

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: MARCH 24, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS WILD
CROCITTO
BRUNO
PATCHETT
DIAMOND
NILES

REPRESENTING THE PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR
ETHAN GADDY, COUNTY PLANNER
BETH GILLES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE CHAMPLAIN-LAKE GEORGE
REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
RYAN DICKEY, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
NATHAN ETU, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS STRAINER
STROUGH
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR BEATY

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 24, 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=k5gUkhNi4iU>

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

Mr. Wild called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 11:36 a.m.

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

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

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

1. To amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to create the position of Senior Planner, *Grade 18, Base Annual Salary \$62,900*, and delete the position of Principal Planner #2, *Annual Salary \$84,093*, effective April 20, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Patchett and seconded by Mr. Diamond to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Wild called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Beaty absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To authorize the Chair of the Board to execute an agreement with NYSDEC to accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$258,000 under the Water Quality Improvement Program for the culvert replacement

on Bay Road over a term commencing May 19, 2025 and terminating May 19, 2028. (*Previous Resolution No. 244 of 2025*)

3. To authorize the Chair of the Board to execute an agreement with NYSDEC to accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 under the Water Quality Improvement Program for the culvert replacement on Corinth Road over a term commencing May 19, 2025 and terminating May 19, 2028. (*Previous Resolution No. 244 of 2025*)

Motion was made by Mr. Patchett, seconded by Mr. Crocitto and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Beaty absent*) to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the April 17th Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

6. To authorize the Chair of the Board to execute an agreement with NYSDEC to accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$40,680 under the Adirondack Smart Growth Grant Program for Up Yonda Farm trail improvements. (*Previous Resolution No. 317 of 2025*)

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Niles and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Beaty absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

4. To authorize the Chair of the Board to execute an agreement with New York State Department of State to accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$535,401 under the NYS Department of State Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation Projects Program for the Schroon River Access Site Resiliency Improvements over a term of October 9, 2025 and terminating October 31, 2030, as well as to determine a source of funding for the local share match in the amount of \$59,489. (*Previous Resolution No. 187 of 2025*)

Motion was made by Mr. Patchett and seconded by Mr. Diamond to approve the request as presented. Ryan Dickey, *First Assistant County Attorney*, provided his opinion on the time sensitivity of Items 4 and Item 5 based on the award letters.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Wild called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Beaty absent*) 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.*

5. To authorize the Chair of the Board to execute a grant agreement with NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation to accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$299,780 for Warren County Bikeway Improvements, as well as to determine a source of funding for the local share match in the amount of \$74,945. (*Previous Resolution No. 244 of 2025*)

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 by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Beaty absent*) 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.*

Next, the Discussion Items portion of the agenda was reviewed, which included the following items:

1. Annual Report was reviewed by Ethan Gaddy, *County Planner*, and Sara Frankenfeld, *GIS Administrator*.
2. Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board Update was reviewed by Beth Gilles, *Executive Director, Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board*.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for:

Mr. Strough inquired if he had heard correctly that the Committee had voted for the towns to fund the \$74,945 local match for the Warren County Bikeway Improvements. Mr. Crocitto replied he had suggested it, but the Committee did not vote on it. Mr. Strough opined it would have been an unfair position for the Committee to take to request all municipalities contribute to the local match with the bike trail being located in the Towns of Lake George and Queensbury as well as the City of Glens Falls.

Mr. Bruno stated he understood the ask of municipalities for the Warren County Bikeway Improvements local match was to ease some of the County burden and not have to fund the entire amount. Mr. Wild replied he was correct, the matter was referred to the Finance & Budget Committee to decide where the funding should come from.

Mr. Wild informed he had requested a cash flow amount from Mr. Gaddy in an effort to plan a reserve over an amount of time for future projects.

Mr. Patchett mentioned the Town of Ticonderoga, which fell within the Town of Hague School District, had been awarded a housing grant for almost ten million dollars for sixty units along with a daycare and although it was not in Warren County, he believed it would have a positive effect on Warren County.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Crocitto and seconded by Mr. Niles, Mr. Wild declared the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist