

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

**DATE: MAY 11, 2020**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: WILD  
HOGAN  
LEGGETT  
BRAYMER  
DIAMOND  
MAGOWAN  
MCDEVITT  
SEEBER

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR: DICKINSON

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE:  
ED BARTHOLOMEW, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.  
MARK BEHAN, BEHAN COMMUNICATIONS  
MICHAEL BITTEL, PRESIDENT/CEO, ADIRONDACK REGIONAL  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
JOANNE CONLEY, DIRECTOR OF TOURISM  
FRANK DITTRICH, WARREN COUNTY LODGING ASSOCIATION  
DR. KRISTINE DUFFY, PRESIDENT, SUNY ADIRONDACK  
LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING  
ADMINISTRATION  
FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
BRUNO  
MERLINO  
SIMPSON  
STROUGH  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER  
MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
GINA MINTZER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CVB

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 11, 2020 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development and Higher Education Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/economic/>*

*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". All of the Committee members and meeting participants were present via video or teleconference, aside from Supervisors Diamond and McDevitt who served as Committee members and Supervisor Merlino, all of whom were physically present.*

Mr. Wild called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development and Higher Education Committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed the

agenda via the Warren County website; a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Wild advised the purpose of today's meeting was to provide an economic recovery update, specifically focused upon the efforts of the Economic Recovery Task Force, where they were headed and what their current concerns/issues were.

Updates were provided by various members of the Economic Recovery Task Force including: Mark Behan, *Behan Communications*; Ryan Moore, *Warren County Administrator*; Frank Dittrich, *Warren County Lodging Association*; Joanne Conley, *Warren County Tourism Director*; Ed Bartholomew, *President, Economic Development Corporation*; Michael Bittel, *President/CEO, Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce*; Dr. Kristine Duffy, *President SUNY Adirondack*; and Liza Ochsendorf, *Director, Warren County Employment & Training Administration*. Following the updates, a lengthy session ensued during which questions posed by Committee members and Supervisors in attendance were answered, as well as several inquiries from the public received through the Warren County YouTube site.

Mr. Diamond left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

In closing Mr. Wild made a plea for everyone to wear their masks and social distance to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 infection so that the region could re-open. Mr. Dittrich highlighted this was especially important given the need for regional tourism.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Wild adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board