

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & ADVOCACY**

**DATE: JULY 19, 2021**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: BEATY  
LEGETT  
CONOVER  
DIAMOND

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:**

SUPERVISOR: WILD

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN, COMMISSIONER (D)  
WILLIAM VANNESS, COMMISSIONER (R)  
PAM VOGEL, COUNTY CLERK  
RACHEL E. SEEBER CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, ACTING COUNTY ATTORNEY  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BRAYMER  
DRISCOLL  
MAGOWAN  
SMITH  
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
ANN MARIE MASON, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the July 19, 2021 meeting of the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>*

Mr. Beaty called the meeting of the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee to order at 12:10 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Board of Elections, County Clerk and the Governmental Operations & Advocacy agendas were distributed to those in attendance; *copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

The meeting began with a review of the Board of Elections agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To authorize a grant application and agreement with the New York State Board of Elections for Early Voting Expansion Grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$18,788.11 for the term commencing April 7, 2021 and terminating January 28, 2022, as well as to amend the County Budget for same.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution for the grant application and agreement was authorized for the August 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, while the accompanying budget amendment was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

2. To authorize a grant application and agreement with the New York State Board of Elections for Technology Innovation and Election Resource Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$70,805.74 for the term commencing April 7, 2021 and terminating January 27, 2022, as well as to amend the County Budget for

same.

Motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution for the grant application and agreement was authorized for the August 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, while the accompanying budget amendment was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

The Discussion Items section of the agenda was reviewed and the matter of legislation proposed by Assembly Bill 5424-A (*copy included in agenda*), which was aimed towards requirements for mandatory polling locations in the largest city of a County, was considered as well as the issues this may cause. A request was made for the Committee to authorize a resolution to the Assembly asking that Warren County be permitted to maintain their early voting station at the Warren County Human Services Building, rather than moving it into the City of Glens Falls.

A motion was made by Mr. Diamond, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to authorize the requested resolution for presentation at the August 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the draft resolution language provided by the Board of Elections subsequent to the meeting is on file with the minutes.*

Addressing the Referral/Pending Items, an update was given with respect to the disposition of cards and old machines.

Proceeding to the County Clerk agenda, a request to fill the vacant position of Legal Recording Clerk, *Grade 7, Base Annual Salary \$35,491*, due to resignation was presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously to approve the request and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

The Discussion Items section of the agenda was reviewed and a lengthy discussion was had with respect to the hours of operation for the County Clerk's Office and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Finally, the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Agenda was reviewed with a brief discussion regarding Warren County Local Laws pertaining to the sale of fireworks. During the discussion it was noted that the amount of sales tax revenue gained from the sale of fireworks could not be estimated; the impacts and nuisance issues caused by use of these items were outlined. Suggestions about rescinding the Local Laws were made, but the Committee did not make any motion on the matter and decided instead to keep this on the agenda as a matter for future discussions. The Committee requested the following information for consideration in future discussions: Director of the Office of Emergency Services to gather statistics on injuries sustained through the use of fireworks, comparing the figures for those sustained before and after the County's Local Laws were enacted; Clerk of the Board to reach out to the City of Glens Falls Common Council for their feelings on the possibility of the County's Local Laws being rescinded.

The Referral/Pending Items section of the agenda was not reviewed.

As there was no further business to come before the Governmental Operations & Advocacy Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried unanimously, Mr. Beaty adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist