

## **Support Services Committee Information Technology Agenda**

1. change of official Warren County web address
2. approval to attend a course by County employee
3. Pending Item – Referral from the Finance Committee requesting the review of the previous proposals to purchase laptop computers or iPads for the Supervisors to eliminate paper. (03.09.11)

1.

Changing the official County web address (URL) from  
co.warren.ny.us to warrencountyny.gov

### **Summary**

The county does not 'own' our current web address. This situation presents risk to the county.

IT has secured a web address that the county does 'own'

A transition from the old address, to the new, is needed.

There is minimal impact to the county as the transition is made.

A resolution is requested to make the change official.

### **Background**

Why do we not 'own' our current URL?

Perhaps two decades ago, a Mr. St. Peters, residing in Saratoga Springs, secured a range of web addresses that includes Warren County's current web address. Mr. St. Peters has a web related business (an ISP) and secured these addresses as a service to local counties.

We tried to secure ownership of our current URL.

Two years ago we attempted to secure our web address from Mr. St. Peter, to which he was agreeable. However, in the end, the domain registration officials dictated that Mr. St. Peter give up much more than our address in order to make the change. This Mr. St. Peter declined to do.

What is the risk of not changing the official web address?

There are a number of events that could 'shut down' Warren County's web site, and cause our email addresses to be invalid. For example; a failure of Mr. St. Peters equipment, his death, or if he does not pay the associated fees. Such an event would render our web sites unavailable and our email addresses invalid. It is this significant risk we seeking to mitigate.

What's the plan?

IT has secured a new address warrencountyny.gov. While both the current address and the new address will work, our official address will become the new one. Over time, the transition to the new address will be happen with low Impact to County departments. Departments will be advised to use the new official address on printed material. Otherwise the changes will be transparent to them. The county web site will continue to be accessible by either address and email received at either address unless one of the aforementioned events were to occur.

**2.**

Request approval for Jeremy Scime, Senior Analyst/Programmer to take a job-related course titled "Integration of Database Systems". Mr. Scime has been tasked with high level database design and database administration for Warren County, and thus it is appropriate for him to receive training in these areas.

**3.**

referral - purchase laptop computers or iPads for the Supervisors

Cost: \$18,000

(an approximation using a blended cost of either laptops or Ipads, includes projected software costs.)

# ***RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 20***

## ***MISCELLANEOUS***

***\*Please List All Other Requests Not Covered by Previous Resolution Request Forms Here.  
Please attach any backup information available and be as detailed as possible.***

**DEPARTMENT NAME: Information Technology**

**DATE: September 26, 2011**

- (a) Purpose of Request: to change the Warren County website from co.warren.ny.us to warrencountyny.gov
  
- (b) Details: to mitigate risk of not 'owning' the current county web URL
  
- (c) Previous Resolution Number: none
  
- (d) Where are the Funds (if required)? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title\* and Amount: na

**Sample: A.8021 470 Planning & Community Development – Contract**

\* as listed in budget and LOGOS

