

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: JANUARY 21, 2026**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS WILD  
CROCITTO  
BRUNO  
PATCHETT  
DIAMOND  
BEATY  
NILES

LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
REPRESENTING THE PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:  
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR  
ETHAN GADDY, COUNTY PLANNER  
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
ROBERT BULLOCK, PRISON EDUCATION COORDINATOR, SUNY ADIRONDACK  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
NATHAN ETU, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISOR STRAINER  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER  
TONY HALL, *THE POST STAR*  
LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 21, 2026 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=CIRNHNhKtlo>*

Mr. Wild called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 10:46 a.m. He stated he was thankful to have the opportunity to Chair the Committee and expressed his appreciation to Mr. Crocitto for being Vice-Chair.

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. Crocitto, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by majority vote with Mr. Patchett abstaining, to approve the minutes from the previous Economic Growth & Development Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

The meeting commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business portion of the Workforce Development agenda, which consisted of the following requests:

- A. To authorize submission of an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Green Jobs for Youth Skills Training for grant funding in the amount of \$250,000 for a term commencing September 26, 2026 and terminating September 30, 2029, as well as to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute any resulting agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Crocitto and seconded by Mr. Diamond to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Wild called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- B. To authorize a temporary stipend in the amount of \$500 per quarter (total amount not to exceed \$5,000) to a Senior Employment & Training Counselor to support data analysis goals as long as funding was available through June 2028. *(Previous Resolution No. 621 of 2015)*

Committee was informed Item B was withdrawn, and would be brought back to Committee in the future.

The Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda was reviewed, which included the following:

- A. General workforce updates
- a. Unemployment rate and workforce trends.
  - b. Angiodynamics Rapid Response update.
  - c. Upcoming initiatives.

There being no further Workforce Development business to discuss, review of the Planning & Community Development agenda commenced with the Discussion Items portion, which included the following items:

An additional item not on the agenda was addressed: Costs for the New York State orthoimagery program had gone down and there was an opportunity for the County to upgrade from a half-foot pixel to a one foot pixel for \$32,000 for the year 2027 which required a funding commitment letter and resolution by March 6, 2026. The consensus of the Committee was to refer the item to the Finance Committee for consideration.

1. Departmental Updates (Presentation) - *a copy of the powerpoint presentation is included in the agenda packet.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jim Siplon, *President, Economic Development Corporation*, who reviewed a powerpoint presentation entitled "Committee Update January 2026", *a copy of which is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Mr. Siplon distributed a handout entitled "Glens Falls Punching Above it's Weight in National Metro Area Ranking" for the Committee to read as they so wished; *a copy of which is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Robert Bullock, *representing SUNY Adirondack*, who spoke with regard to being a member of the Edge on Business Faculty at SUNY Adirondack along with two economic development related organizations he headed which were Rockefeller Institute of Government (part of SUNY) where he was Deputy Director and where he was in charge of the Economic Development Policy at Northstar bank. He added that he took over StartUp ADK (an entrepreneurship education program at SUNY Adirondack) and commenced working in conjunction with the Warren County Local Development Corporation and the Washington County Local Development Corporation which was when he started working with Mr. Siplon. Mr. Bullock apprised he was grateful for the opportunity to work with Mr. Siplon. Mr. Wild added that Mr. Bullock also worked with the jail population as Prison Education Coordinator for SUNY Adirondack's prison degree program. Mr. Bullock added that he created a program called Business of Life with Warren County Sheriff LaFarr for incarcerated individuals from Warren and Washington Counties.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Niles, seconded by Mr. Diamond, Mr. Wild declared the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist