

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE, RULES & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

DATE: JUNE 7, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: STROUGH
DRISCOLL
CONOVER
FRASIER (ZOOM)
THOMAS
MCDEVITT

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SUPERVISORS GERACI (ZOOM)
HOGAN (ZOOM)
LEGGETT
MERLINO
WILD
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: SEEBER

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 7, 2022 meeting of the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

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.” All of the Committee members in attendance were physically present aside from Supervisor Frasier who participated virtually.

Mr. Strough called the meeting of the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee to order at 2:02 p.m.

The agenda was distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed the agenda via the Warren County website; *A copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Seeber absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

The meeting commenced with review of the Action /New Business Item 1, regarding consideration of a draft Local Law by the County Attorney involving expansion of video conferencing for public meetings. It was noted if the local law was not adopted Board and Committee meetings would no longer support participation from those attending virtually and only those in person would count as a quorum of the Committee. It was also noted if the local law was adopted Board members would only be able to participate virtually under extraordinary circumstances, such as illness and care giving etc., with twenty-four hours notice. The Committee provided their thoughts on remote attendance and discussion ensued following which it was the consensus of the Committee that no action be taken on the matter.

Privilege of the floor was offered. A request was made that the Committee consider amending the Rules of the Board to remove the 2/3 majority vote requirements, changing it to a simple majority vote in all cases where it was legal to do so; it was explained that this request resulted from problems experienced with attendance at the second Board Meeting of

the month. Committee agreed to add this as a discussion item for the next meeting, along with discussion regarding whether the second monthly Board meeting was warranted and making Juneteenth an official County holiday.

As there was no further business to come before the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Seeber absent*), Mr. Strough adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist