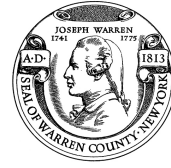


# Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019**



The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Ronald F. Conover presiding.

In Supervisor Frasier's absence, salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Simpson.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Leggett, Diamond, McDevitt, Braymer, Loeb, Driscoll, Simpson, Hogan, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Beaty, Magowan, Sokol, Thomas, Hyde, Geraghty and Conover- 19; Supervisor Frasier absent- 1.

Commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Conover noted a motion was necessary to approve the minutes of the August 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board. The motion was made by Supervisor Braymer, seconded by Supervisor Simpson and carried unanimously.

Chairman Conover advised Presentation of the Employee of the Month Award would be postponed until the October 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Proceeding with the Agenda review, Chairman Conover offered privilege of the floor to Lloyd Mott, *Chairman, Warren County Safe and Quality Bicycling Organization*, who apprised he and Supervisor Strough, who served as the organizations Assistant Chairman, would like to take the time today to thank the Board of Supervisors and the County for supporting their organization and he recognized the Tourism Department for their assistance with maps that were distributed all over the northeast and into Canada. He mentioned they conducted a survey on an annual basis to determine ways to improve, with this past years topic concerning what their members would like to see done at the County level relative to biking; he said the vast response was to improve the roads, i.e. the shoulders. He said they had some success working with the municipalities and County, but he was aware there were limits to what could be done due to a lack of funding, and so they were pushing for the State and Federal Governments to increase the funding.

Supervisor Strough stated he believed everyone was aware of the importance of biking with and the purpose of the Warren County Safe & Quality Bicycling Organization, which was the Board of Supervisors advisory organization for the bicycle community, being safety and promotion. He said their mission was to get residents and visitors to recognize how fun biking was and to make Warren County the bicycling destination for everyone who lived within a three hundred mile vicinity. He continued, they were also working toward making the County understand how bike friendly communities can potentially generate millions of dollars in revenue from tourism and visitors, as well as to promote the health benefits of biking, to advance biking as an alternative form of transportation demonstrated how good biking was for the environment. He stated they promoted the bike trails in the County including the Halfway Brook Trail, the Halfway Feeder Connector Trail, Feeder Canal Trail, Warren County Bike Trail, as well as the Warren County Cycling Challenge and Complete Streets which was a national campaign whose purpose was to make streets friendly for all transportation uses, not just for vehicles.

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In regard to their efforts pertaining to safety and education, Mr. Mott advised they had carried out the following tasks: organized and distributed safety cards to bike shops and municipal buildings, as well as the exhibitions they attended, a copy of which is on file with the items distributed at the September 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting; they had written PSA's (*Public Safety Announcements*) that were featured in *The Post Star*, as well as articles about safety featured in the *Lake George Mirror* and the *North Creek News*. He informed they had assisted Cornell Cooperative Extension with their annual Safety Program for third graders during a year when they were short staffed and had discussed providing them with assistance again. He continued, discussing the bicycle workshops they conducted for the foreign students who traveled to the region to work during the summer months with the assistance of Robert Blais, *Mayor, Village of Lake George*, with over two hundred individuals participating. He said they were working on developing a better manner to connect with these foreign students, such as going directly to their employers to see if they would provide their organization time to meet with the students while they were working to do a presentation regarding bicycle safety.

Mr. Mott stated since safety was one of the main concerns, they were currently working with Parks and Trails New York on developing a curriculum that could be taught in the physical education classes throughout the State for tenth and eleventh graders to re-enforce safety for bikers and motorists to youth who were approaching the age where they would be obtaining their drivers licenses.

Supervisor Strough referred to the magazine entitled *RIDEON!* which had been distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting and was developed by Dave Matthews, who was a member of their organizations Board of Directors; a copy of the magazine is on file with the items distributed at the September 20, 2019 Board Meeting. He said the purpose of the magazine was to promote mountain biking, which was one of the new and exciting experiences in bicycling. He apprised their organization had provided assistance to the Churney Gurney Trail on Gurney Lane in the Town of Queensbury, as well as the efforts on the Hubb Trail in the Town of Horicon. He added the purpose of the *RIDEON!* publication was to promote mountain biking within the County, with future editions being planned. He added they had also donated money for the design of additional trail systems.

In regard to promotion, Mr. Mott apprised they had some success with their theme rides of varying kinds, one of which consisted of meeting in the bike parking lot on Country Club Road in the Town of Queensbury and bicycling to Lake George where they took an educational boat ride, had lunch and then rode their bicycles back to the Town of Queensbury. He stated they also had monthly bicycle rides around the County with rides taking place in each municipality and they took part in some rides with Gray Ghost Biking; however, he noted, what they discovered was most individuals biked with their friends. He informed the most successful event for them was their annual Harry Elkes ride which occurred this past weekend with the attendance improving every other year. He mentioned Mr. Elkes was a world champion biker around 1900 who was born and buried in the City of Glens Falls. He said they also published every ride they were aware of on their website.

Supervisor Strough asked trivia questions regarding bicycling following which he awarded Supervisors Braymer and Magowan with a wrought iron sculpture of bicycle-rider for being the first to answer his questions correctly.

With regard to the future of bicycling was, Supervisor Strough informed the Champlain Bike Trail was going to be connected to the Erie Canal Bike Trail and would be connected to the Feeder Canal Bike Trail, as well. He said millions of dollars had been set aside to make these connections which would include bridges and a tunnel under County Route 196. He advised as a result of this their organization was working towards inter-connecting the trails in Warren County to allow bicyclists to go from the City of Glens Falls to Lake George and even further north if they so desired. He remarked bicycling was the

future and their desire was for tourists to be aware that Warren County was a bicycling destination.

Mr. Mott advised last September through Parks and Trails New York their organization hosted a meeting in the Town of Queensbury pertaining to how bicyclists brought business to the tune of millions of dollars. He stated according to Andy Beers, *Director, Empire State Trail*, they would be asked to have input on what they referred to as the gateway, which would be structure similar to a kiosk placed where the Feeder Canal Bike Trail connected to the Champlain Canal Bike Trail, with the purpose of attracting as many bikers traveling along the Champlain Bike Trail into Warren County as possible. He encouraged anyone seeking additional information regarding their organization to visit their website [bikewarrenco.org](http://bikewarrenco.org) and he thanked the Board for their on-going support, as he believed by working with the County they had been able to make quality and safety bicycling improvements in the County.

A round of applause was given.

Moving along to the report by the Chairman of the Board, Chairman Conover apprised on August 27<sup>th</sup> he had attended the meeting of the Health Insurance Working Group which a few Board members were members of. He stated he was pleased that thus far they had achieved all they had hoped to with regard to being self-insured and avoiding significant increases in the cost; he recognized all those involved with helping the County to accomplish this. He advised he had attended the Legislative & Rules Committee meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, during which the main topic had involved the redistribution of sales tax revenue in the County and he recognized Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, for putting together an informative thirty-six page presentation regarding the matter. Chairman Conover advised he had attended the open house for the Warren County Historical Society Museum and he recommended anyone who had not had a chance to visit the museum to do so. He apprised on September 19<sup>th</sup> he had attended the special County Facilities meeting following which he attended the presentation of the year end audit report and he noted the County was in good financial standing. Concluding his report, Chairman Conover wished Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, a happy birthday.

Chairman Conover then called for the reports by Committee Chairmen on the past months meetings or activities.

Supervisor Simpson began by wishing Mr. Hajos a happy birthday. He apprised the Public Works Committee had met on August 20<sup>th</sup> during which they decided to move forward with a user agreement with Adirondack Lyme Timber for access to the hiking trail to Swede Fire Tower in the Town of Hague. He said he would be working with some volunteers to get organized to carry out the work to clear the trail next year. He said they had discussed the agreements with various municipalities for roadway maintenance (*snow and ice removal*) following which they decided to increase the reimbursement rate to \$9,095 per mile of road. Supervisor Simpson announced the Adirondack Balloon Festival was occurring this weekend for which the weather forecast looked very promising and he encouraged all to attend, as Mr. Hajos and his staff worked tirelessly to ensure the event was seamless. He advised he had attended the NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*) Conference earlier this week and he had copies of all of the resolutions that were adopted there for anyone who would like to view them.

Supervisor Hogan advised the Cornell Cooperative Extension annual meeting and volunteer recognition was scheduled for Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Highland Golf Course and all of the Supervisors had been sent an invitation. She mentioned there were mums for sale at their office in the Town of Warrensburg which were reasonably priced and grown in their greenhouse; she encouraged everyone to purchase them. Supervisor Hogan advised Cornell Cooperative Extension had received a Designing

Healthy Communities grant with the purpose of making communities more pedestrian friendly.

Supervisor Dickinson reported on the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee during which they approved proposed Resolution Nos. 392-393 and he provided a brief overview of each. With regard to trails, Supervisor Dickinson advised the Towns of Lake George and Queensbury had purchased three hundred acres on Bloody Pond Road and were applying for grant funding. He said they had also discussed the development of a trail there with the Warren County Safe & Quality Bicycling Organization, who had provided them with excellent assistance; he added he was looking forward to starting to work on the trail next Spring.

Supervisor Merlino informed the Tourism Committee had met on August 28<sup>th</sup> during which they approved proposed Resolution Nos. 398 and 399 and he provided a brief summary of each. He said the Tourism Department had set up a meeting with STR, Inc. on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Luzerne Town Hall in the Senior Center and he encouraged all to attend. He stated there would be representatives from STR present to provide nationwide reports on the hotel industry business, as well as a focus on Warren County.

Prior to his Committee report, Supervisor Strough stated he wanted to take a moment to recognize the Adirondack Balloon Festival Committee for their efforts to ensure the event was seamless. He stated he also wanted to acknowledge the City of Glens Falls for working with the Adirondack Balloon Festival Committee on the events that took place yesterday evening, first in Crandall Park and then in the downtown area of the City, which was booming like he had never seen it before, with an antique car show, music, etc. He mentioned many of the Supervisors would be joining him to assist with directing traffic at 4:00 a.m. tomorrow morning; he added there were many more events scheduled for the Festival with a favorable forecast for the weekend. Supervisors Strough apprised the Legislative & Rules Committee had met on September 5<sup>th</sup>, approving proposed Resolution No. 391 which he provided a brief summary of.

Supervisor Wild indicated he had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Beaty stated the Adirondack Balloon Festival was off to a roaring start, as a result of the favorable weather conditions, which the entire County would benefit from. He reported on the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the County Facilities Committee where they approved proposed Resolution No. 373 which he provided a brief overview of. He advised they met again for a special meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 414 and 415 and he provided a brief overview of each.

Chairman Conover requested that Mary Elizabeth Kissane, *County Attorney*, elaborate on proposed Resolution No. 415, *Rescinding Resolution Nos. 249 of 2019 and 304 of 2019 Authorizing Six (6) Month Lease Agreement with D&G Recycling, LLC for a Portion of County Owned Property (F/K/A Ciba Geigy Property) in the Town of Queensbury*. Ms. Kissane apprised this would rescind Resolution Nos. 249 and 304 of 2019, both of which authorized a six month lease with D&G Recycling, LLC.

Supervisor Magowan apprised he did not chair any Committees; however, he noted, he enjoyed attending as many meetings as his schedule permitted and he thanked the Chairs of the Committees and the Committee members for working together in unison. He stated he also attended the Open House for the Warren County Historical Society Museum which he was thoroughly impressed with. He advised he had attended the meeting at SUNY Adirondack regarding clean air and discussing the Foster Wheeler trash plant. He said the purpose was to look into recycling more to decrease the amount of waste that was burned at the trash plant to make the air safer. He remarked that he believed moving forward with selling the Ridge Street property to Perkins Recycling would make it easier for the County

to push for more recycling. He concluded his report by stating he was looking forward to volunteering at the Adirondack Balloon Festival.

Supervisor Sokol informed the Finance Committee had met on August 29<sup>th</sup> and again on September 13<sup>th</sup>, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 371-372 and 404-413. In regard to proposed Resolution No. 412, *Ratifying Past Paid Time Off Accruals Granted by Warren County at the Request of the Sheriff*, he stated this would codify a practice that had been done with an unwritten policy. He apprised proposed Resolution No. 413, *Supporting the Adirondack Community College Capital Improvement Plan for 2020-21*, concerned the County providing support for SUNY Adirondack's Capital Improvement Plan for 2020-21; he added the representatives of the College always did a stellar job presenting the request which had a cost just shy of \$5 million for which there would be no cost to the County because the expense would be paid by the chargebacks collected from Counties other than Warren and Washington who had students enrolled there. Supervisor Sokol offered privilege of the floor to Mike Swan, *County Treasurer*, to provide the monthly update regarding the County's finances.

Mr. Swan advised he was pleased to announce the County's year-end audit found no reportable findings or adjustments meaning it was a clean audit and he credited his staff with ensuring everything was handled properly. He said he would be bringing the auditors suggestion to change the minimum amount of fund balance on hand from a dollar amount to a percentage amount of the total to the next Finance Committee for discussion. In regard to sales tax, Mr. Swan informed he was pleased to report collections were up 2% from the same time period last year; however, he noted, he was concerned with the change made in the State Budget which took a portion of the County's share of the sales tax to adjust the amount that was lost from the State aid to towns. He said he was troubled with how this may play out, as the State Budget Office had not provided any input as to how they would carry this out, how much would be taken, etc. He stated according to the State, the sales tax revenue gained from internet sales would more than make up for this, but he had some serious reservations about that because according to the information provided to him by the State the County internet sales had increased while the collection from retail sales were either stagnant or decreasing. He said he interpreted this to mean individuals were either making purchases online or in the stores and not both meaning there would be no additional revenue for sales tax to offset what the State was taking away to supplement the towns. He remarked he was not picking on the towns, as the State was responsible for making this change and he wanted to ensure the Board was aware of his concerns because he believed in the future it would cost the County money. He added his personal feeling was the State's action was unconstitutional. On a more positive note, Mr. Swan advised the bonds taken out on the Human Services Building in 2009 were callable in December and he was working with the County's financial advisor to refinance those bonds for the next ten years. He continued, based upon the information they were currently looking at it appeared the County would save between \$2.5 to \$3 million in interest payments over the next ten years and possibly more due to the fact that the Federal Reserve had decreased the rates again. He stated in relation to that within the next few months he would be presenting a request for a resolution to authorize him to move forward with refinancing the bonds which would require the County to go through the rating system for a new bond rating which he believed would improve due to the results of the audit and the County's financial status resulting in additional savings.

Supervisor Thomas stated the Budget Committee had not met during the past month; however, he noted he and the Budget Team had met individually with each Department Head and their corresponding Committee Chair to review their 2020 Budget Requests. He said all of the Department Heads had submitted their Budget requests by the deadline of last Friday and he was in the process of reviewing what had been submitted. He said each Budget would be presented to their respective Committee to allow for comments and/or recommendations. He mentioned currently the budget was

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up 8.87% over last year or \$389,000, but he believed this would be decreased to a 1-1.5% increase. He said he planned on scheduling a Budget Committee meeting to discuss the proposal he was working on pertaining to establishing about a half dozen reserve accounts.

Supervisor Hyde indicated she had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Geraghty informed the Personnel & Higher Education Committee had approved proposed Resolution Nos. 400-403, the most notable of which was proposed Resolution No. 403, *Authorizing Health, Dental, Vision and Voluntary Life and Accident Insurance for County Officers, Employees and Retirees*; he noted the cost of employee benefits had remained reasonable due to the efforts of Jaeger & Flynn Associates.

Supervisor Leggett reported the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee had met on August 19<sup>th</sup>, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 374-378 and he provided a brief overview of each. He also thanked Supervisor Geraghty for presiding over the meeting in his absence. He informed he had attended the Senior Picnic at the Warren County Fish Hatchery a few weeks ago and he had also attended the Open House for the Warren County Historical Society Museum during which members of the organization expressed their gratitude to the County for financial support which allowed them to bring the Museum to fruition. Supervisor Leggett advised he had attended the NYSAC Fall Conference where he participated in a number of educational workshops, most notable of which was the one on County revenue and the other on County tourism. With regard to County revenue, he stated it was interesting to note that Warren County had one of the highest per capita revenues of sales tax in the State. He stated Sullivan, Orange and Ulster Counties all made presentations regarding tourism and he believed Warren County was comparative with regard to how the Tourism Department promoted the County.

Supervisor Diamond indicated he had nothing to report on, but would like to take the opportunity to thank the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee, as well as the full Board, for providing financial assistance to the Cool Insuring Arena over the next five years. He said he was appreciative of all the support the Occupancy tax Coordination Committee had provided to the Arena thus far, as well as their continued support, since it was an asset to the County.

Supervisor McDevitt stated he would like to echo Supervisors Diamond's comments, as he felt it was imperative for the County to have a vibrant, economically viable downtown area. He acknowledged Travis Whitehead, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, and Supervisor Beaty for developing a proposal regarding a 1% increase in sales tax which would be discussed in detail at a future meeting. He said his hope was if this was adopted some form of controls would be put in place to ensure that the additional revenue would be allocated and expended correctly.

Supervisor Braymer apprised the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee had met on August 19<sup>th</sup> where they approved proposed Resolution Nos. 379-381. In regard to proposed Resolution No. 381, *Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding to Establish a Clean Lakes Collaboration Dedicated to Protecting New York State's Most Vital and Threatened Asset*, she stated a revised version of this resolution this had been submitted to the Board to include some proposed amendments she had worked on based on some feedback she had received following the Committee meeting. She explained the proposed resolution pertained to collaborating with the other lake communities in the State designated by the Governor's program as vulnerable for harmful algae blooms. She said this was a collaboration among the other communities and their County governments to work on this particular issue which did not impact Lake George yet, but was an issue for other lakes in the region, such as Moreau State Park Lake. She advised it was a concern that they needed to be mindful of since it was slowly working its way into the region. She apprised she was fully supportive of protecting Lake George,

as well as all of the other waterbodies in the County, and she was in favor of collaborating with the other lake communities across the State to share information and experiences because Lake George was on the leading edge of a lot of this work. She said she felt the County could demonstrate to the State how to make this work effectively. She remarked she was fully supportive of working collaboratively to advocate to the Governor for programs, funding, etc., but in the last few days some concerns had been raised about the language in the supporting documentation to this resolution, some of which were by Ms. Kissane and Supervisor Simpson, who she believed would like for the resolution to be tabled.

A motion was made by Supervisor Braymer, seconded by Supervisor Simpson and carried unanimously to table proposed Resolution No. 381, *Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding to Establish a Clean Lakes Collaboration Dedicated to Protecting New York State's Most Vital and Threatened Asset*, and refer same back to the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee.

Supervisor Braymer advised she hoped to be able to address the tabled resolution at their next Committee meeting. In regard to the Mullen property on Bay Road in the City of Glens Falls, she said they were looking into contracting for a demolition plan to better understand what needed to be done to allow them to move forward with going out to bid for the demolition work to determine how much that would cost. She said they would like to use funds from the Environmental Testing Reserve, but they needed to look more closely at that Reserve to make sure it was permissible to use the funds for demolition purposes. She informed it was necessary for them to amend the purpose of the Environmental Testing Reserve to indicate that it could be used for remediation, restoration and demolition, in addition to just testing. She referred to Floor Resolution No. 1 which would revise the purpose of the Environmental Testing Reserve to allow for the use of the Reserve for those purposes and it also authorized the appropriation of \$4,300 from that fund to pay for the preparation of the demolition plan. Chairman Conover informed this would be taken care of under the reading of resolutions.

In regard to the Last Chance Meeting, Supervisor Braymer stated that property owners had been coming forward to request additional extensions to allow them to pay the full amount of taxes due. She said the Director of Real Property Tax Services and the County Treasurer had been working hard on those requests which she would bring to the Committee to provide a full update. She informed their main goal was to attempt to keep property owners out of the foreclosure to the extent they could, especially for those who were low income and the property was their primary dwelling and sole asset.

Supervisor Braymer apprised that Mr. Hajos was working on applying for a recycling education grant for the County. She said this would assist with educating the County residents about diverting waste from being burnt at the trash plant and instead being recycled. She added since the representatives from the Warren County Safe & Quality Bicycling Organization were present today, she wanted to take the opportunity to again promote the prospects that would be available if they had a rail trail in the County for biking purposes. She advised the Climate Smart Task Force would be meeting in October and she wanted to ensure everyone was aware that nearly half the businesses owned in the City of Glens Falls were women-owned, including her own. She stated this was the seventh highest percentage in the entire Country which she thought was exciting for both the City and the County.

Supervisor Loeb stated the Support Services Committee had met on two occasions this past month, the first of which was on August 19<sup>th</sup> and again on August 29<sup>th</sup>, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 395-397. He advised not only did the County staff do a great job, but also every member of the Board of Supervisors as supported by the wide breadth of issues covered by the resolutions before them today, some of which would impact the County in the short-term and others on the long-term. In regards to Resolution No. 381, *Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding to Establish a Clean Lakes Collaboration*

*Dedicated to Protecting New York State's Most Vital and Threatened Asset*, which was tabled, Supervisor Loeb voiced his concerns regarding the changes in the environment of Lake George, how he was fully supportive of the tabled resolution and how important it was to educate the public to ensure the nutrients asian clams, milfoil and harmful algae blooms needed to thrive in water systems were limited. Supervisor Driscoll informed he had attended the Office for the Aging Picnic at the Fish Hatchery, as well as the open house for the Warren County Historical Society Museum. He mentioned last night he had attended the Adirondack Balloon Festival activities in Crandall Park in the City of Glens Falls following which he attended the forum hosted by Warren County Health Services Department at the Lake George Elementary School on vaping and e-cigarettes. He said the local Health Services Department continued to do a significant amount of work on that issue, as well as opioids and a number of other issues important to the quality of life.

Continuing to the report by the County Administrator, Mr. Moore recognized the following people for their years of service to the County which he said he was greatly appreciative of:

- \* Tracy Graves for 25 years of service to Countryside Adult Home;
- \* Robert Lagoy for 25 years of service to the Sheriff's Office;
- \* John Mayday for 25 years of service to the Sheriff's Office;
- \* Kelly Brennan for 25 years of service to the Office for the Aging; and
- \* Josette Kill for 25 years of service to the Department of Social Services.

Mr. Moore acknowledged the County Treasurer's Office for another year of unqualified opinion and no findings on the audit; he added they did a stellar job managing the County's finances, as well as its debt and investment policy. He said some wise decisions had been made over the past year which led to the County having a larger amount of interest income while also ensuring the funds were invested locally. In regard to a portion of the County's share of the sales tax being diverted to AIM (*Aid to Municipalities*) payments, Mr. Moore apprised he was also concerned with that, as well as the precedent of this and he referred to how of the 7% sales tax that was collected four percent was allocated directly to the State while the other three percent was split evenly between the County and its localities. He said the portion that was being diverted would be allocated from the three percent meaning the AIM payments the State used to make would be coming from the County and Town portion of the sales tax allocation and then giving it back to the Towns's. He continued, this was the first time the State was reaching into the local revenue which was authorized by acts of this local body and as long as the discussion continued regarding the local sales tax rate and making possible changes to it, he felt it was necessary for them to keep in mind for the first time the State had diverted some of that revenue and he hoped this did not continue, as it was not a financially responsible path.

Mr. Moore apprised there were five resolutions before the Board today that were not approved by their oversight Committees in time for when the resolutions were mailed, all five of which had been distributed to the Board and a few of which had already been mentioned, including proposed Resolution No. 412, *Ratifying past Paid Time off Accruals Granted by Warren County at the Request of the Sheriff*, which was mentioned by Supervisor Sokol. He said this particular proposed Resolution was adopted by the Personnel & Higher Education and Finance Committees in order to codify the Sheriff's paid time off accrual policies in writing. He explained the Treasurer's Office had requested this action because it was best practice for auditing purposes to have this in writing. He stated this resolution ratified the Sheriff's accrual requests already granted by the County and Sheriff York would be submitting a written policy for future accruals that the Board would be asked to approve at a later date. He mentioned Major LaFarr, who was present at the meeting, would have the opportunity to revise that policy upon taking office if he saw fit to do so. In regard to proposed resolution No. 413, *Supporting the Adirondack Community College Capital Improvement Plan for 2020-21*, Mr. Moore advised this was also adopted by the Personnel & Higher Education and Finance Committees and concerned an annual



resolution supporting the capital program for SUNY Adirondack with 50% of the program funded by the State and the 50% sponsor share being funded by capital chargebacks to non-sponsor counties rather than the County General Fund and he commended the SUNY leadership team for their recruitment efforts which allowed this to occur. He mentioned the capital improvements planned for next year included much needed upgrades to the athletic facilities which should also assist with the recruitment and retention of students.

Mr. Moore advised proposed Resolution No. 414, *Resolution Approving and Authorizing Contract for the Sale of Property Located at River Street in the Town of Queensbury; Declaring the Land No Longer Necessary for Public Use; Authorizing the Transfer of the Property Subject to Satisfaction of the Conditions of Sale Defined in the Contract Documents; and Conducting Review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and Issuing Determination of Non-Significance*, was approved yesterday by the County Facilities Committee and would authorize the sale of the River Street building to Perkins Recycling, who was deemed by the Committee to be the highest responsible bidder. He explained Perkins Recycling had bid \$450,000 and had cash on hand that would be used to execute the transaction. He continued, the other bidder, D&G Recycling had submitted a higher bid, but did not have the cash on hand to support the bid without a bank loan which they had yet to obtain. He informed Perkins Recycling would be accepting the property "as is" with all of the existing easements, rights, licenses, privileges and other existing agreements, covenants, conditions, restrictions and the like with a deed addendum stating the environmental concerns regarding the property, indemnifying the County from liabilities in relation thereto and specifying that the property was to be used in the manner consistent with the requirements of the NYS DEC (*New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*) and EPA (*Environmental Protection Agency*). He advised the restrictions and covenants contained in the deed addendum would run with the land and bind Perkins Recycling, as well as future owners, forever. He mentioned once the County executed the sale, the proceeds would be used to erect the storage facility required for the Office of Emergency Services equipment and permission would be sought to establish a reserve fund for that purpose.

In regard to proposed Resolution No. 415, *Rescinding Resolution Nos. 249 of 2019 and 304 of 2019 Authorizing Six (6) Month Lease Agreement with D&G Recycling, LLC for a Portion of County Owned Property (F/K/A Ciba Geigy Property) in the Town of Queensbury*, Mr. Moore informed this was also approved by the County Facilities Committee at yesterday's meeting and was a follow-up to proposed Resolution No. 414, *Resolution Approving and Authorizing Contract for the Sale of Property Located at River Street in the Town of Queensbury; Declaring the Land No Longer Necessary for Public Use; Authorizing the Transfer of the Property Subject to Satisfaction of the Conditions of Sale Defined in the Contract Documents; and Conducting Review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and Issuing Determination of Non-Significance*. He explained the purpose was to rescind the prior resolutions that authorized six-month leases with D&G Recycling at a higher monthly rental rate for the same building. He continued both resolutions authorized, but did not direct the execution of leases that would have been for a six month duration from the date of execution; however, he noted, due to the possibility of selling the building these leases were never executed. He apprised D&G Recycling was currently on a month-to-month lease at the lower rental rate and this resolution was required to formalize for posterity that the contemplated leases were no longer authorized. He added if the Board did not adopt proposed Resolution No. 414 today then he would request that they also not move forward with approving proposed Resolution No. 415.

Mr. Moore advised the proposed Floor Resolution mentioned by Supervisor Braymer pertained to a proposed amendment to the Environmental Testing Reserve Fund to allow for environmental remediation expenses other than just testing to be supported by the Reserve. He stated he felt everyone was aware the former Iron Works property on Bay Road in the Town of Queensbury had been on the

tax foreclosure list for several years and had deteriorated to the point where it was now a safety hazard. He said the Town of Queensbury and the County were working on a partnership to remedy this and promote useful life for this parcel; however, he noted, asbestos remediation that was required first. He informed this resolution would allow the County to proceed with commissioning a demolition plan which was the next step in moving this project forward.

Mr. Moore stated three resolutions had been amended after mailing, the first of which was proposed Resolution No. 393, *Authorizing Agreements with the Adirondack Civic Center Coalition, Inc. and the Lake George Convention and Visitors Bureau for Tourism Promotion and Tourist and Convention Development Services*, which was amended as a result of a request from the Treasurer's Office for a technical correction to clarify that the monies for the Civic Center Capital Fund and Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce & CVB 2020 marketing plan would be expended in 2020. He added both of these expenses were budgeted for next year. Mr. Moore apprised proposed Resolution No. 400, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2019*, required amendment as a result of a change in the Sheriff's Office. He explained Sheriff York's confidential secretary Jennifer Smith, who had worked very hard and was an asset to the Sheriff's Office, would be leaving the department effective next Friday; however, he noted, the good news was that she would be remaining with the County in her new position with the Self-Insurance Department which he believed she would do a phenomenal job at. He informed Major LaFarr was requesting that the Confidential Secretary position be changed to a Senior Account Clerk, which was a Union position. He proposed an amendment to Resolution No. 410 to delete the position of Secretary to the Sheriff, salary of \$48,222, and create the position of Senior Account Clerk #7, base salary \$39,216, effective September 30<sup>th</sup>. Finally, Mr. Moore informed the third resolution to be amended was proposed Resolution No. 408, *Authorizing the Advance of Funds from the Occupancy Tax Reserve to the Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce & CVB for the 2019 Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA) Elevate Conference in Warren County*. He stated a technical correction was required to reflect that the advance from the Occupancy Tax Reserve would be booked in a receivable account rather than an appropriation account.

Mr. Moore read aloud a listing of the meetings he had attended since the August 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting; *a copy of Mr. Moore's report is on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ms. Kissane to provide a report from the County Attorney. Ms. Kissane apprised in anticipation of the Board adopting proposed Resolution No. 414, *Resolution Approving and Authorizing Contract for the Sale of Property Located at River Street in the Town of Queensbury; Declaring the Land No Longer Necessary for Public Use; Authorizing the Transfer of the Property Subject to Satisfaction of the Conditions of Sale Defined in the Contract Documents; and Conducting Review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and Issuing Determination of Non-Significance*, she would be walking the Board members through Part 2 of the Environmental Assessment. She said she would be asking them eleven questions that specifically pertained to the sale of the property and if they felt the question could be answered with no or small impact may occur she requested that they say nothing; however, she noted, if they felt a moderate to large impact may occur she requested that they state no. She indicated if there was silence she would be checking the box for no or small impact may occur. She inquired if anyone had any questions before she started the review. Supervisor Dickinson asked which one of the parcels on the map was being sold and Mr. Hajos responded that it was the five acre parcel on the map. Supervisor Braymer inquired whether blank copies of the Part 2 Environmental Assessment form were available to allow them to follow along and Ms. Kissane replied only the Part 1 form was distributed to the Supervisors. Chairman Conover advised Ms. Kissane was going to explicitly read what was on the form. Supervisor Braymer requested clarification on how they were supposed to respond and Ms. Kissane responded if it was no

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or moderate they were to say nothing and if it was moderate to large they were to state no. Ms. Kissane apprised a copy of the Part 2 form had been emailed to the Board members prior to the meeting. Ms. Kissane proceeded with a review of the questions included on the Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 - Impact Assessment to which no one responded to any of the questions; a copy of the form is on file with the items distributed at the September 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Resuming the Agenda review, Chairman Conover called for the reading of communications, which Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, read aloud, as follows:

Reports from:

1. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Financial Reports dated June 30, 2019 and July 31, 2019.
2. Lake George Park Commission - 2019 Asian Clam Lake-wide Survey Final Report
3. National Grid Semi-Annual PCB Inventory Report (1/1/19 - 6/30/19)
4. Warren County Probation Department Monthly Reports of Criminal and Family Workloads for the months of June and July, 2019

Other:

1. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation payments:
  - a. 2018 Benefit Distribution Payment #3 - \$6,348;
  - b. Installment #4 Payment - \$6,348;
  - c. July Payment - \$4,755.

Prior to the reading of resolutions, Mrs. Allen advised a motion was required to amend proposed Resolution No. 400, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2019*, as outlined by Mr. Moore to delete a position and create another in the Sheriff's Office. The necessary motion was made by Mr. Sokol, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried unanimously. Continuing to the reading of resolutions, Mrs. Allen announced proposed Resolution Nos. 371-411 were mailed; she apprised proposed Resolution Nos. 393 and 408 were amended after mailing and a motion was needed to approve these revisions as presented. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Magowan and carried unanimously. She noted proposed Resolution Nos. 412-415 were developed after mailing, and a motion was necessary to bring them to the floor. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Merlino, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried unanimously. Mrs. Allen stated a motion was necessary to bring to the floor proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 which was outlined by Supervisor Braymer and Mr. Moore. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Beaty, seconded by Supervisor McDevitt and carried unanimously. She informed proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as Resolution No. 416. Mrs. Allen noted that the Resolution Index did not list proposed Resolution No. 379, *Authorizing Sale of Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 308.8-1-56 to National Grid and Authorizing Conveyance of a Quit Claim Deed*, as a roll call and that would be required; she added the Index listed proposed Resolution No. 410, *Authorizing Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Company to Issue a Letter of Credit on Behalf of Warren County to Blue Shield of Northeastern New York as an Alternative to Pre-funding the Health Insurance Account*, as a roll call, but that was not required unless someone requested it.

Chairman Conover called for discussion and public comment on the proposed resolutions, as well as requests for roll call votes.

Supervisor Strough requested roll call votes on proposed Resolution Nos. 413, *Supporting the Adirondack Community College Capital Improvement Plan for 2020-21*, and 415, *Rescinding Resolution Nos. 249 of 2019 and 304 of 2019 Authorizing Six (6) Month Lease Agreement with D&G Recycling, LLC for a Portion of County Owned Property (F/K/A Ciba Geigy Property) in the Town of Queensbury*. Mr.

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Moore informed this was also approved by the County Facilities Committee at yesterday's meeting and was a follow-up to proposed Resolution No. 414, *Resolution Approving and Authorizing Contract for the Sale of Property Located at River Street in the Town of Queensbury; Declaring the Land No Longer Necessary for Public Use; Authorizing the Transfer of the Property Subject to Satisfaction of the Conditions of Sale Defined in the Contract Documents; and Conducting Review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and Issuing Determination of Non-Significance.*

Supervisor Braymer requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 391, *Authorizing Appreciation and Support of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Attorney General's Office for Appealing the July 3, 2019, New York State Appellate Division Third Department's Decision Regarding Tree Cutting Within "Forever Wild" Forest Land Inside the Adirondack Park and Encouraging the NYS DEC to Place a Hold on Tree Cutting on Public Lands in the Adirondack Park until such time that the Courts have Defined what the Requirements will be.*

In regard to proposed Resolution Nos. 382, *Authorizing Agreement with Lamar to Provide Billboard Advertising in Warren and Washington Counties for Veterans' Services*, and 383, *Authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors or the Director of Veterans' Services to Enter into an Execute Agreement with Various Vendors or Contractors for Services Relating to the Peer-to-Peer Program, Subject to Certain Conditions*, Supervisor Braymer advised the Peer-to-Peer Program administered by the Veterans' Services Department had just started to operate and she recognized the individual who was charged with overseeing the program for doing an outstanding job. She mentioned this individual was taking the County's Veterans' on a field trip to Ground Zero and she asked everyone to notify an Veterans's they knew to contact the Department if they were interested in attending, as well as if they would like to be a mentor for the Program. She remarked she believed this was a great program for the County and its Veterans'.

Supervisor Strough stated proposed Resolution No. 414, *Resolution Approving and Authorizing Contract for the Sale of Property Located at River Street in the Town of Queensbury; Declaring the Land No Longer Necessary for Public Use; Authorizing the Transfer of the Property Subject to Satisfaction of the Conditions of Sale Defined in the Contract Documents; and Conducting Review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and Issuing Determination of Non-Significance*, involved selling a piece of property the County currently received \$85,000 in revenue from annually and this amount could increase in the future through the lease agreement it had on the property with a particular company which he felt was a good investment. He said the appraised value of the property was \$665,000, but the proposed sale price was for \$450,000, adding he interpreted this as a \$215,000 gift to the buyer from the public. He noted before the property was sub-divided it had an assessed value of \$2.9 million for which the larger share of the property, as well as the 25,000+ square foot building was going to a proposed purchaser for \$450,000. He reiterated he did not feel it was in the best interest of the County to proceed with this matter given those figures alone. He added when comparing the bids, there was a bidder who had bid higher than the proposed purchaser; however, he noted, the Committee did not move forward with this bidder because they did not believe they were the most responsible bidder. He advised he believed an argument could be made that the most responsible bidder was the one who was currently on the property and was the highest bidder. He informed he would be voting in opposition of proposed Resolution No. 414, as well as 415, *Rescinding Resolution Nos. 249 of 2019 and 304 of 2019 Authorizing Six (6) Month Lease Agreement with D&G Recycling, LLC for a Portion of County Owned Property (F/K/A Ciba Geigy Property) in the Town of Queensbury*, if it was necessary, as it was dependent upon proposed Resolution No. 414 obtaining a 2/3rd majority vote. He added he felt this was wrong for a number of reasons including the fact that a lease would have to be broken with an individual, but mostly because of what they would be shorting the Warren County taxpayers.

Supervisor McDevitt apprised he concurred with Supervisor Strough that this was a \$215,000 gift to a potential purchaser. He said if they were going to move forward with selling the property, it should be sold for an appropriate value, as the proposed purchase price was too low. He said another area for discussion was leasing versus purchase, as the County was currently gaining \$85,000 in revenue a year by leasing it and he questioned why they would not continue the leasing process since this was the way in which wealth was accrued. He inquired how they could gift \$215,000 to any purchaser, as he felt this was “giving the store away” and he would argue this was irresponsible in today’s economic age.

Supervisor Braymer noted there were significant repairs needed throughout the building and more specifically to the roof and she was aware the appraised value was for “as is” condition, she said it weighed on her mind that a potential purchaser would give them \$665,000 when the building required a substantial amount of repairs. She added they did go out for a competitive bidding process, but they did not receive any bids for \$665,000. She asked Chairman Conover if it would be permissible to have Robert Perkins, *Perkins Recycling*, provide an explanation regarding his planned use for the building. Chairman Conover asked if anyone objected to Mr. Perkins answering Supervisor Braymer’s inquiry and Supervisor Dickinson responded he was opposed to this, as he did not believe it was any of the Board’s business as to what Mr. Perkins used the property for. He said if Mr. Perkins planned on changing the use he would go before the appropriate body to request permission for this purpose. Chairman Conover called for a show of hands of who was in favor of allowing Mr. Perkins to elaborate on his plans for the property, and it appeared the majority of the Board members were in favor.

Chairman Conover extended privilege of the floor to Mr. Perkins, who advised he had to invest around \$300,000 in the property, most of which was for the cost of replacing the roof on the building, but he was unsure how much money would need to be invested in the scale house which had been leaking for years and needed to be rebuilt. He said he had to put in another scale because the one there had not worked since he previously occupied the property. He stated he would be cleaning up the property and then next year he was considering the possibility of erecting a strip mall near the road which would benefit the tax roll. Chairman Conover inquired what Mr. Perkins planned on using the existing building for and Mr. Perkins replied he would be using it for his recycling business. Mr. Perkins stated the bailer currently inside the building was ancient and he would be replacing it with one he recently had rebuilt. Chairman Conover asked whether Mr. Perkins was implying that he planned on continuing to use the building as a recycling center and Mr. Perkins replied affirmatively.

Supervisor Loeb remarked Perkins Recycling had done a decent job for the recycling industry for the community and he referred to Crandall Library, who contracted with Perkins Recycling to recycle old books that were no longer of use for the library. He said they had done a good job for them in the past and he was sure they would continue to do so in the future. He mentioned there were two points that had been brought to fruition regarding this issue, the first of which was the assessed value. He said similar to selling a home, it may be assessed for a certain price but if no one was willing to pay that price then the price needed to be lowered in order for it to sell. He informed this was the case in this assistance, as the property had been put out to bid for purchase more than once and the highest bid received was \$500,000; however, he noted, the County Facilities Committee determined the bid for \$450,000, which was a duplicate of a previous bid, was the most responsible. He continued, the other aspect which he felt was more important to note was that the Board members were not real estate tycoons and if owning real estate and wrecking it was a profitable business, the Board should let the private enterprise make a profit, as this was not the Board’s responsibility. He said while it might be nice to have options to make money, what they were actually doing was supplanting the possibility for private enterprise to have the opportunities to make a profit. He added he thought one of their purposes was for them to make it easier for their residents to live and make money all the while enjoying being residents of the County and not to take their opportunities for business away. He remarked he was troubled by the fact that the County would consider using that property as a rental

income source at the expense of allowing private enterprise to use it.

Mr. Moore apprised he had a point of his own to make regarding the notion that the County would give a gift, explaining it was impossible for this to occur since it was banned by the State Constitution. He said State Law was established in such a manner to address this in County Law Section 215 which indicated if a County wanted to dispose of a property that was no longer needed for governmental purposes there was a competitive process where they went with the highest responsible bidder which they did in this case. He advised the State Constitution was not set up to prohibit a County from surplusing a property, but rather to get what the market was willing to pay which is what occurred here. In terms of the future of rental income on this property, Mr. Moore informed in a perfect world where the current tenant stayed in perpetuity and paid the rent the County would have some income there, but there was no guarantee of that. He said they were looking at a six month lease and he questioned what would occur if the individual who leased the building from the County wanted to retire in a year, resulting in the income going away. He continued, the last time it was put out to bid for a lease the only response they received was from the current tenant. He mentioned there were expenses associated with owning the building, such as insurance, which they were almost unable to obtain on the building because of the issues with the use of the property. He added the County would also be required to put a new roof on the building. He stated they needed to keep in mind the County needed a new facility to house the Office of Emergency Services equipment, as this facility was not suitable to store this equipment in, and this would be another cost to the County. He informed he took issue with the notion that continuing with a lease was financially responsible, as there were a significant number of future costs to consider if the County were to go in that direction with no guarantee of a revenue stream. He advised the County had purchased this property for \$1 and it was next door to a Super Fund site and was being sold for \$450,000; he added he believed given all of this, the offer received was a good deal for the property.

Supervisor Beaty stated he had put a substantial amount of thought into this because he could make an argument for both sides; however he said, the fact that the property was purchased for \$1 and was going to be sold to him was a financial gain for the County. He added he concurred with Supervisor Loeb that the County should not own businesses that the private sector should be owning, as well as the fact that the property was only worth what someone was willing to pay. He mentioned he was skeptical about the lease in the sense that his concerns were could the individual currently there maintain that business, as he was aware of their financial difficulties in the past that prevented the rent from being paid on time. He informed he was probably going to support selling the property for \$450,000 because to him it was a gain of \$449,000 and after putting it out to bid on two occasions he believed this was the best deal they could secure; he added it made their government smaller in the sense that they were not in the leasing business because they were able to sell a building they were currently leasing out.

Supervisor Geraghty pointed out as long as the County had owned the property no tax revenue was gained from it, but after the sale the property would go back on the tax rolls. He cautioned them to keep in mind regarding what occurred with the former de-watering site in the Town of Fort Edward which owed Washington County millions of dollars in taxes. He said he viewed this as a win for the community because the County was getting out of owning something that it should have never been purchased in the first place and it was going to go back on the tax rolls with the potential for more businesses in the town.

Ms. Kissane apprised she wanted to be clear about the legal process, advising the deed indicated the dirt was not to be disturbed and if it was it would have to be tested. She continued, if the tests resulted in contaminants being found, the EPA could go after Ciba Geigy and make them clean up that entire

site and if there was costs associated with that Ciba Geigy would have to pay. She said Ciba Geigy would them sue the County to recoup their costs on that and then the County would have to sue Perkins Recycling to recover their costs.

Supervisor Magowan stated that a number of good points had been made, but he had to concur with Supervisors Loeb and Beaty and Mr. Moore. He apprised something he had not heard was the amount of equipment that was being stored there and how the County would store that in the future. He said if they looked at the value of all of that equipment and it being in a contained unit, such as the garage that was being proposed using the use of the funds from this sale so as not to cost the taxpayers anything while also having extra room for some of the DPW equipment, he felt they would concur this was a win for the County. He said he understood the purchase price was less than the assessed value, but as previously stated, they could only get what individuals were willing to pay.

Supervisor Diamond advised he felt this decision was effortless to make because the property would be placed back on to the tax rolls and no new debt would be incurred to construct the storage building for the Office of Emergency Services equipment. Additionally, he said, this would this would relieve them of the liability that could cost the County \$200,000 to repair the roof and an undetermined amount for the repairs to the scale house; he added they also needed to take into consideration the County had already invested \$100,000 into the building. He said it was necessary for them to stop spending money on this particular building and do what was right for the taxpayers, by putting it back on the tax rolls and cutting their losses.

Supervisor McDevitt stated he objected to the analogy that the County was competing with private enterprise, as this would hold true if it was not a Super Fund site which was a monumental and major difference. Another thing, he said, was that when they purchased it for \$1, he felt that was \$1 too much, as he believed it was a bad decision to purchase a parcel that was located next to a Super fund site. He remarked he felt there was nothing wrong with a long-term lease to a principle purchaser, such as a twenty year lease which he felt would be plausible to obtain through an RFP process. He stated in terms of the purchase, at the end of the day they were selling the property cheap and not getting the appropriate value.

Supervisor Strough reiterated currently the County was currently receiving \$85,000 annually for rental income from leasing the property, meaning there was the potential for this income to be around \$1 million in ten years. He said more importantly it was a 25,200 square foot building and the County was selling it for less than \$18 per square foot; he noted, the cost to rebuild this building today would be around \$200 per square foot meaning it would cost over \$5 million. He concluded that he did not feel they were taking the correct course of action for the Warren County taxpayers.

Supervisor Wild apprised he felt everyone was aware that he had been a champion for trying to make this sale occur for more than a year now and he was appreciative of the support and consideration the Board was giving this. He said one of the key points that kept being brought up was the environmental issues and the fact that this was a so called Super Fund site; however, he noted, this was incorrect, as it was actually adjacent to one. He mentioned there were documents that were held in the Crandall Library that were produced by the EPA and the NYS DEC which indicated there were test wells on the property the County was proposing to sell, none of which showed any contamination. Next, he informed it was correct that the County competed with private enterprise as a landlord to this property and to him it made the best sense to allow a private enterprise to put this back on the taxroll and make it a successful business.

Supervisor Thomas advised there had been a number of nice comments, but he was wondering where

they stood with the storage building for the Office of Emergency Services. He pointed out the Board had been talking about building this structure for over ten years and now they had the opportunity to get the work done and get the equipment out of the elements without having any impact on the County Fund Balance or the County taxpayers; he added he felt this was a simple decision to make.

Supervisor Braymer informed she was fully supportive of the SUNY Adirondack Capital Plan for 2019-20 and she requested that Supervisor Thomas consider making one of the reserve accounts he discussed earlier for expenses associated with SUNY Adirondack. Supervisor Thomas interjected that he had one set up for SUNY Adirondack's operating expenses and another set aside for their capital costs.

Supervisor Loeb stated the quality of the water in the lakes of Warren County would be impacted by the decision they made when the resolution to enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish a clean lakes collaboration was brought back before them.

Supervisor Braymer advised the resolution Supervisor Loeb was referring to would be brought back with some changes to make it even better, as well as another resolution which would pertain to the importance of all the waterbodies in Warren County.

Supervisor Thomas apprised as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District he felt compelled to point out that storm water was something that organization had been dealing with for a number of years. He said they had completed many storm water projects around the County, as well as discussed the possibility of having a lake manager position, but this had not been moved forward as of yet. He stated they also handled forest management, assisted property owners with their water and soil issues among other things. He remarked he would support the resolution when it was brought back before them, but he wanted to ensure everyone was aware that these were things their organization were already doing. He pointed out a Water Quality Committee had just been established for the Upper Hudson River Watershed, as well as the Lake Champlain Watershed.

Supervisor Loeb informed while he recognized the work being done by the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District, the resolution that would be brought back before them would provide them with more strength. He said he was aware that they had met with a significant amount of resistance from the public and this would assist them with making it easier for them to do their work and be more productive.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Conover called for a vote on resolutions, following which Resolution Nos. 371-416 were approved, as presented, with the exception of proposed Resolution No. 400 which was amended from the floor and proposed Resolution No. 381 which was tabled.

Chairman Conover called for announcements.

Brian LaFlure, *Director, Office of Emergency Services*, thanked the Board for their support of the building to store the Office of Emergency Services equipment, as they had been working on this project for a number of years.

Supervisor Braymer announced there was a Climate Rally today at SUNY Adirondack until 2:00 p.m.

Supervisor Simpson announced that Mrs. Allen was recognized at the NYSAC Conference for her accomplishments in graduating from the County Government Institute which was sponsored by Cornell University. A round of applause was given. Supervisor Simpson remarked Mrs. Allen had done a great job and he was pleased to see her being recognized.



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Supervisor Hogan suggested everyone travel up north to see the leaves which were almost at peak following the festivities at the Adirondack Balloon Festival. She said the second Adirondack Exposure calendar had been released for which the proceeds would be given to three exceptional not-for-profits and she encouraged anyone interested in purchasing one to contact her.

Supervisor Geraghty advised the Worlds Largest Garage sale was scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Town of Warrensburg and he encouraged all to attend.

Supervisor Driscoll stated the annual Taste of the North Country event, which supported Kiwanis events and Key Clubs throughout the region, was scheduled for Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> in City Park. He apprised the Adirondack Thunder would be commencing with their home season in the middle of October.

Supervisor Leggett recognized Supervisor Simpson for the exceptional job he had done serving as Chairman of the Warren-Washington Industrial Development Agency & CDC up until recently when he stepped down. He stated he would also like to acknowledge former Undersheriff Shawn Lamouree, who had recently retired, for doing a great job during the number of years that he served the County.

Supervisor Merlino apprised the Town of Lake Luzerne was appreciative of the funds provided by the County for their millfoil project on Lake Luzerne, as it had greatly reduced their expenses for this work. He said they had been awarded a grant to research the land with Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Fresh Water Institute for which they took thirty water samples, all of which were well below the unacceptable level.

Supervisor Strough informed he had distributed the new Adirondack Balloon Festival Desktop calendar to the Supervisors on behalf of the Adirondack Balloon Festival Committee, this years Balloon Festival pin, as well as an agenda for the event. He said he had spent the last few days with the Balloon Team that was here from Saga City Japan and he asked anyone attending the Festival to introduce themselves to them when they were there.

Supervisor Beaty advised he failed to mention during his Committee report that Don DeGraw, *Airport Manager*, was doing a stellar job managing the Airport, noting Mr. DeGraw was responsible for increasing revenue by \$46,000 over the same time period last year thereby decreasing the burden on the County taxpayer.

Supervisor Dickinson announced Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. was the revival of the annual Community Day in the Town of Lake George. He said they had not done this event in over thirty years and he encouraged anyone interested in taking part in the Firemens Barbecue and Clam Bake that was hosted by the Fort William Henry to contact the Fort William Henry, Marios Restaurant or Prospect Diner for tickets, which were selling out quickly.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Simpson and seconded by Supervisor Dickinson, Chairman Conover adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:10 p.m.