

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: FINANCE & BUDGET

DATE: MAY 8, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS THOMAS
GERACI
DRISCOLL
CROCITTO
STROUGH
BRUNO
ETU

OTHERS PRESENT:

JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ROB LYNCH, DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISOR STRAINER
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
ETHAN GADDY, COUNTY PLANNER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS MERLINO
MADAY

ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
GINA MARTIN, OFFICE SPECIALIST, PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the meeting of the May 8, 2024 Finance & Budget 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=s6L3CRGZ1KQ/>

Mr. Thomas called the meeting of the Finance & Budget Committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Etu entered the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Merlino and Maday absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

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

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to those in attendance; a copy of same is on file with the meeting minutes.

The agenda review skipped ahead to Item 1B as follows:

- 1B) *On Behalf of the Office of Emergency Services* - Request to authorize grant application and agreement with New York State Department of Health for County Emergency Medical Services Support in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for a term to be determined.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Merlino and Maday absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 14th Board Meeting

The agenda review returned to Agenda Item 1A regarding the status of ARPA (*American Rescue Plan Act*) funding, with John Taflan, *County Administrator*, and Ethan Gaddy, *County Planner*, providing an update to the Committee members.

A discussion ensued during which Mr. Taflan suggested the Committee consider amending Resolution No. 180 of 2023 to remove the requirement that any unobligated funding (*monies that were under not under contract or encumbered with a purchase order*) had be allocated to address mental health and/or homeless issues in Warren County prior to the December 31, 2024 deadline to prevent the funding from being returned to the Federal Government.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Merlino and Maday absent*) to amend Resolution No. 180 of 2023 to remove the paragraph pertaining to allocating any ARPA funding returned or forfeited were required to be reallocated to assist the County's homeless population with mental health challenges; and to authorize a resolution providing the County with authority to allocate any unobligated ARPA funding for the standard use purposes outlined by the Federal Government. The necessary resolutions were authorized for the May 14th Board Meeting.

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

There being no further business to come before the Finance & Budget Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Geraci and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Merlino and Maday absent*), Mr. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board