

# WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## COMMITTEE: BUDGET

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2020

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS GERAGHTY  
FRASIER  
CONOVER  
DIAMOND  
MCDEVITT  
SEEBER  
STROUGH  
WILD

### OTHERS PRESENT:

FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

SUPERVISORS BEATY  
BRAYMER  
BRUNO  
DRISCOLL  
HOGAN  
LEGGETT  
MAGOWAN  
MERLINO  
SHEPLER  
SIMPSON

### COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: DICKINSON

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
ROBERT LYNCH, DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
TOSHA BROWNELL, HELP DESK TECHNICIAN  
JIM SIPLON, INTERIM PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note the following contains a summarization of the November 16, 2020 meeting of the Budget Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:*  
<https://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/budget/>

*Note: As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed". Supervisors Geraghty, Frasier, Diamond, McDevitt, Seeber and Wild were physically present, while Supervisors Conover and Strough participated by videoconference.*

Mr. Geraghty called the meeting of the Budget Committee to order at 10:10 a.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frasier seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

A copy of the meeting agenda was distributed to those in attendance, those participating remotely accessed the agenda via the Warren County website. A copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. Geraghty stated the purpose of today's meeting was to discuss the 2021 Tentative Budget and he inquired if anyone had any questions regarding the 2021 Tentative Budget. Ms. Seeber

asked about contracts and questioned whether an informal policy could be implemented to provide for more consistency in these contracts with outside agencies; she indicated she would like to see an action report to the Budget Committee from each supported agency three months into the new year. Mr. Geraghty concurred and asked if this language could be included in each contract. Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, agreed this requirement could be reflected in the contracts and he noted the Clerk of the Board could communicate this when executing the contacts. He added that most of these organizations would likely be glad to provide a 2020 year-end report. Mr. Wild opined they should set expectations so the organizations knew what the County was looking for. Mr. Geraghty informed he served on one of the supported organization, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, which provided a report at the end of the year on their accomplishments. Ms. Seeber explained she wanted a report on how the money provided by the County was spent. Discussion on the matter continued, at the conclusion of which a motion was made by Ms. Seeber, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to formalize the Committee's decision to require that the supported organizations identified for funding in the 2021 Budget submit a report of 2020 activities/expenditures to the Budget Committee by March 31, 2021 and to have such language included in each individual contract.

Mr. Geraghty inquired if anyone had questions about the 2021 Tentative Budget; there being no response he offered privilege of the floor to Jim Siplon, *Interim President, Warren County EDC*, who indicated he was in attendance to answer any questions about the EDC. Mr. Siplon proceeded with a power point presentation entitled "*Warren County EDC Budget Update 16 Nov 2020*" which he reviewed in detail. *A copy of the presentation is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Mr. Geraghty asked if there were any public comments and Don Lehman, *Director of Public Affairs*, replied in the negative.

Ms. Seeber informed she was concerned about the Office of Emergency Services portion of the Budget which included the Fire Coordinator position. Mr. Geraghty advised he was not able to speak to that today. He explained no one would be shorted any funds they needed to operate in the 2021 Budget. He said he would have more information regarding the Fire Coordinator position before the November 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Budget Committee, on motion made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried unanimously, Mr. Geraghty adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist