

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: MCDEVITT
BRAYMER
SMITH
LEGGETT

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT:
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR
ETHAN GADDY, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER
LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISOR DRISCOLL
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: WILD
STROUGH
MAGOWAN

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 24, 2023 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following links:

Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9ZKE3UIIko>

Mr. McDevitt called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 12:42 p.m.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Wild, Strough and Magowan 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 which included the following Discussion Items:

1. Restore Mother Nature Bond Act - An application would be filled out for potential funding. The Planning Department was working with the Warren County fish hatchery located in the Town of Warrensburg and it was suggested to implement a Complete Streets Policy.

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

1. For a new contract with Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services (*BOCES*) to provide high school equivalency class to youth aged 16-24 in Warren County.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Wild, Strough and Magowan absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 12th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To amend the Warren County Budget in the amount of \$776,994.52 to reflect receipt of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) federal grant allocation for 2023.

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

Concluding the agenda review with the Information for Discussion Items section of the agenda, updates were given on general workforce development.

It was noted that Spectrum News was doing a story on the garden planted by the Probation Department and a brief discussion was held regarding the increase of juvenile delinquency issues and what programs were available to help them.

There being no further Workforce Development business to discuss, privilege of the floor was extended to Jim Siplon, *President, Economic Development Corporation (EDC)*, who spoke regarding how today's youth were economic assets. He advised the EDC was in Chestertown holding housing forums that were funded through American Rescue Plan (*ARPA*) process to help understand the need for additional housing capacity along with another forum being held in the Town of North Creek in September and he mentioned on Brookfield Energy's recent purchase of Duke Energy.

As there was no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Leggett, and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Wild, Strough and Magowan absent*), Mr. McDevitt adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist