

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY JULY 29, 2022



**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 12:04 p.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Strough.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Geraci, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty - 14. Supervisors Diamond, Hogan, Dickinson, Magowan, Seeber and Beaty absent - 6. All Supervisors in attendance were physically present, aside from Supervisor Geraci who attended the meeting virtually.

Motion was made by Supervisor Merlino, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Hogan, Dickinson, Magowan, Seeber and Beaty absent*) to approve the minutes of the July 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Committee Chair reports were waived, aside from Supervisor Leggett, who noted there were resolutions included in the packet approved at this morning's Finance Committee meeting.

The County Administrator waived his report.

Report by the County Attorney was given during which an executive session was requested to discuss the following pending litigation: Richard Cavalier, et al v. Warren County Board of Elections; Kathleen Innes v. County of Warren and CMC Correctional Care; Michael Easterbrooks v. Schenectady County, Warren County and other defendants; and Forest Enterprises Management. Inc. v. Warren County. Larry

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Elmen, *County Attorney*, requested that Mike Swan, *County Treasurer*, be permitted to remain in the executive session and no one objected.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Hogan, Dickinson, Magowan. Seeber and Beaty absent*) to enter into an executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(d) of the Public Officer's Law.

Executive session was held from until 12:07 until 1:08 p.m.; Supervisor Dickinson entered the meeting during the executive session.

Chairman Geraghty announced no action was taken during the executive session.

The agenda review resumed with calling for the Reading of communications, 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 Resolution No. 377 was distributed to the members of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday July 26, 2022, which met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. She stated Resolution Nos. 378-385 were produced following the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education and Finance Committees meetings this morning. She noted since this did not meet the distribution deadline specified in the Rules of the Board, several motions waiving the Rules would be required. The following motions were requested and made:

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Hogan, Magowan, Seeber and Beaty absent*) to Waive the Rules of the Board in order to entertain Resolution No. 379, *Amending Warren County Budget for 2022 for Various Departments Within Warren County to Account for Revenues Associated with CSEA Interim Salary Increases*. Mrs. Allen announced this would now be referred to as Resolution No. 378.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Hogan, Magowan, Seeber and Beaty absent*) to Waive the Rules of the Board in order to entertain Resolution No. 381, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to Various Departmental Budgets in Order to Fund CSEA Interim Increases; and Amending 2022 Warren County Budget for Same*. Mrs. Allen announced this would now be referred to as Resolution No. 380.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Hogan, Magowan, Seeber and Beaty absent*) to Waive the Rules of the Board in order to entertain Resolution No. 383, *Authorizing Agreement with Pracademic Partners, LLC to Provide Executive Recruitment Services for the County Administrator Position*. Mrs. Allen announced this would now be referred to as Resolution No. 382.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Diamond, Hogan, Magowan, Seeber and Beaty absent*) to Waive the Rules of the Board in order to entertain Resolution No. 385, *Appointing Supervisor Craig Leggett to Serve as Acting County Administrator*. Mrs. Allen announced this would now be referred to as Resolution No. 384.

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Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for.

Supervisor Leggett requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 385, *Appointing Supervisor Craig Leggett to Serve as Acting County Administrator.*

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 377-385 were approved as presented.

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

Announcements were called for and made by members of the Board during which a motion was made by Supervisor Braymer and seconded by Supervisor Bruno to introduce a resolution electing a cents per gallon rate of sales and compensating use tax on motor fuel and diesel motor fuel. Following a comment made by Supervisor Conover, Chairman Geraghty agreed that a that a motion to waive the Rules of the Board requiring a resolution to be approved by a Standing Committee was required before the motion made by Supervisor Braymer could be entertained. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Bruno and seconded by Supervisor Braymer. Chairman Geraghty Chairman Geraghty requested a roll call vote on the motion to waive the Rules; the motion failed to achieve the majority vote required with 275 votes in favor (*Supervisors Wild, McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno and Driscoll*); 388 opposed (*Supervisors Strough, Thomas, Runyon, Conover, Leggett, Frasier, Geraci, Dickinson, Merlino and Geraghty*); and 339 absent (*Supervisors Magowan, Seeber, Beaty, Diamond and Hogan*).

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.