

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2022**



*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>*

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

### **TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WARREN COUNTY:**

You are hereby notified that I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, pursuant to the power vested in me by Rule A.3 of the Rules of the Board of Supervisors, hereby call and convene a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Warren County to be held in the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Town of Queensbury, New York, on **November 4, 2022 AT 11:00 A.M.**, for the purpose of:

1. Presentation of the 2023 Tentative Budget
2. Any other such business which may appropriately be brought before the Board of Supervisors.

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to call for the meeting and give written notice to all members of the Board of Supervisors of such meeting.

Dated: October 13, 2022

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN  
Warren County Board of Supervisors

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors: At the direction of the Chairman of the Board, I am notifying you of the Special Meeting called for the time, place and purposes set forth above.

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK  
Warren County Board of Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 11:04 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Runyon.

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Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Diamond, McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Geraci, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Magowan, Seeber, Beaty, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty -18; Absent -2 Supervisors Hogan and Wild

Chairman Geraghty called for public comments, but none were received.

Chairman Geraghty noted the purpose of the Special Board Meeting was to present the 2023 Tentative County Budget. Privilege of the floor was extended to Frank Thomas, *Budget Officer*, who thanked Chairman Geraghty for the opportunity to serve as Budget Officer this year. He then extended his gratitude to Tammie DeLorenzo, *Assistant to the County Administrator*, Kristy Miller, *Confidential Secretary to the County Administrator*, Rob Lynch, *Deputy County Treasurer*, and Jackie Figueroa, *County Human Resources Director*, for all their time and effort put into organizing this 2023 Budget. He expressed appreciation to Chairman Geraghty and Supervisor Craig Leggett, *Acting County Administrator*, for attending the majority of the meetings with each department regarding their 2023 Budget requests, as well as the Chair's of the oversight Committees. He recognized the Department Heads for meeting the challenge of preparing respective Budget requests for 2023. Supervisor Thomas then proceeded to review the 2023 Budget Officer's Recommendations, 2023 Equalization & Apportionment Table, Personnel Request for 2023, and a Power Point presentation on the 2023 Tentative Budget, copies of which are on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting. At the conclusion of the Power Point presentation, Supervisor Thomas answered questions posed by the Supervisors and listened to their suggestions.

This concluded the comments on the 2023 Tentative Budget, and Chairman Geraghty resumed the Chair.

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

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, apprised Resolution Nos. 577-600 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, along with one Proclamation which met the distribution deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. The Proclamation was:

PR44 - Appreciation to Fort William Henry for their Field of Flags Event

Mrs. Allen indicated there were two Floor Resolutions which were not approved and would require motions to bring them to the floor to be entertained:

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Hogan and Wild absent*), to Waive 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 accepting tentative budget providing appropriations for the conduct of County business for the fiscal year 2023 and authorizing public hearing on the Budget.

Mrs. Allen advised a motion was required to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 to the floor. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor McDevitt and carried by majority of those present (*Supervisor Hogan and Wild absent*), with Supervisor Seeber voting in opposition, to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2, *Accepting Tentative Budget Providing Appropriations for the Conduct of County Business for the Fiscal Year 2023 and Authorizing Public Hearing on the Budget*.

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Mrs. Allen advised proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 601 proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would be known as 602, adding proposed Resolution No. 602 would require a roll call vote.

Chairman Geraghty called for discussion and public comment on the proposed resolutions, as well as requests for roll call votes.

Motion was made by Supervisor Dickinson and seconded by Supervisor Braymer to table proposed Resolution No. 582 and 584-599 and send them back to Committee for further review.

Supervisor Braymer requested that these be tabled until the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to allow the Planning & Community Development additional time to gather proper documentation to ensure the County was in compliance with the Federal Governments requirements for distribution of ARPA (*American Rescue Plan Act*) funding.

Supervisor Seeber spoke regarding her thoughts on the motion to table and suggested they table proposed Resolution Nos. 577-599 to provide for sufficient review of each of them rather than signaling out certain ones.

Following further discussion Supervisors Dickinson and Braymer amended their motions to table the proposed Resolutions Nos. 582 and 584-599 until the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Supervisor Seeber and seconded by Supervisor Braymer to amend the motion on the floor to table proposed Resolution Nos. 577-599 until the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. A discussion ensued during which Chairman Geraghty requested a roll call vote on the motion to amend the motion on the floor; he called the question and the motion to amend the primary motion was carried by a majority vote, with 550 votes in favor (*Supervisors Runyon, Conover, Diamond, McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Magowan, Seeber and Beaty*); 330 against (*Supervisors Leggett, Geraci, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Thomas and Geraghty*); and 122 absent (*Supervisors Hogan and Wild*).

A brief discussion ensued following which Chairman Geraghty called the question on the motion on the floor, as amended, to table proposed Resolution Nos. 577-599 until the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, The motion to table was carried by a majority vote, with 592 voting in favor (*Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Diamond, McDevitt, Braymer, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Magowan, Seeber, Beaty and Thomas*) and 288 voting in opposition (*Supervisors Runyon, Geraci, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough and Geraghty*) and 122 absent (*Supervisors Hogan and Wild*).

Next a motion was made by Supervisor Braymer and seconded by Supervisor Seeber to amend the proposed 2023 Tentative Budget to delete the salary increases for the Budget Officer and Chair of the Board. A brief discussion ensued following which Chairman Geraghty requested a roll call vote on the motion. Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion failed to obtain a majority vote, with 274 voting in favor (*Supervisors Diamond, Braymer, Seeber and Beaty*); 606 opposed (*Supervisors Runyon, Conover, Leggett, McDevitt, Bruno, Driscoll, Frasier, Geraci, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Magowan, Thomas and Geraghty*); and 122 absent (*Supervisors Hogan and Wild*).

Chairman Geraghty called for a vote on resolutions, following which Resolution Nos. 600-602 were approved as presented; proposed Resolution Nos. 577-599 were tabled until the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

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Chairman Geraghty called for public comments, but none were received. He then called for announcements, but none were made.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Dickinson, seconded by Supervisor Frasier and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Hogan and Wild absent*), Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 12:40 p.m.