

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 446 OF 2021

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS BRAYMER, GERAGHTY, DRISCOLL, CONOVER AND MAGOWAN

DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO CHAIR OF THE BOARD AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES AS NECESSARY FOR AUTOPSY SERVICES, AS WELL AS FOR REMOVAL, TRANSPORT, FORENSIC MEDICAL SERVICES FEES AND MORGUE FACILITY USE FEES

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 374 of 2017, as subsequently amended by Resolution Nos. 132 of 2018; 461 of 2018; 440 of 2019; 71 of 2020; and 493 of 2020, the Warren County Board of Supervisors approved a payment for services proposal submitted by the Warren County Coroner in an effort to help control Warren County's costs for removal and transportation of the deceased, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 336 of 2020, the Warren County Board of Supervisors authorized renewal of the agreement with Glens Falls Hospital for autopsy services and approved a fee schedule for same, and

WHEREAS, at their October 7, 2021 meeting, the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee was advised that due to the absence of a pathologist, Glens Falls Hospital was unable to perform autopsies for the foreseeable future and that other options to perform these services were being sought through alternate area hospitals which would incur alternate autopsy, removal, transport, forensic medical services fees and morgue facility use fees which were still unknown at that time, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee determined, and does recommend to the Board of Supervisors, that the best possible solution for addressing this issue would be to delegate authority to Chair of the Board and County Administrator to enter into agreements and authorize expenditures as necessary for autopsy services, as well as for removal, transport, forensic medical services fees and morgue facility use fees, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby delegate authority to the Chair of the Board and the County Administrator to enter into agreements and authorize expenditures as necessary for autopsy services, as well as for removal, transport, forensic medical services fees and morgue facility use fees until such time that the situation is rectified and said authority is no longer necessary, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all expenses associated with autopsy services and removal, transport and forensic medical services fees shall continue to be expended from Budget Code A.1185 435, Medical Examiners & Coroners, Medical Fees.