

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: MAY 22, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS ETU

STROUGH

BEAN

MADAY

TURNER

CROCITTO

WILD

REPRESENTING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR

ETHAN GADDY, COUNTY PLANNER

SARAH BRUGGER, PRINCIPAL PLANNER

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

FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS: BRUNO

STRAINER

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER

REPRESENTING WARREN-WASHINGTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

CHUCK BARTON

KARA LAIS, PARTNER

ALEX BELENSZ, SE GROUP

LARISSA REED, COMMON GROUND CONSULTING

LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 22, 2024 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:

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

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZB9ZpdgkQGM>

Mr. Etu called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 10:40 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bean, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Crocitto absent*) to approve the minutes from the previous Economic Growth & Development Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

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

Privilege of the floor and public comment was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Mr. Crocitto entered the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

The meeting commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business portion of the Planning & Community Development agenda which included the following requests:

1. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$753.61 to reflect receipt of costs reimbursed by the City of Glens Falls for GIS Program repair/maintenance.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Bean and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To authorize submission of grant application and the resulting agreements with various NYS agencies through the 2024 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) program for an amount and term of contract to be determined.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Bean and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. To authorize submission of grant application and the resulting agreement with the NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for an amount and term of contract to be determined to support Warren County septic replacements.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild and seconded by Mr. Bean to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Etu called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

4. To establish Capital Project No. H433, *Thriving Hamlets*, in the amount of \$135,592.15.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

6. Authorizing Warren County to hold a Public Hearing to submit a funding request with NYS Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG).

Motion was made by Mr. Bean, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

5. Consenting to the findings of the Warren-Washington Industrial Development Agency (WWIDA) in justifying incentives for Adk Dome in Queensbury.

Representatives from the Warren-Washington Industrial Development Agency (WWIDA) spoke regarding the request.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Bean and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A review of the Discussion Items portion of the agenda were reviewed in the following order:

3. Update on Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan - A Power Point Presentation was provided entitled, "*Warren County Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan*" which was reviewed in detail by Alex Belensz, *SE Group*, and Larissa Reed, *Common Ground Consulting*. *A copy of the presentation is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Crocitto exited the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

1. Project Updates.
5. Potential Board Workshop discussion regarding Warren County Comprehensive Plan.
2. Grant Projects and Programs for 2024 Grant Cycle.
4. Letterboxing Update.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was extended to the following:

Mr. Bruno inquired as to why golf was not mentioned in the Outdoor Recreation Economy Strategic Plan, as he believed it was a significant contributor to the economy.

Jim Siplon, *President, Economic Development Corporation*, provided the Committee with a handout entitled, *"Monthly Update as of 5/15/24"* which he provided a brief review of. *A copy of the handout is on file with minutes.*

Chuck Barton, *Chief Executive Officer, Warren-Washing Industrial Development Agency*, extended his appreciation to the Committee for approval of the Adk Dome matter and he requested anyone with knowledge of area projects over half a million dollars to contact him.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild and seconded by Mr. Bean, Mr. Etu declared the meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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