

Warren County Board of Supervisors

**AGENDA
THURSDAY MAY 11, 2023
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**



10:00 a.m. Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance - Supervisor Geraci

Roll Call

Privilege of the floor and public comment

Consideration of proposal for Warren County to become a member of the CDTA

Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment

Announcements

Motion to Adjourn

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<u>RES. NO.</u>	<u>VOTE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
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233		SUPERVISORS SMITH AND STROUGH - PROVIDING AUTHORIZING FOR ELECTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY UPON AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1302 OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW

RESOLUTION NOS. 232 AND 233 WERE APPROVED FROM THE FLOOR DURING THE MEETING

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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 Section (B) 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 **MAY 11, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.**, for the purpose of:

1. Discussing matters relating to Warren County becoming a member of the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA); and
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: May 8, 2023

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 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding. Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Smith.

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Roll was called; the following members were present:

Supervisors Conover, Leggett, Diamond, McDevitt, Braymer, Driscoll, Frasier, Smith, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Magowan, Thomas, Runyon and Chairman Geraghty; Absent 4 - Supervisors Bruno, Geraci, Beaty and Stec.

Chairman Geraghty called for public comment; there were no members of the public wishing to speak at that time.

Privilege of the floor was extended to John Taflan, *County Administrator*, who advised the purpose of the meeting today was to discuss the possibility of adopting a resolution providing authorization for the County to elect membership in the CDTA (*Capital District Transportation Authority*). He noted this was time sensitive due to the State Legislature needing to adopt legislation to amend Section 1302 of the Public Authorities Law before they adjourned for summer recess, adding GGFT (*Greater Glens Falls Transportation*) would cease operating in 2024. He proceeded to review a Power Point presentation in detail following which he, Bill Collins, *Mayor, City of Glens Falls*, and Carm Basille, *CEO, CDTA*, answered questions posed by the Board members; a copy of the Power Point presentation is on file with the items distributed at the May 11th Special Board Meeting.

A discussion ensued during which Supervisors Magowan, Leggett, McDevitt, Braymer, Thomas, Driscoll, Smith, Runyon, Diamond, Strough, Wild and Merlino voiced their opinions on the matter. Also during the discussion Liza Ochsendorf, *Director, Workforce Development*, Jim Siplon, *President, Warren County Economic Development Corporation*, and Gary Thornquist, *General Manager, Lake George RV Park*, spoke in favor of the County moving forward with electing membership in the CDTA.

Following the discussion, Chairman Geraghty called for a motion to Waive the Standing Rule of the Board relating to the requirements that all resolutions be approved through the established Committee structure in advance of a Board meeting in order to entertain a resolution Waiving the Standing Rule of the Board Relating to the Requirement That All Resolutions Be Approved Through the Established Committee Structure in Advance of a Board Meeting in Order to Entertain a Resolution Providing Authorization for Electing Membership in the Capital District Transportation Upon Amendment of Section 1302 of the Public Authorities Law. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Supervisor Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Bruno, Geraci, Beaty and Stec absent*).

Motion was made by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Bruno, Geraci, Beaty and Stec absent*) to authorize a resolution Providing Authorization for Election in the Capital District Transportation Authority Upon Amendment of Section 1302 of the Public Authorities Law.

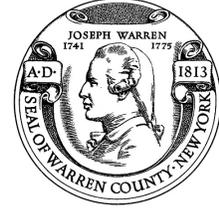
Chairman Geraghty called for announcements.

Supervisor Magowan inquired whether any action would be taken regarding the migrants who could possibly be moving into this area from New York City and Mr. Taflan replied NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*) was providing guidance to Counties on this matter. He noted the representatives from NYSAC had notified him there was no indication Warren County would be impacted by this.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Dickinson and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Bruno, Geraci, Beaty and Stec absent*), Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 10:48 a.m.

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Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman

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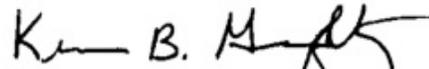
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QUESTION: DOES WARREN COUNTY NEED A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

- ✘ Currently provided by GGFT
- ✘ GGFT can no longer meet the public transportation requirements
- ✘ Warren County is not better equipped or staffed to assume GGFT responsibilities
- ✘ Municipal public transportation programs are difficult to run
- ✘ CDTA has been in operation since 1970 – well run – well respected
- ✘ DSS, Probation, Public Defender/Assigned Counsel, DA rely on public transportation
- ✘ Visitors, residents and businesses rely on public transportation – particularly in summer

BENEFITS:

- ✘ Continue much needed public transportation options
- ✘ CDTA is well run and has an elaborate transportation network in Capital District
- ✘ Current routes and services provided by GGFT will continue
- ✘ Technological enhancements
- ✘ Possible expanded service
- ✘ Connections to Saratoga and Albany

COST:

- ✘ 1/4 of one percent of all mortgage recording taxes over \$10,000
- ✘ Between \$800,000 and \$1.5 million
- ✘ Warren County has been collecting since 2008 for General Fund purposes

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RESOLUTION No. 232 OF 2023

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS LEGGETT AND DICKINSON

WAIVING THE STANDING RULE OF THE BOARD RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL RESOLUTIONS BE APPROVED THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED COMMITTEE STRUCTURE IN ADVANCE OF A BOARD MEETING IN ORDER TO ENTERTAIN A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY UPON AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1302 OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 1 of 2023, later amended by Resolution No. 119 of 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Rules of the Board, Section B(3) of which indicates that all resolutions must be approved through the established Committee structure in advance of a Board Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board has agreed to consider a resolution providing authorization for electing membership in the Capital District Transportation Authority upon amendment of Section 1302 of the Public Authorities Law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby waive the Standing Rule of the Board relating to the requirements that all resolutions be approved through the established Committee structure in advance of a Board meeting in order to entertain the aforementioned resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO. 233 OF 2023

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR SMITH AND STROUGH

PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY UPON AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1302 OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW

WHEREAS, the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) was created in 1970 by the New York State Legislature as a public benefit corporation to provide regional transportation services to member counties, and

WHEREAS, CDTA is now the premier mobility provider in the greater Capital Region, providing regular bus service, mobility systems and paratransit services to the counties of Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Montgomery, and

WHEREAS, the Greater Glens Falls Transit (GGFT) was established by the City of Glens Falls in 1984 and historically provided reliable fixed route, seasonal trolley and paratransit services that connect the communities of Glens Falls, Queensbury, Lake George, and Bolton, and

WHEREAS, the County, City of Glens Falls and CDTA engaged in discussions focused on the future of public transportation in Warren County and the essential role and need for public transportation in Warren County and the inability of GGFT to meet its historic standards of service to County residents, businesses, and visitors, and

WHEREAS, membership in CDTA requires participating counties to contribute an annual amount equal to the member counties Additional Mortgage Recording Tax, which is \$0.25 per \$100.00 of mortgages recorded that are greater than \$10,000.00, which Warren County would contribute as their annual member share beginning January 1, 2024,

WHEREAS, the State Legislature must amend section 1302 of the Public Authorities Law to permit the County of Warren to become a member prior to the County electing membership, now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors elects to become a member of the CDTA, with the election becoming effective upon the State Legislature amending section 1302 of the Public Authorities Law to authorize the County of Warren to become a member on or before December 31, 2023, and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2024, Warren County's contribution to CDTA shall be equal to the annual revenues generated by the Additional Mortgage Recording Tax, and be it further

RESOLVED, upon the State Legislature amending section 1302 of the Public Authorities Law to authorize Warren County becoming a member of CDTA, then the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall file, a certified copy of this resolution with the Secretary of State and CDTA, and shall mail certified copies of this resolution to the County Clerk for each member County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the offices of Senator Stec, Assemblyman Simpson and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner.