

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021**



*Please note that the following is a summarization of the Board Meeting; the meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed on the Warren County website: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>*

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York; meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Ms. Rachel E. Seeber presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Strough.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Diamond, McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Smith, Strough, Wild, Magowan, Beaty, Thomas, Shepler, Geraghty and Seeber-17; Absent -3 Supervisor Hogan, Dickinson and Merlino.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Shepler and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

The following individuals were recognized for completing their Leadership Badge Training in Senior Management which was offered to Department Heads and individuals in Senior Management positions: Roseann O'Rourke, Deanna Park and Jackie Figueroa.

Presentation of the Employee of the Month Award was made to Brenda Hilton.

Proceeding with the Agenda review, Chair declared the Public Hearing on the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the current 2021 Program Year open at 10:07 a.m. and requested the Clerk of the Board read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing. Chair called for public comment.

Patricia Tatich, *Associate Planner*, spoke regarding a handout she had distributed to the Board regarding the CDBG grant application involving a housing needs assessment, as well as a demand analysis the Planning & Community Development Department was working on; a copy of handout is on file with the July 16, 2021 Board Meeting minutes.

Members of the Board commented on and asked questions about the CDBG grant application; however, there were no public comments made. Chair declared the Public Hearing closed at 10:21 a.m.

Chair declared the Public Hearing on the proposed adoption of a tentative operating budget for Adirondack Community College for the fiscal year 2021-22 open at 10:22 a.m. and requested Clerk of the Board read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud. Chair called for any public comment; there being none, Chair declared Public Hearing closed at 10:23 a.m.

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Report by the Chair of the Board was given.

Reports by Committee Chairs were given. During Committee Reports the following actions were taken:

Motion was made by Supervisor Beaty, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried unanimously to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 295, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to the Countryside Rehabilitation Reserve upon Award of the Grant from the New York State Housing Trust Fund, Office of Community Renewal; Amending 2021 Warren County Budget upon Appropriation of Funds.*

Motion was made by Supervisor Braymer, seconded by Supervisor Magowan and carried unanimously to amend Proposed Resolution No. 281, *Amending Tables of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2021*, to change the effective date of the creation of the Coordinating Assistant Public Defender - Part Time (16 hrs week) position from August 1, 2021 to July 19, 2021.

Discussion involving Jim Siplon, *President & CEO, Warren County EDC*, took place regarding the EDC's request for a letter of endorsement from the County on the submission of a grant application to the NTIA (*National Telecommunications and Information*) for the purpose of addressing the remaining broadband gap. No action was taken, it was suggested that the matter be brought before the Economic Growth & Development Committee.

Upon the request of Supervisor Smith, Chairwoman Seeber agreed to replace Supervisor Smith with Supervisor Driscoll as the Chair of the Extension Services Committee.

Report by the County Administrator was given.

Report by the County Attorney was given.

Reading of communications by the Clerk of the Board was provided, as follows:

Reports from:

1. Warren County Jury Board - 2020 Annual Report
2. Capital District Regional Off Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report dated March 31, 2021
3. Capital District Regional Off Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report dated April 30, 2021

Minutes from:

1. Warren County Jury Board - July 7, 2021 meeting.

Letters/emails from:

1. Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency - Notice of Public Hearing on proposed CHPE LLC Project.
2. June Maxam, North Country Gazette - email regarding "Vacancies in Office".

Other:

1. Capital District Regional Off Track Betting Corp. - May 2021 surcharge payment in the amount of \$3,725.
2. Capital District Regional Off Track Betting Corp. - 2020 Regional Benefit Distribution Installments #15, #16 & #17 each in the amount of \$1,631.
3. Washington County Board of Supervisors - Resolution Nos.: 101 of 2021, *"Approving the Issuance of Certain Obligations by the Counties of Warren and Washington Civic Development Corporation to Finance a Certain Not-for-Profit Project for the Glen*

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*at Hiland Meadows, Inc.”*

122 of 2021, *“Setting Time and Place for a Public Hearing Concerning the 2021-2022 Adirondack Community College Budget”*

132 of 2021, *“Appointing Members of the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency and Civic Development Corporation”*

134 of 2021, *“Urging the New York State Governor to Not Sign New York State Bill S07196/A06762b Entitled “An Act to Amend the General Business Law, in Relation to the Dangers to Safety and Health and Creation of Public Nuisance Caused by the Sale, Manufacturing, Distribution, Importing and Marketing of Firearms” into Law*

Reading of resolutions by the Clerk of the Board was announced as follows:

Proposed Resolution Nos. 257-296 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> which met the distribution deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. Proposed Resolution Nos. 259 and 295 were amended after mailing and posted to the Warren County website on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>; Resolution No. 295 was withdrawn. A motion was requested to approve the amendments, as provided, to Resolution No. 259; the necessary motion was made by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried unanimously.

Two Floor Resolutions were distributed that morning which did not meet the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board which required that resolutions be distributed on the Tuesday prior to the Board Meeting: Floor Resolution No. 1 - *“Waiving the Rules of the Board Requiring that Resolutions be Provided to the Members of the Board of Supervisors on the Tuesday Prior to a Regular Board Meeting Regarding a Resolution Amending the Rules of the Board”*; and Floor Resolution No. 2 - *“Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2021, Entitled “A Local Law Amending and Updating Local Law No. 5 of 2021, ‘A Local Law Amending and Updating Local Law No. 6 of 2014, Warren County Ethics and Disclosure Law””*.

Motion was made by Supervisor Geraghty and seconded by Supervisor Diamond to introduce Floor Resolution No. 1; a brief discussion ensued following which Chair called the question and the motion was carried by a majority vote of those present, with Supervisors Strough and Wild voting in opposition.

Floor Resolution No. 1 was then labeled as Resolution No. 297 of 2021.

Motion was made by Supervisor Diamond and seconded by Supervisor Leggett to introduce Proposed Floor Resolution No. 2; a lengthy discussion ensued.

Supervisor Wild exited the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Supervisor Driscoll exited the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Chair called the question and the motion to introduce Floor Resolution No. 2 was carried by a majority vote of those present, with Supervisor Strough voting in opposition.

Floor Resolution No. 2 was then labeled as Resolution No. 298 of 2021.

Discussion on resolutions occurred, during which:

Motion was made by Supervisor Strough and seconded by Supervisor McDevitt to table Resolution No. 259, *Amending Agreement with Nexamp Solar for Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport Solar or Other Approved Use Land Lease (WC 44-20), to Reduce Rates, until the August 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The*

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motion failed due to a lack of majority vote, with a vote of 290 in favor (*Supervisors Strough, Shepler, Geraghty, Conover, McDevitt, Frasier and Smith*) and 443 against (*Supervisors Magowan, Beaty, Thomas, Leggett, Diamond, Braymer, Bruno and Seeber*) and 267 Absent (*Supervisors Wild, Driscoll, Hogan, Dickinson and Merlino*).

Supervisor Leggett exited the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Supervisor Conover requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 284, *Setting Policy on Correspondence to the Board of Supervisors*.

Supervisor Strough requested roll call votes on proposed Resolution Nos. 259, *Amending Agreement with Nexamp Solar for Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport Solar or Other Approved Use Land Lease (WC 44-20), to Reduce Rates*, and 287, *Revising and Re-establishing Criteria for the Expenditure of County Occupancy Tax Revenues in Connection with Conventions, Trade Shows and Events*.

Suggestion was made to combine roll call votes for Proposed Resolution Nos. 292-294. There being no objection, Chair announced one roll call vote would be taken for Resolution Nos. 292-294.

Vote on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 257-298 were approved as presented, with the exception of Resolution No. 295 which was withdrawn and Resolution No. 281 which was approved as amended from the floor.

Chair offered privilege of the floor and the following spoke:

Supervisor Braymer noted the Director of Real Property Tax Services was working with a potential buyer for the former Mullen's property on Bay Road in the Town of Queensbury.

Supervisor Thomas spoke regarding his frustration with the issues Verizon was having getting the communications tower located behind the Town Hall in the Town of Stony Creek operational. Chair agreed to compose a letter on behalf of the Board expressing concerns and asked the County Administrator to contact the Governor's Office to inquire if any action had been taken on their part to move the process along.

Ginelle Jones, *Director, Public Health/Patient Services*, recognized the Buildings and Grounds staff for the assistance provided to her Department in preparing for the Memorial event for Joan Grishkot, *former Director of Public Health*. She also noted a request would be forthcoming to purchase a memorial tree and plaque which would be placed near the entrance to the building where the Health Services Office was located.

Chair called for announcements and the following were made:

Chairwoman Seeber advised she had distributed some trinkets from the NACo (*National Association of Counties*) Conference to the Board members prior to the meeting.

Supervisor Geraghty invited everyone to attend the Smoke Eaters Jamboree hosted by the Warrensburg Volunteer Fire Company on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. He also spoke about how more needed to be done to convince individuals to get vaccinated.

Chairwoman Seeber announced the State had begun closing their mass vaccination sites down, noting she was grateful for the time the site in the Town of Queensbury remained open, as she suspected the State would be shutting it down within the coming weeks.

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Supervisor Shepler advised Warren County Public Health would be returning on July 19<sup>th</sup> to the Town of Thurman to offer the second dose of the vaccine to those who had gotten their first round at the pop-up Covid-19 vaccination clinic last month. She added this event would also be opened up to anyone who would like to receive their first dose of the vaccination. Supervisor Shepler announced the Concert Series would begin in the Town of Thurman beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> in the park and would be offered every Monday from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. during the month of August.

Supervisor Smith announced next Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, a pop-up Vaccination clinic would be offered at the Town of Horicon Food Truck Friday event.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Geraghty and seconded by Supervisor Magowan, Chairwoman Seeber adjourned the Board Meeting at 1:48 p.m.