

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: APRIL 22, 2025**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: ETU  
STROUGH  
WILD  
TURNER  
CROCITTO  
DIAMOND

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING THE PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:  
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR  
ETHAN GADDY, COUNTY PLANNER  
MATTHEW SMITH, JUNIOR PLANNER  
LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
BETH GILLES, DIRECTOR, LAKE CHAMPLAIN-LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL  
PLANNING BOARD

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR: BEAN

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
SARAH MCLLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BRUNO  
GILLIGAN  
STRAINER  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the April 22, 2025 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=gLw4petApso>*

Mr. Etu called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 10:40 a.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. Wild, seconded by Mr. Crocitto and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Bean 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 Action Agenda/New Business portion of the Workforce Development agenda, which included the following requests:

1. For a new contract with Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in an amount not to exceed \$18,986 to provide employment and training services for the summer youth employment program through Operation Food Chain for a term commencing June 20, 2025 and terminating September 30, 2025.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Turner and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Bean absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To authorize temporary positions within the Warren County Department of Workforce Development for various youth employment programs and authorizing adult slots for Program Year 2025 which will commence July 1, 2025 and terminate June 30, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Crocitto and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Bean absent*) to approve the request as presented and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Committee moved on to review the Discussion Items portion of the which agenda included the following:

1. General workforce updates.

There being no further Workforce Development business to discuss, review of the Planning & Community Development agenda commenced with the Action Agenda/New Business portion, which included the following requests:

1. To authorize an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Coastal Rehabilitation and Resiliency Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, for the implementation of shoreline resilience projects that support or are inspired by nature or natural processes and also offer environmental, economic and social benefits, with a 10% local share (*source of funding for local share to be determined*).
2. To authorize an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Resilient Watersheds Grant Program funding in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for flood mitigation projects, with a 10% local share (*source of funding for local share to be determined*).
3. To authorize an application to the New York State Department of State for Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (*LWRP*) Implementation Project grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for projects addressing restoration and flood risk reduction which implement a complete or substantially complete LWRP component, with a 10% local share (*source of funding for local share to be determined*).

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Ms. Turner and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Bean absent*) to approve the requests as presented and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the May 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

4. For a new contract with the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board in an amount not to exceed \$26,680 for Planning & Community Development staff to provide technical assistance in the development of a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Horicon.

Motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Crocitto and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Bean absent*) to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Finally, the Discussion Items portion of the agenda was reviewed, which included updates on the following items:

1. Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board. Beth Gilles, *Director, Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board*, provided a Power Point presentation entitled “2024 Year In Review”, a copy of which is on file with the meeting minutes.
2. Economic Development Corporation Updates. No updates were provided.
3. Projects Updates.
4. Grants Updates/Opportunities.

As there being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Bean absent*), Mr. Etu adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist