

JOINT MEETING
ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT / GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & ADVOCACY
AGENDA
FEBRUARY 22, 2021

Committee Members:

Economic Growth & Development - Supervisors Hogan, Wild, Frasier, Strough, Leggett, Geraghty and Merlino
Governmental Operations & Advocacy - Supervisors Beaty, Leggett, Wild, Conover and Smith

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Committee Chairs
- II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee meeting - *waived, minutes will be approved at regular meetings*
- III. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
 - 1) Resolution submitted by Supervisor Strough - *“Warren County Board of Supervisors Resolution on Bridging Divisions and Working Together”*
 - 2) Resolution submitted by Supervisor Strough - *“Resolution to Eliminate the Positions of Majority Leader and Minority Leader and the Compensation Appropriated for the Leaders of those Positions”*
- IV. Discussion Items: None.
- V. Referrals/Pending Items: None.
- VI. Privilege of the Floor to discuss any additional items to come before the Committee
- VII. Motion to adjourn

Attachments:

- 1) Draft resolution submitted by Supervisor Strough (Agenda Item 1).
- 2) Draft resolution submitted by Supervisor Strough (Agenda Item 2).

Warren County Board of Supervisors Resolution on Bridging Divisions and Working Together

To be introduced by John Strough at Warren County Board of Supervisors - February 19, 2021
Inspired by ANCA – Adirondack North Country Association

WHEREAS, the nation has just celebrated and honored the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the inauguration of the 46th president and vice president of the United States, Joseph R. Biden and Kamala D. Harris, and

WHEREAS, the nation and world collectively witnessed the violence and fear that was engendered on January 6, 2021 at the U.S. Capitol, underscoring the importance of the principles of finding common ground to solve problems, working together in good faith to forge solutions, and advancing the ideals of democracy, and

WHEREAS, the ideals of democracy cannot endure in the presence of the ideology of white supremacy; these ideals aspire to lift up the voices of all, including those of people who have been overlooked, forgotten, excluded, and who are facing persistent threats to their lives and livelihoods, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. faces the most dire global health emergency in 100 years, the worst economic crisis in modern history, a massive climate crisis, and a racial reckoning overdue for centuries, it is imperative that we work together to advance the democratic processes that expedite solving these intractable challenges, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisor's commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is foundational to achieving our vision of "An Economy that Works for All,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Supervisors reaffirms the core values that have underscored decades of our work with communities and the diversity of citizens across the region; these core values are INCLUSIVENESS — engaging a diverse set of partners; BELIEF IN DIALOGUE — facilitating shared strategies; and INTEGRITY — candor, accountability and reliance on facts and data to drive decisions.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED Warren County Board of Supervisors is committed to a governing and work environment which reflects and actively promotes its core values of inclusiveness, honest and respectful dialogue, integrity in all its interactions, and reliance on facts and data to drive decisions. The Board values and celebrates the diversity of citizens across the region, and is committed to social justice, mutual respect, civility, and the elimination of discrimination. In committing ourselves to these principles, the Board further invites elected officials, other non-profits, municipal leadership, businesses, and its partners in the region to join in this commitment to the principles of democratic ideals and to hold each other accountable.

RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE THE POSITIONS OF MAJORITY LEADER AND MINORITY LEADER AND THE COMPENSATION APPROPRIATED FOR THE LEADERS OF THOSE POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors prides itself in having long and proven history of openness and transparency, and

WHEREAS, the creation of the two positions of Majority Leader and Minority Leader have been created without the consultation of the Board of Supervisors and without due consideration by appropriate committees, and

WHEREAS, no document that describes the mission of the positions, or providing a rational basis for their existence, has been shared with all the Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the chairperson, giving themselves the sole power of these appointments, gives the appearance of a conflict of interest. in that the Majority and Minority Leaders were not selected by their respective political parties

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors' long history of holding deliberations that have been open and transparent and with conduct that was professional and non-partisan, and

WHEREAS, the creation of these two positions by the nature of their creation appears to seek division and polarization, and

WHEREAS, the very existence of these two creations, Majority and Minority Leaders, could even prove to be harmful to the existing healthy relationships among Board members because their very existence could be the cause of conflict and discord, and

WHEREAS, given the above, the creation of these two positions appears to be unneeded and could even be the cause of impairment to otherwise peaceful and conscientious deliberations, and

WHEREAS, by resolution first presented to the Warren County Board of Supervisors at its January 8th, 2021, meeting titled Resolution No. 21, Amending Tables of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2021 a six thousand (\$6,000) compensation allocation was approved and should be amended to defund the positions this resolution is proposing to eliminate, thereby saving taxpayers money, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in consideration of the above premises and for the unification of mind and maintenance of harmony amongst Warren County Supervisors be it resolved that the positions of Majority Leader and Minority Leader hereby be eliminated as positions of the Warren County Board of Supervisors or as positions meant to advise the Board Chairperson, and

ALSO, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution passed by the Warren County Board of Supervisors at its January 8th, 2021 meeting, identified as Resolution No. 21, Amending Tables of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2021 be hereby amended to eliminate the six-thousand-dollar (\$6,000) compensations for Majority Leader and Minority Leader.