

OFFICE OF THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK  
PAMELA J. VOGEL, COUNTY CLERK  
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**Warren County Support Services Committee: Co. Clerk/DMV  
Wed. March 22, 2017 – Support Committee**

- I. Committee Meeting Call to Order: Chairman Ron Vanselow.
- II. Motion to approve minutes of prior committee meeting (County Clerk) No pending items.
- III. Action Agenda/New Business:

**A. Resolution In Support of Proposed DMV Retention Increase (NYS Legislature S 1908 and A 3397):  
Repeating support for 2017 effort.**

Rationale: County DMVs generate important revenue essential to operation of county government and balancing of the county budget. The retention fee on which the revenue is generated is 12.7% of county DMV office transactions. The fee structure has been in place since 1999. This represents the second time this proposal has been sent to the NYS legislators, falling short in 2016. With new bill numbers for 2017 and continued support from our local state legislators, County Clerks are again reaching out to our own county boards to support, as they did in 2016, an increase in DMV retention. Key points:

- The 12.7% generates approximately \$ 450,000 per year for Warren County, however, the amount is beginning to experience some decrease due to increased activity on the internet. Internet transactions generate minimal revenue for the county. In 2016: \$ 13,017; require a minimum threshold (\$ 662,000 in transactions to generate receipts to county. Still, the impact is beginning to be felt.
- The proposed legislation seeks to increase the retention to 25% as the county is performing all work associated with the transactions, staffing, space and this amount has not changed since 1999.
- The proposed legislation does not provide an increase in DMV transaction fees or impact other funds.
- The increase accounts for \$30 million of the state's \$ 150 billion budget.
- Increase in amount retained will allow county to meet costs associated with other mandates now being passed on to the county by NY. Also provides for some degree of compensation for the 25+ no fee transactions performed at county DMVs each & every day.
- More of the taxpayer's money, spent in Warren County, would remain with Warren County. This will help to lower county property taxes.

2016 Resolution sample – approved by Board of Supervisors 211 of 2016, also attached. .

- B. Travel Approval:** New York State Association of County Clerks – Summer Conference –Lake Placid. .  
June 11-14, 2017. Anticipate: 1-2 days – per day: \$ 112 room/\$74 meals max (GSA rates) A. 1410 444.

**IV: Old/Other Business:** None.

# **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:** Warren County Clerk

**DATE:** 3/15/2017

(a) Purpose of Request:

**Requesting continued Board support of proposed DMV Retention Increase for county DMVs: S 1908 (Ritchie) and A 3397 (Brindisi).**

(b) Details:

**The proposed legislation seeks to increase retention fees from current 12.7% (set in 1999) to 25%. Fees retained support county DMV operation, the Warren County budget, and lowers county property taxes, thereby enabling more of taxpayer money to remain in Warren Co. All fees are deposited in County Clerk revenue code. A 1255.**

(c) Previous Resolution Number:

**See Res. 211 of 2016**

(d) Where are the Funds (if required)? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title\* and Amount:

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

\* as listed in budget and LOGOS

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 211 OF 2016

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Vanselow, Frasier, McDevitt, Wood, Brock, Seeber, Montesi, Leggett and Vacant

SUPPORTING NEW YORK STATE SENATE BILL NO ~~S4964B~~ <sup>51908</sup> AND NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY BILL NO. ~~A8201~~ <sup>A 3397</sup>, WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE COUNTIES' SHARE OF DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE (DMV) REVENUE TO PROVIDE A MORE EQUITABLE SHARE FOR COUNTIES

WHEREAS, in New York State, 51 of 62 counties are mandated to operate a local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Office, and

WHEREAS, local DMV Offices provide customer service and process many no-fee transactions on behalf of New York State, and

WHEREAS, under current law, New York State's share of all fees collected from the work performed by the county-operated DMVs is 87.3 percent, and

WHEREAS, the remaining 12.7 percent county-share has not been increased since 1999, yet the amount of work required by the local DMV Offices has increased in that same time period, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Governor and Legislature have repeatedly stated that lowering the property tax burden on local residents is a key priority, and

WHEREAS, increasing the county-share of DMV revenue sharing rate with New York State will not result in any increased cost or fees to local residents or taxpayers, and will provide counties with the needed revenue to continue to provide necessary local government services, and

WHEREAS, there is a clear inequity present when a county DMV provides all services, including overhead and staffing to fulfill these DMV needs for state residents, yet the state takes 87.3 percent of the revenue generated from providing said services, and

WHEREAS, the New York Association of County Clerks (NYSACC) strongly supports ~~S4964B-~~ <sup>51908(Ritchie)</sup> ~~A8201~~ <sup>A 3397</sup> (Ritchie)/A8201 (Brindisi) which would increase the DMV revenue to counties and provide a more equitable share in order to run DMV offices and help offset county property taxes, now, therefore, be it

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SCHEDULE "A"
AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND MEETING OR CONVENTION

Check one:

- [X] In-State (needs Supervisory Committee authorization)
[ ] Out-Of State (needs Board resolution)

The Support Committee hereby authorizes Pamela J. Vogel County Clerk
(Supervisory Committee) (Employee Name)

to attend NYS Association of County Clerk's Summer Conference
(Name of meeting or organization)

at High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid NY
(Address)

On June 11-14, 2017 Mode of transportation to be used County Vehicle
(Dates) (County Vehicle or Mass Transportation)

If the mode of transportation is not a county vehicle or mass transportation, please explain:

Proper documentation must be attached when submitting for approval.

(Please check documents attached)
[ ] Notice of meeting or convention including cost.

For Overnight Travel

[X] Room rate \$ not to exc 112. GSA\* Rate \$ 112.00 (costs

[X] Meal costs - GSA\*per diem rate \$ 74
\*www.gsa.gov

Date: 3/22/2017

Samuel J. Vogel
Department Head Signature

Date:

Edna G. Francis
Committee Chairman Signature

Please refer to the Warren County Travel Policy and County Vehicle Use Regulations for general policy guidelines.

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Please check to request a fleet vehicle.

[X] REQUEST FOR USE OF FLEET VEHICLE

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Filing Instructions:

- 1. Original with voucher to Auditor.
2. Copy to Frank Morehouse if fleet vehicle is needed.
3. Copy to Clerk of the Board with Resolution Request form if out-of-state travel.
4. Copy to Purchasing with Purchase Order, If required.
5. Copy to County Administrator if credit card will be used.