470, *Planning, Contract*, to carryover funding appropriated in 2022 to cover the cost of the County Comprehensive Plan.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

The Discussion Items section of the agenda was reviewed with the following items being addressed:

1. Discussion of Water Infrastructure Grant opportunities for Adirondack communities from New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation- There would be grant funds available for water and waste water treatment along with a workshop being held March 14, 2023 where funding was available.
2. Update on bus transportation merger between GGFT (*Greater Glens Falls Transit*) and CDTA (*Capital District Transportation Authority*) from Mayor William Collins- Mayor Collins explained the City and CDTA shared the merger concept, indicating they thought it was appropriate to move forward to the next steps to make the merger happen. It was noted the merger would tie Warren County to other counties, adding, GGFT operated with eighteen buses and CDTA operated with two-hundred fifty buses which would bring technology and resources to Warren County, along with GGFT bus routes remaining in place for 3 years. Committee was advised the merger would connect Albany to Glens Falls and there would be a commuter vehicle from Lake George to Bolton. The merger would possibly be funded through mortgage tax at a percent of one quarter of one percent or an account of the County's choosing. Committee was advised that all employees at GGFT would have a place at CDTA. Discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Braymer absent*) to authorize a resolution in support of Warren County joining CDTA and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign any necessary documentation, for same and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Jim Siplon, *President, Economic Development Corporation*, informed he had attended a forum with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik where they discussed the need for childcare and public transportation.

There being no further planning & Community Development to discuss, review of the Workforce Development agenda commenced with the following requests:

1. To amend the Warren County Budget in the amount of \$100,000 to include Warren County's investment into Workforce Development programs and services for residents and County employees.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild*

*and Ms. Braymer absent) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Finance Committee. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To fill the vacant position of Job Coach-temporary (summer), *Grade 6, Base Annual Salary \$41,213.*

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Braymer absent*) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

The Discussion Items section of the agenda was reviewed with the following items being addressed:

1. General workforce development updates- provided.

As there was no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Magowan, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild and Ms. Braymer absent*), Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist