WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

DATE: JUNE 23, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:		**OTHERS PRESENT:**
SUPERVISORS	WILD	LIZA OCHSENDORF, DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
	CROCITTO	REPRESENTING THE PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:
	BRUNO	SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR
	PATCHETT	ETHAN GADDY, COUNTY PLANNER
	BEATY	KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
	NILES	JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
		AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:		RYAN DICKEY, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SUPERVISOR	DIAMOND	NATHAN ETU, BUDGET OFFICER
		SUPERVISORS GILLIGAN
		STRAINER
		STROUGH
		TURNER
		HEATHER BAGSHAW, TOURISM DIRECTOR
		CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
		LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*
		LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 23, 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=2BGDh0920hs

Copies of the Workforce Development and Planning & Community Development meeting agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Wild called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to order at 11:15 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried by a unanimous vote of those present *(Mr. Diamond 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 Workforce Development agenda, which included the following request:

A. To amend the County Budget in the amount of $131,237 to reflect receipt of TANF *(Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)* grant funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Beaty and carried by a unanimous vote of those present *(Mr. Diamond 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.*

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

A. General workforce updates.
   a. Unemployment rate.

b. Seasonal updates and outcomes.
c. Upcoming initiatives.

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

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

1. To amend the Memorandum of Understanding with Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board to increase the number of septic system replacements from 5 to 6 to account for surplus funds. *(Previous Resolution No. 47 of 2025)*

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Crocitto 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. Diamond absent)* to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To authorize submission of an application to NYS Department of State for grant funding in an amount not to exceed $100,000 to update the 2016 First Wilderness Action Plan under the Local Waterfront Revitalization *(LWRP)* Grant Program, and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute any resulting grant agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Beaty and seconded by Mr. Bruno 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. Diamond absent)* to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 17th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

3. To authorize submission of an application to NYSDEC for grant funding in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 to support Warren County culvert replacement under the Water Quality Improvement Program, and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute any resulting grant agreement.

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

4. To authorize submission of an application to NYS Empire State Development for grant funding in an amount not to exceed $100,000 for the development of a strategic plan for Charles R. Wood Park Festival Space under the Strategic Planning Grant Program. Committee was advised the Tourism Director had indicated the local share of this grant may be eligible for occupancy tax funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Crocitto and seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the request as outlined above, as well as to refer the matter of funding for the local share requirement to the Occupancy Tax Committee for consideration. Following discussion, Mr. Wild called the question and the aforementioned motion was and carried by a unanimous vote of those present *(Mr. Diamond absent)*, thereby authorizing the necessary resolution for the July 17th Board meeting, and making the desired referral to the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee for local share funding. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes. Please note: authority to execute any associated grant agreement was not given - the matter will need to return to Committee for this authority and to confirm the source of the 50% local share match when the grant award letter is received.*

5. To authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of $22,149.82 from Budget Code A.8021 110, *Planning, Salaries - Regular,* to Budget Code A.8021 130, *Planning, Salaries - Part-Time,* to cover payroll expenses.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Patchett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present *(Mr. Diamond 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 item:

1. Departmental Updates.

Privilege of the floor for public comment was offered and those wishing to address the Committee did so.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Growth & Development Committee, on motion made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Niles and carried by a unanimous vote of those present *(Mr. Diamond absent),* Mr. Wild adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist