

Warren County Board of Supervisors

AGENDA THURSDAY JUNE 30, 2022 BOARD MEETING



12:00 p.m. Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance - Supervisor Dickinson

Roll Call

Motion to approve minutes of the June 15, 2022 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board

Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment

Report of the Chairman of the Board

Reports by Committee Chairs

Report of County Administrator

Report of County Attorney

Reading of Communications

Reading of Resolutions

Discussion and Public Comment on Proposed Resolutions

Requests for Roll Call Votes

Vote on Resolutions

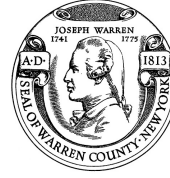
Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment

Announcements

Motion to Adjourn

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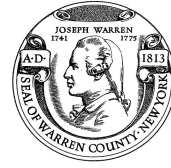
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Note: Pursuant to New York State Legislation (S.50001/A.40001): “Notwithstanding the provisions of article 7 of the public officers law to the contrary, any state agency, department, corporation, office, authority, board, or commission, as well as any local public body, or public corporation as defined in section 66 of the general construction law, or political subdivisions as defined in section 100 of the general municipal law, or a committee or subcommittee or other similar body of such entity, shall be authorized to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.”

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 12:29 p.m.
Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Dickinson.

Chairman Geraghty requested a moment of silence in recognition of William Kenny, *former 5th Ward Supervisor, City of Glens Falls*, who had recently passed away.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Diamond, McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Geraci, Hogan, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Magowan, Seeber, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty - 17. Supervisors Leggett, Wild and Beaty absent - 3. All Supervisors in attendance were physically present, aside from Supervisor Hogan, who attended the meeting virtually.

Motion was made by Supervisor Geraci, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Leggett, Wild and Beaty absent*) to approve the minutes of the June 15th Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was offered, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Chairman of the Board waived his report.

The Committee Chairs waived their reports.

Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, apprised he had nothing to report on.

Robert Terwilliger, *First Assistant County Attorney*, indicated he had nothing to report on for the County Attorney's Office.

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Reading of communications was called for, but there were none to report.

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

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, advised there were two resolutions before the Board as a result of action taken at that morning's Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee meeting, each of which required a Waiving of the Rules. Motions were made as follows:

Motion was made by Supervisor Magowan, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Leggett, Wild and Beaty absent*) to Waive the Rules of the Board in order to entertain Resolution No. 315 of 2022, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to Create a Position in Planning & Community Development*.

Motion was made by Supervisor Magowan, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Leggett, Wild and Beaty absent*) to Waive the Rules of the Board in order to entertain Resolution No. 317 of 2022, *Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2022, Entitled "A Local Law Amending and Updating Local Law No. 6 of 2021, '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'"*.

Mrs. Allen noted when proposed Resolution No. 315 was prepared the salary for the Senior Planner position that was being deleted was not available; however, she said, she had since been advised the salary for the position was \$50,384.

Supervisor Beaty entered the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 314-317 were approved as presented.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was called for but there was no one wishing to speak.

Announcements were called for and made by members of the Board during which a discussion ensued regarding Resolution No. 313, *Electing a Cents per Gallon Rate of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes on Motor Fuel and Diesel Motor Fuel, in Lieu of the Percentage Rate of Such Taxes, Pursuant to the Authority of Article 29 Of the Tax Law of the State of New York*, which failed at the June 15th Board Meeting and whether this matter would be taken up again. Mr. Moore noted as per the State, the deadline to have a resolution in place was August 1st. Chairman Geraghty indicated the matter would be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Dickinson, (*Supervisors Leggett and Wild absent*), Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 12:41 p.m.

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RESOLUTION NO. 314 OF 2022

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS MAGOWAN AND STROUGH

WAIVING THE STANDING RULE OF THE BOARD RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD NO LATER THAN THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING IN ORDER TO ENTERTAIN A RESOLUTION AMENDING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND WARREN COUNTY SALARY AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR 2022 TO CREATE/DELETE POSITIONS IN PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 68 of 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Rules of the Board, Section B(3) of which indicates that *“The Clerk shall distribute all resolutions to the members of the Board of Supervisors and post same to the Warren County website on each Tuesday prior to a Regular Meeting...”*, and

WHEREAS, the Board has agreed to consider a resolution amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to create/delete positions in Planning & Community Development, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby waive the Standing Rule of the Board relating to the aforementioned requirement in order to entertain a resolution amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 to create/delete positions in Planning & Community Development.

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RESOLUTION No. 315 OF 2022

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS THOMAS, CONOVER, BEATY, FRASIER, WILD, BRAYMER AND RUNYON

AMENDING TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND WARREN COUNTY SALARY AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR 2022 TO CREATE/DELETE POSITIONS IN PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED, that the Tables of Organization and the Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2022 are hereby amended as follows:

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEV.

Creating Position of:

A.8021 110

TITLE:

Assistant County Planner 2

EFFECTIVE DATE

July 1, 2022

BASE ANNUAL SALARY

\$63,711

Deleting Position of:

A.8021 110

TITLE:

Senior Planner

EFFECTIVE DATE

July 1, 2022

BASE ANNUAL SALARY

\$50,384

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RESOLUTION NO. 316 OF 2022

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS MAGOWAN AND THOMAS

WAIVING THE STANDING RULE OF THE BOARD RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD NO LATER THAN THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING IN ORDER TO ENTERTAIN A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2022, ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING AND UPDATING LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2021, ‘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”

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RESOLUTION NO. 317 OF 2022

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS THOMAS, CONOVER, BEATY, FRASIER, WILD, BRAYMER AND RUNYON

INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2022, ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING AND UPDATING LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2021, ‘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’”

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2022 entitled “A Local Law Amending and Updating Local Law No. 6 of 2021, ‘*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,*’” attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and the same hereby is, introduced before the Warren County Board of Supervisors, and in order to give interested members of the public the opportunity to be heard thereon, the Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing in the Supervisors’ Rooms in the Warren County Municipal Center on the 15th day of July, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., on the matter of the adoption of said proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and the same hereby is, authorized and directed to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided by law.

**COUNTY OF WARREN
LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2021**

“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’”

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. Title. This Local Law shall be 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.’”

SECTION 2. Purpose. To update the Financial Disclosure Form included as “Appendix B” in the Warren County Ethics and Disclosure Law intended to ensure that officers and employees of Warren County hold their positions to serve and benefit the public, and not for obtaining unwarranted personal or private gain in the exercise and performance of their official powers and duties. The Board of Supervisors recognizes that, in furtherance of this fundamental principle, there is a need for clear and reasonable standards of ethical conduct. This code of ethics establishes those standards.

SECTION 3. Definitions.

- (a) “Board” means Warren County Board of Supervisors.
- (b) “Code” means this Code of Ethics.
- (c) “Interest” means a direct or indirect financial or material benefit, but does not include any benefit arising from the provision or receipt of any services generally available to the residents or taxpayers of the municipality or an area of the municipality, or a lawful class of such residents or taxpayers. A municipal officer or employee is deemed to have an interest in any private organization when he or she, his or her spouse, or a member of his or her household, is an owner, partner, member, director, officer, employee, or directly, collectively directly or indirectly owns or controls more than fifty percent (50%) of the organization.
- (d) “Municipality” means a county, city, town, village, school district, consolidated health district, county vocational education and extension board, public library, board of cooperative educational services, urban renewal agency, a joint water works system established pursuant to chapter six hundred fifty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred twenty-seven, or a town or county improvement district, district corporation, or other district or a joint service established for the purpose of carrying on, performing or financing one or more improvements or services intended to benefit the health, welfare, safety or convenience of the inhabitants of such governmental units or to benefit the real property within such units, an industrial development agency but shall have no application to a city having a population of one million or more or to a county, school district, or other public agency or facility therein.
- (e) “Municipal officer or employee” means an officer or employee of a municipality, whether paid or unpaid, including members of any administrative board, commission or other agency thereof and in the case of a county, shall be deemed to also include any officer or employee paid from county funds. No person shall be deemed to be a municipal officer or employee solely by reason of being a volunteer firefighter or civil defense volunteer, except a fire chief or assistant fire

chief.

- (e) “Relative” means a spouse, child or step-child, or dependent.
- (f) “Spouse” means a husband or wife of the municipal officer or employee unless living separate and apart in contemplation of divorce or formal separation.

SECTION 4. Applicability. This code of ethics applies to the officers and employees of Warren County, and shall replace and supersede all Warren County Code of Ethics, dated 2014 and 2021. The provisions of this code of ethics shall apply in addition to all applicable State and local laws relating to conflicts of interest and ethics including, but not limited to, Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and all rules, regulations, policies and procedures of Warren County.

SECTION 5. Prohibition on use of municipal position for personal or private gain. No municipal officer or employee shall use his or her municipal position or official powers and duties to secure a financial or material benefit for himself or herself, a relative, or any private organization in which he or she is deemed to have an interest.

SECTION 6. Disclosure of interest in legislation and other matters.

- (a) Whenever a matter requiring the exercise of discretion comes before a municipal officer or employee, either individually or as a member of a board, and disposition of the matter could result in a direct or indirect financial or material benefit to himself or herself, a relative, or any private organization in which he or she is deemed to have an interest, the County officer or employee shall refrain from the exercise of discretion in the matter.
- (b) The County officer or employee shall also disclose in writing the nature of the interest. The disclosure shall be made when the matter requiring disclosure first comes before the County officer or employee, or when the County officer or employee first acquires knowledge of the interest requiring disclosure, whichever is earlier.
- (c) In the case of a person serving in an elective office, the disclosure shall be filed with the County Attorney and shall be provided to the Board of Ethics for a proactive review and consultation should a conflict exist within sixty (60) days of the notice being filed. In all other cases, the disclosure shall be filed with the person’s supervisor or, if the person does not have a supervisor, the disclosure shall be filed with the County officer, employee or board having the power to appoint to the person’s position.

SECTION 7. Annual Disclosure.

- 1) Officers and employees required to file. The officers and employees of Warren County as set forth below and more particularly but not necessarily exhaustively set forth on a representative list of such officers and employees annexed and incorporated herein as Appendix “A”, shall be required to sign and file an annual disclosure statement. The form annual disclosure statement is annexed hereto and incorporated herein as Appendix “B”. The Board of Ethics as established under Section 18 hereof shall enforce such filing requirements, and shall have the authority to review the annual disclosure statements and shall do so within sixty (60) days of the filing due date and as needed to determine questions that may arise under this law. All officers and employees shall comply with General Municipal Law Article 18 and any amendments or revisions relative to the filing of financial statements.
 - (a) Elected officials; and
 - (b) The heads of any agency, department, division, council, board, commission, authority or

- bureau of Warren County and their deputies and other persons authorized to act on their behalf who make policy decisions; and
- (c) Officers and employees who hold policymaking positions, including members of boards, commissions and public authorities of Warren County. A person shall be considered to hold a policymaking position if he or she meets the following criteria, based either on the powers and duties of the position held by the person as set forth in the job description or any applicable law or regulation, or based on the actual duties performed by the person:
 - (1) he or she has been determined to be managerial pursuant to Civil Service Law §201(7) because he or she formulates policy; or
 - (2) he or she is in the non-competitive class under §2.2 of the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Civil Service, provided that the person holds a position that is designated in any applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the county civil service commission or County Personnel Officer pursuant to Civil Service Law §20, on the basis that the position requires the performance of functions influencing policy; or
 - (3) he or she exercises responsibilities of a broad scope in the formulation of plans for the implementation of goals or policy for a county agency or acts as an advisor to an individual in such a position, and
 - (d) Officers and employees having discretionary authority with respect to:
 - (1) Contracts, leases, franchises, concessions, permits, or licenses; or
 - (2) The purchase, sale, rental, or lease of real property, personal property, or services, or a contract therefore; or
 - (3) The obtaining of grants of money or loans; or
 - (4) Inspections; or
 - (5) The adoption or repeal of any rule or regulation having the force and effect of law, and
- 2) Time and place for filing. The annual disclosure statements shall be filed with the office of the County Attorney no later than the 31st of January each year. This filing may be completed electronically or hard copy as a fillable form, with a copy of certification of completion of the Warren County electronic ethics training. A complete list of filings shall be provided to the Board of Ethics members by February 14th of each year. Late or missing submissions shall be followed up on by the Board of Ethics with the assistance of the County Attorney's Office. After ninety (90) days, notification of any outstanding filings shall be sent to the County Administrator and members of the Board of Supervisors. Disclosure statements must be updated during the year as circumstances warrant.

SECTION 8. Recusal and abstention.

- (a) No County officer or employee may directly or indirectly participate in any decision or take any official action with respect to any matter requiring the exercise of discretion, including discussing the matter and voting on it, when he or she knows or has reason to know that the action could confer a direct or indirect financial or material benefit on himself or herself, a relative, or any private organization in which he or she is deemed to have an interest.
- (b) In the event that this section prohibits a municipal officer or employee from exercising or performing a power or duty:
 - (1) if the power or duty is vested in a municipal officer as a member of a board, then the power or duty shall be exercised or performed by the other members of the board; or
 - (2) if the power or duty that is vested in a municipal officer individually, then the power or duty shall be exercised or performed by his or her deputy or, if the officer does not have a deputy,

the power or duty shall be performed by another person to whom the officer may lawfully delegate the function.

- (3) if the power or duty is vested in a municipal employee, he or she must refer the matter to his or her immediate supervisor, and the immediate supervisor shall designate another person to exercise or perform the power or duty.

SECTION 9. Prohibition inapplicable; disclosure, recusal and abstention not required.

- (a) This code's prohibition on use of a municipal position (section 5), disclosure requirements (sections 6 and 7), and requirements relating to recusal and abstention (section 8), shall not apply with respect to the following matters:
 - (1) adoption of Warren County's annual budget;
 - (2) any matter requiring the exercise of discretion that directly affects any of the following groups of people or a lawful class of such groups:
 - (i) all municipal officers or employees;
 - (ii) all residents or taxpayers of the municipality or an area of the municipality; or
 - (iii) the general public;
 - (3) any matter that does not require the exercise of discretion.
- (b) Recusal and abstention shall not be required with respect to any matter:
 - (1) which comes before the Warren County Board of Supervisors or standing Committee or Special Committee thereof when a majority of the board's or committee's total membership would otherwise be prohibited from acting by section 8 of this code;
 - (2) which comes before a municipal officer when the officer would be prohibited from acting by section 8 of this code and the matter cannot be lawfully delegated to another person.

SECTION 10. Investments in conflict with official duties.

- (a) No Warren County officer or employee may acquire the following investments:
 - (1) investments that can be reasonably expected to require more than sporadic (i.e. three to four (3-4) times per year) recusal and abstention under section 8 of this code; or
 - (2) investments that would otherwise impair the person's independence of judgment in the exercise or performance of his or her official powers and duties.
- (b) This section does not prohibit a Warren County officer or employee from acquiring any other investments or the following assets:
 - (1) real property located within Warren County and used as his or her personal residence;
 - (2) less than five percent (5%) of the stock of a publicly traded corporation; or
 - (3) bonds or notes issued by a municipality and acquired more than one year after the date on which the bonds or notes were originally issued.

SECTION 11. Private employment in conflict with official duties.

- (a) No Warren County officer or employee, during his or her tenure as a municipal officer or employee, may engage in any private employment, including the rendition of any business, commercial, professional or other types of services, and including serving as a Board member, consultant, contractor or passive investor of an entity that engages in any business or maintains any relationship with Warren County, provides to or oversees from the County any client referrals or competes with the County when the employment or activity:
 - (1) can be reasonably expected to require more than sporadic recusal and abstention pursuant to sections 8 and 10 of this code;

- (2) can be reasonably expected to require disclosure or use of confidential information gained by reason of serving as a municipal officer or employee;
 - (3) violates section 805-a(1)(c) or (d) of the General Municipal Law; or
 - (4) requires representation of a person or organization other than Warren County in connection with litigation, negotiations or any other matter to which Warren County is a party.
- (b) Outside Interest Form. If any Warren County officer or employee or immediate family member is currently or plans to be in the future an employee, Board member, consultant, owner, contractor or even a passive investor of an entity that engages in any business or maintains any relationship with Warren County; provides to or receives from Warren County any client referrals or competes with Warren County, they must fill out an Outside Interest Form in the office of the Warren County Attorney, and a copy of the completed Form must be provided to the Board of Ethics. Annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Appendix "C" is a sample copy of the Outside Interest Form.

SECTION 12. Future employment.

- (a) No Warren County officer or employee may ask for, pursue or accept a private post-government employment opportunity with any person or organization that has a matter requiring the exercise of discretion pending before the Warren County officer or employee, either individually or as a member of a board, while the matter is pending or within the thirty (30) days following final disposition of the matter.
- (b) No Warren County officer or employee, for the two-year period after serving as a Warren County officer or employee, may represent or render services to a private person or organization in connection with any matter involving the exercise of discretion before the Warren County office, board, department or comparable organizational unit for which he or she serves.
- (c) No Warren County officer or employee, at any time after serving as a Warren County officer or employee, may represent or render services to a private person or organization in connection with any particular transaction in which he or she personally and substantially participated while serving as a Warren County officer or employee.

SECTION 13. Personal representations and claims permitted. This Code shall not be construed as prohibiting a Warren County officer or employee from:

- (a) representing himself or herself, or his or her spouse or minor children before Warren County; or
- (b) asserting a claim against Warren County on his or her own behalf, or on behalf of his or her spouse or minor children.

SECTION 14. Use of Warren County resources.

- (a) Warren County resources shall be used for lawful Warren County purposes. Warren County resources include, but are not limited to, municipal personnel, and Warren County's money, vehicles, equipment, materials, supplies or other property.
- (b) No Warren County officer or employee may use or permit the use of Warren County resources for personal or private purposes, but this provision shall not be construed as prohibiting:
 - (1) any use of Warren County resources authorized by law or municipal policy;
 - (2) the use of Warren County resources for personal or private purposes when provided to a Warren County officer or employee as part of his or her compensation; or
 - (3) the occasional and incidental use during the business day of Warren County telephones and computers for necessary personal matters such as family care and changes in work schedule.

- (c) No Warren County officer or employee shall cause Warren County to spend more than is reasonably necessary for transportation, meals or lodging in connection with official travel.
- (d) All Warren County officers and employees shall take a computerized ethics training course. This training provides guidance regarding your outside activities while under County employment. A certification of this training shall be filed with your supervisor annually no later than January 31st or within ten (10) days of employment with Warren County.

SECTION 15. Interests in Contracts.

- (a) No Warren County officer or employee may have an interest in a contract that is prohibited by section 801 of the General Municipal Law.
- (b) Every Warren County officer and employee shall disclose interests in contracts with Warren County at the time and in the manner required by section 803 of the General Municipal Law.

SECTION 16. Nepotism. Except as otherwise required by law:

- (a) No Warren County officer or employee shall induce others to hire a relative of the officer or employee.
- (b) No Warren County officer or employee, either individually or as a member of a board, may participate in any decision specifically to appoint, hire, promote, discipline or discharge a relative for any position at, for or within Warren County or a Warren County board, except:
 - (1) A Department Head may undertake to appoint, hire, promote, discipline or discharge a relative if no other County officer or employee can undertake the action, and the action is undertaken in accordance with the Civil Service Law and Rules promulgated thereunder for competitive positions; or
 - (2) In all other cases, a Department Head may undertake to appoint, hire, promote, discipline or discharge a relative if no other County officer or employee can undertake the action, and the Department Head obtains approval from the Board of Supervisors, which may seek a written advisory opinion from the Board of Ethics, before undertaking the action.
- (c) No Warren County officer or employee may immediately or directly manage and/or supervise a relative in the performance of a relative's official powers or duties. If a Warren County officer or employee would be responsible for the management or supervision of a relative, an alternative supervisory arrangement must be made to manage and supervise the relative; the management and supervision must be undertaken pursuant to Civil Service Law and Rules, if applicable, and any decision to appoint, hire, promote, discipline or discharge must be in accordance with subdivision (b) above.
- (d) Any Warren County officer or employee, or prospective officer or employee, may request a written advisory opinion from the Board of Ethics regarding the implementation of this Section.

SECTION 17. Political Solicitations.

- (a) No Warren County officer or employee shall directly or indirectly to compel or induce a subordinate Warren County officer or employee to make, or promise to make, any political contribution, whether by gift of money, service or other thing of value.
- (b) No Warren County officer or employee may act or decline to act in relation to appointing, hiring or promoting, discharging, disciplining, or in any manner changing the official rank, status or compensation of any Warren County officer or employee, or an applicant for a position as a Warren County officer or employee, on the basis of the giving or withholding or neglecting to make any contribution of money or service or any other valuable thing for any political purpose.

SECTION 18. Confidential Information. No Warren County officer or employee who requires confidential information in the course of exercising or performing his or her official powers or duties may disclose or use such information unless the disclosure or use is required by law or in the course of exercising or performing his or her official powers and duties.

SECTION 19. Gifts.

- (a) No Warren County officer or employee shall solicit, accept or receive a gift in violation of section 805-a(1)(a) of the General Municipal Law as interpreted in this section.
- (b) No Warren County officer or employee may directly or indirectly solicit any gift.
- (c) No Warren County officer or employee may accept or receive any gift, or multiple gifts from the same donor, having an annual aggregate value of seventy-five dollars (\$75) or more when:
 - (1) the gift reasonably appears to be intended to influence the officer or employee in the exercise or performance of his or her official powers or duties;
 - (2) the gift could reasonably be expected to influence the officer or employee in the exercise or performance of his or her official powers or duties; or
 - (3) the gift is intended as a reward for any official action on the part of the officer or employee.
- (d) For purposes of this section, a “gift” includes anything of value, whether in the form of money, service, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or in any other form. The value of a gift is the gift’s fair market value, determined by the retail cost of the item or a comparable item. The fair market value of a ticket entitling the holder to food, refreshments, entertainment, or any other benefit is the face value of the ticket, or the actual cost to the donor, whichever is greater. Determination of whether multiple gifts from a single donor exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75) must be made by adding together the value of all gifts received from the donor by an officer or employee during the twelve-month period preceding the receipt of the most recent gift.
- (e)
 - (1) A gift to a Warren County officer or employee is presumed to be intended to influence the exercise or performance of his or her official powers or duties when the gift is from a private person or organization that seeks Warren County action involving the exercise of discretion by or with the participation of the officer or employee.
 - (2) A gift to a Warren County officer or employee is presumed to be intended as a reward for official action when the gift is from a private person or organization that has obtained Warren County action involving the exercise of discretion by or with the participation of the officer or employee during the preceding twelve months.
- (f) This section does not prohibit any other gift, including:
 - (1) gifts made to Warren County;
 - (2) gifts from a person with a family or personal relationship with the officer or employee when the circumstances make it clear that the personal relationship, rather than the recipient's status as a Warren County officer or employee, is the primary motivating factor for the gift;
 - (3) gifts given on special occasions, such as marriage, illness, or retirement, which are modest, reasonable and customary;
 - (4) unsolicited advertising or promotional material of little intrinsic value, such as pens, pencils, note pads, and calendars;
 - (5) awards and plaques having a value of seventy-five dollars (\$75) or less which are publicly presented in recognition of service as a Warren County officer or employee, or other service to the community; or
 - (6) meals and refreshments provided when a Warren County officer or employee is a speaker or participant at a job-related professional or educational conference or program and the meals

and refreshments are made available to all participants.

SECTION 20. Board of Ethics.

- (a) There is hereby established a Board of Ethics for Warren County. The Board of Ethics shall consist of five (5) members, a majority of whom shall not be officers or employees of Warren County or a Municipality wholly or partially located in Warren County. One of the five members shall be an appointed officer or employee of Warren County, one of the five members shall be an elected officer for a Municipality located in Warren County and the remaining three members shall be members of the public who are not elected or appointed officers or employees of Warren County or a Municipality located in Warren County. The members of the Board of Ethics shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, and receive no salary or compensation for their services as members of the Board of Ethics. The Board of Supervisors may appoint alternate members for each member who shall serve in the event a member is unable to serve due to illness, unavailability or when a conflict is presented. Alternate members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and shall receive no salary or compensation for their services as members of the Board of Ethics. The Board of Ethics shall be a “public body” as defined by Public Officers Law § 102(2) and comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Law Article 7, Public Officers Law.
- (b) A member of the Board of Ethics shall not be an official, officer or committee person of a political party or hold any similar office or title in a political party.
- (c) The Board of Ethics shall render advisory opinions with respect to article 18 of the General Municipal Law and this code. Such advisory opinions must be rendered pursuant to a written request under such rules and regulations as the Board of Ethics may prescribe. In addition, the Board of Ethics may make recommendations with respect to the drafting and adoption of a Code of Ethics, or amendments to the Code of Ethics, upon the request of the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Ethics may accept from the general public or any of its own members a complaint or allegation of conflict of interest or violation of this Code of any officer or employee of Warren County. The Board of Ethics may initiate an investigation upon its own motion or upon receipt of a sworn complaint alleging a violation, and shall have the advice of legal counsel employed by the Board of Ethics, or if none, the municipality’s legal counsel.
- (d) The board of ethics may establish such rules and policies that may be necessary for the proper discharge of its duties and may utilize the services of the office of the Warren County Attorney.
- (e) This Ethics and Disclosure Policy shall be reviewed and updated as needed with the new term of each Board, at a minimum of every two years. As such, the members of the Board of Ethics shall serve for the same duration and coincide with the term of the members of the Board of Supervisors. The contact information for the members of the Board of Ethics shall be maintained in the County Attorney’s Office.
- (f) Members of the Board of Ethics shall meet at a minimum of twice a year to review disclosure and certifications of training and as needed. Documentation of the meeting date and time shall be provided to the County Attorney and the Board of Supervisors.
- (g) Members of the Board of Ethics shall be appointed for the remainder of the current term within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Local Law, and they shall comply with the Local Law immediately upon appointment.

SECTION 21. Posting and distribution.

- (a) The Warren County Administrator or his or her designee must promptly cause a copy of this

Local Law, and a copy of any amendment to this Local Law, to be posted publicly and conspicuously in each building under Warren County's control. The code must be posted within ten (10) days following the date on which the Local Law takes effect. An amendment to the Local Law must be posted within ten (10) days following the date on which the amendment takes effect.

- (b) The Warren County Administrator or his or her designee must promptly cause a copy of this Local Law, including any amendments to the Local Law, to be distributed, electronically or in hard copy, to every person who is or becomes an officer and employee of Warren County, who must acknowledge receipt to their supervisor within ten (10) days. In addition, the outside interest form (Appendix C) must be returned, if applicable, to the County Attorney's Office.
- (c) A copy of this Local Law shall be provided to all new officers and employees within ten (10) days of employment or assuming office, as the case may be.
- (d) Every Warren County officer or employee who receives a copy of this Local Law or an amendment to the Local Law must acknowledge such receipt in writing. Such acknowledgments must be filed with the Clerk of the Warren County Board of Supervisors who must maintain such acknowledgments as a public record.
- (e) The failure to post this Local Law or an amendment to the Local Law does not affect either the applicability or enforceability of the Local Law or the amendment. The failure of a Warren County officer or employee to receive a copy of this Local Law of ethics or an amendment to the Local Law, or to acknowledge receipt thereof in writing, does not affect either the applicability or enforceability of the Local Law or amendment to the Local Law.

SECTION 22. Enforcement. Any Warren County officer or employee who violates this Local Law may be censured, fined, suspended or removed from office or employment in the manner provided by law. Any County officer or employee who is being disciplined for violation of this Local Law must be referred by the officer's or employee's supervisor to the Board of Ethics for an opinion that will be added to the person's personnel file.

SECTION 23. Severability. In the event that any provision of this Local Law shall be determined by a Court of Law to be illegal and/or unenforceable, the Local Law, to the extent the Courts have determined practical shall continue in full force and effect as if the said illegal or unenforceable provision were not contained a part thereof.

SECTION 24. Effective date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

APPENDIX “A”

The following Warren County officers and employees shall file a financial disclosure statement as provided by the Warren County Code of Ethics:

Supervisor, Warren County Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Warren County Board of Supervisors
Deputy Clerk of the Warren County Board of Supervisors
District Attorney
Assistant District Attorney
Public Defender
Assistant Public Defender
Warren County Administrator
Assistant to the Warren County Administrator
County Auditor
County Treasurer
Deputy County Treasurer
Budget Officer
Purchasing Agent
Deputy Purchasing Agent
Director of Real Property Tax Services
Deputy Director of Real Property Tax Services
County Clerk
Deputy County Clerk
County Attorney
Assistant County Attorney
Director, County Human Resources
Personnel Officer
Commissioners of Elections
Deputy Commissioners of Elections
Superintendent of Public Works
Deputy Superintendent Public Works
Deputy Superintendent Public Works/Operations
Airport Manager
Director of Probation
Sheriff
Undersheriff
Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office
Director of Public Health/Patient Services, Health Services
Assistant Director Public Health
Assistant Director Patient Services
Director, Community Mental Health Services
Assistant Director of Mental Health
Commissioner of Social Services
Deputy Commissioner of Social Services

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Social Services Attorney
Assistant Social Services Attorney
Director Countryside Adult Home
Director of Employment and Training
Director of Tourism
Director of Weights & Measures
Director, Office for the Aging
County Historian
Warren County Planner
Associate Warren County Planner
Administrator, Fire Prevention and Building Code Enforcement
Administrator, Self-Insurance
Deputy Insurance Administrator
Director, Veterans’ Services Agency
Director of Information Technology
Director, Office of Emergency Services
Fire Coordinator
Executive Director Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board
Warren County Coroner
Warren County Medical Examiner
Director, Soil and Water Conservation District
Members of the Board of Ethics

APPENDIX "B"

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE
COUNTY OF WARREN FORM F-100
FOR 20_____

1. Name and Address

Last Name	Middle Initial	First Name
Title		
Department or Agency		
County Address		
County Telephone		

2. Does any relative currently work for Warren County? If so, please provide the name(s) of the relative, the name of the County department, the relative's title and the date of hire.

3. Financial Interests.

- a. Business Positions. List any office, trusteeship, directorship, partnership, or other position in any business, association, proprietary, or not-for-profit organization held by you, and your relative, if any, for businesses that are involved with the County or any municipality within Warren County.

Name	Position	Organization	Local Agency & Nature of Involvement

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- b. Outside Employment. Describe any outside occupation, employment, trade, business, or profession providing more than \$1,000 per year for you, your spouse, and your relative if the outside employment is involved with the County or any municipality within Warren County.

Name	Position	Organization (Name / Address)	Local Agency & Nature of Involvement
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

- c. Future Employment. Describe any contract, promise or other agreement between you and anyone else with respect to your employment after leaving your County office or position, if such agreement is with a person or business involved with the County or any municipality within Warren County.

- d. Investments. Itemize and describe all investments in excess of \$5,000 or five percent (5%) of the value in any business, corporation, partnership, or other assets, including stocks, bonds, loans, pledged collateral, and other investments, for you, or your relative, if such investment is with a business or other entity involved with the County or any municipality within Warren County. List the location of all real estate within the county, or within five (5) miles thereof, in which you or your relative, if any, have an interest, regardless of its value.

Name	Name / Address of Business or Real Estate	Description of Investment
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- e. Other Income. Identify the source and nature of any other income in excess of \$1,000/year from any source not described above, for you and your relative, if any, provided that such income is from a source that is involved with the County or any municipality within Warren County.

Name	Name / Address of Income Source	Nature of Income
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4. Interest in Contracts

Describe any interest that you or your relative have in any contract involving the County or municipality within Warren County.

Name	Contract Description
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. Debts.

Describe all debts you or your relative owe to the County or any municipality within Warren County in excess of \$5,000 (eg. outstanding occupancy tax payments or tax liens) as of the date of filing of this statement.

Name of Debtor	Name of Creditor
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

6. Third-Party Reimbursements.

Identify and describe the source of any third-party reimbursement for travel-related expenditures of any matter that relates to your official duties. The term “reimbursement” includes any travel-related expenses provided by anyone other than the County for speaking engagements, conferences, or fact-finding events that relate to your official duties.

Source	Description and Amount

7. Gifts and Honorariums.

Has anyone attempted to influence you by giving you gifts aggregating in excess of \$75, received during the last year by you or your relative, excluding gifts from a relative? The term “gifts” includes gifts of cash, property, personal items, payments to third parties on your behalf, forgiveness of debt, honorariums, and any other payments that are not reportable as income.

If yes, indicate:

Source	Description of Gift

The requirements of law relating to the reporting of financial interests are in the public interest and no adverse inference or unethical or illegal conduct or behavior will be drawn merely from compliance with these requirements.

Signature of Reporting Individual

Date

The filer shall provide the Board of Ethics with additional information if requested to do so by the Board of Ethics.

The reporting requirement of this statement is required by New York State Law and the law of Warren County. Improper use of any of the information contained in this statement by any third person or entity in violation of privacy or other rights, or to harass or annoy the filer of this statement is separately punishable under the law.

This statement is subject to public disclosure under the New York State Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), but any information in this statement that is deemed exempt from disclosure by New York State law or the laws of Warren County shall be redacted. A FOIL request for information contained in this document will be denied if the information will be used to harass or annoy the filer.

APPENDIX "C"

WARREN COUNTY

Outside Interest Form

This form is to be filled out if you or any relative is currently or plans to be in the future, an employee, board member, consultant, owner, contractor or even a passive investor of an entity that: (I) engages in any business or maintains any relationship with The County (The County); (ii) provides to, or receives from The County any client referrals, or (iii) competes with The County. The completed form must be submitted to the County Attorney.

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

If not an employee, describe the nature of your relationship with The County:

Describe the nature of your outside activities in any entity that engages in any business or maintains any relationship with The County.

Describe the nature of your outside activities in any entity that provides to, or receives from, The County any client referrals.

Describe the nature of your outside activities in any entity that competes with The County.

Date completed and signature

Signature

Date

Date reviewed by Compliance Officer and signature
