

Warren County Board of Supervisors

**AGENDA
FRIDAY JANUARY 19, 2024
BOARD MEETING**



10:00 a.m. Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance - Supervisor Maday

Roll Call

Motion to approve minutes of the December 15, 2023 Board Meeting and the January 2, 2024 Organization Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk

Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment

Presentation of Certificates to First Responders for Response to the January 5th Bus Crash

Report by Committee Chairs (including Chairman of the Board's Report)

Report of County Administrator

Report of County Attorney

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PROCLAMATIONS 1-3; RESOLUTION NOS. 11-25; FLOOR RESOLUTION NOS. 1-2 (LATER RESOLUTION NOS. 26-27); AND CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENT 1-3 WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND POSTED TO THE WARREN COUNTY WEBSITE ON FRIDAY JANUARY 12, 2024

Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024**



Please note that the following is a summarization of the Board Meeting; the meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed using the following links on the Warren County website:

<https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_l1l6uyi2I

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 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Conover.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Geraci, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Strainer, Etu, Thomas and Geraghty-15 Absent - 5 Supervisors Mayday, Bean, Dickinson, Magowan and Runyon.

Motion was made by Supervisor Merlino, seconded by Supervisor Diamond and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Maday, Bean, Dickinson, Magowan and Runyon absent*) to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2023 Board Meeting and January 2, 2024 Organization Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Presentation of the Certificates to First Responders for response to the January 5th bus crash in Warren County were given, during which Supervisor Runyon entered the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Chairman Geraghty called for a brief recess of the meeting. A recess was held from 10:16 a.m. until 10:22 a.m.

The meeting resumed with Report by the Committee Chairs (including the Chairman of the Board's Report) during which a presentation was given by Chairman Geraghty entitled "State of the County, County of Warren, New York"; a copy of the State of the County Presentation is on file with the meeting minutes.

Report by the Committee Chairs (including the Chairman of the Board's Report) were given.

Report by the County Administrator was given.

Report by the County Attorney was given.

Reading of communications by Clerk of the Board was provided, as follows:

Reports from:

1. County Auditor - December 2023 Real Property Tax Corrections

Letters/emails from:

1. Kevin Hajos, Superintendent of Public Works - appointing April Fiorentino as Deputy Superintendent of Public Works/Administration effective January 1, 2024.

Other:

1. Town of Queensbury - Local Board of Health will hold a public hearing on January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Queensbury Activities Center to consider an application for sewage disposal vacancies.

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

Resolution Nos. Nos. 11-25 and Floor Resolution Nos. 1-2 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Friday January 12th, along with three Proclamations, adding this distribution met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. The three Proclamations were:

- Proclamation No. 1 - Mental Wellness Month
- Proclamation No. 2 - Blood Donor Month
- Proclamation No. 3 - Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated there were two Floor Resolutions which were not approved and a motion was needed to bring each to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Maday, Bean, Dickinson and Magowan absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 entitled "*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 Authorizing and Ratifying the Actions of the Warren County Clerk to Appoint Members of the Supreme and County Clerk's Office as Special Court Clerks*". Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 26.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Geraci and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Maday, Bean, Dickinson and Magowan absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled *Authorizing and Ratifying the Actions of the Warren County Clerk to Appoint Members of the Supreme and County Clerk's Office as Special Court Clerks*". Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 27.

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

Voting on resolutions occurred. Resolution Nos. 11-27 were approved as presented.

Chairwoman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Announcements were called for:

Mrs. Allen requested that the Supervisors who had been notified about oaths stop by her office at the conclusion of the meeting to sign them.

Supervisor Driscoll spoke regarding the Adirondack Thunder Hockey Team which was having a stellar season. He also mentioned the Glens Falls Kiwanis Lucky Duck Race scheduled for Friday, January 26th in Heritage Hall, as well as the basketball games that would be taking place within the next few months which he encouraged all to attend.

Chairman Geraghty advised a tour of the newly renovated Heritage Hall at the Cool Insuring Arena for Board members would be scheduled for a future date and he encouraged all to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Conover, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Warren County Board of Supervisors

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

I, KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to the power vested in me, DO HEREBY APPOINT, the following named persons as members of the Warren County Labor/Management Committee, for a term to expire December 31, 2024:

Supervisors Kevin B. Geraghty, Frank Thomas, Eugene J. Merlino and Michael Wild, as well as S. John Taflan, County Administrator.

Dated: January 19, 2024


KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN
Warren County Board of Supervisors

Warren County Board of Supervisors

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

I, KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to the power vested in me, DO HEREBY APPOINT, the following named person as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Supreme Court Library, for the term set opposite his name:

APPOINTED:

NAME

TERM

Dennis Dickinson

01/01/24 -12/31/24

Dated: January 19, 2024



KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN
Warren County Board of Supervisors

Warren County Board of Supervisors

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

I, KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to the power vested in me, DO HEREBY APPOINT the following named individuals as members of the Warren County Youth Board, for the term set opposite his/her name:

<u>NAME/ADDRESS</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Bennet Driscoll (City of Glens Falls - Ward 5)	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024
Michael N. Geraci (Town of Horicon)	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024
Debra Runyon (Town of Thurman)	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024
David Strainer (Town of Queensbury At-Large)	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

Dated: January 19, 2024


KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN
Warren County Board of Supervisors

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, January has been designated annually as Mental Wellness Month, a time to recognize the importance of attending to our mental health, and

WHEREAS, Working with numerous public and private partners, Warren County Office of Community Services oversees mental health and wellness resources offered in Warren County, and

WHEREAS, there is a proven connection between good mental health and overall personal health, and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, with barriers to treatment emerging for months or longer, and new military conflicts around the world, mental wellness has suffered for many individuals around the world, and

WHEREAS, people with mental illnesses recover if given the necessary services and supports in their communities, and make important contributions to our families and our communities, and

WHEREAS, only one out of two people with a serious form of mental illness seeks treatment to improve their mental wellness, and

WHEREAS, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help, and

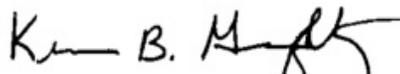
WHEREAS, greater public awareness about mental wellness can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illnesses, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman, do hereby proclaim January 2024 to be

MENTAL WELLNESS MONTH

in Warren County, and ask that citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental wellness.

DATED: JANUARY 19, 2024



**KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, January is National Blood Donor month, which highlights the need for blood and plasma donors, and highlights the lives they save, and

WHEREAS, One in seven people admitted to a hospital will need a blood transfusion, and

WHEREAS, Blood donations are imperative for treatment of cancer patients, those with illnesses such as sickle cell anemia and those suffering from traumatic injuries, and

WHEREAS, 50% of the nation's blood supply comes from blood drives, and residents can learn more about hosting a blood drive at www.bloodcenter.org, and

WHEREAS, Blood donations declined 10 percent annually between 2020 and 2022, at a time where there was as great a need as ever, and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross declared a blood supply crisis in early January 2024, and

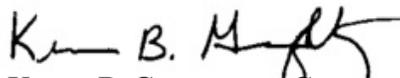
WHEREAS, Warren County Health Services organizes three public blood drives annually at Warren County Municipal Center, resulting in more than 1,400 donors giving blood over the past 10 years, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman, do hereby proclaim January 2024 to be

BLOOD DONOR MONTH

in Warren County, and ask that everyone who is able to donate blood or plasma do so to save lives and help our fellow citizens.

DATED: JANUARY 19, 2024



KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Warren County Board of Supervisors

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a public health issue and crime that exploits the most vulnerable among us and weakens the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities across generations, and

WHEREAS, More than 20 years since the passing of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, human trafficking still exists -- including the forced or fraudulent recruitment, harboring, or transportation of people for forced labor or sexual activity, and

WHEREAS, Many people incorrectly believe that human trafficking is an urban problem, and do not realize that it occurs worldwide, in communities of all types and sizes, including Warren County, and

WHEREAS, Individuals can be trafficked in person and online; in industries such as restaurants, domestic work, construction, agriculture, and factories; and by strangers or someone they know, including employers, partners, and family members, and

WHEREAS, A successful response to human trafficking requires a coordinated, community-wide effort involving public and private resources, and

WHEREAS, Multiple Warren County agencies work to assist victims, and two agencies Warren County Department of Social Services and Warren County Department of Workforce Development, joined forces with numerous governmental and private partners for an educational panel on January 18, 2024 focusing on human trafficking in our region, and

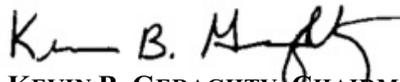
WHEREAS, Every individual, family, community, and organization can contribute to enhancing human trafficking awareness, prevention, and response by learning about ways to help at acf.hhs.gov/otip and humantraffickinghotline.org, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman, do hereby proclaim January 2024 to be

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

in Warren County, and ask that Warren County residents be mindful of the local problems that human trafficking presents, and take steps to assist those who could be victimized whenever possible.

DATED: JANUARY 19, 2024



KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION No. 11 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

DESIGNATING BUDGET OFFICER

RESOLVED, that Frank E. Thomas, be, and hereby is, appointed and designated as the Budget Officer of the County of Warren to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors at the annual salary rate of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000).

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

DESIGNATING MEMBER OF COUNTY JURY BOARD

WHEREAS, it is provided by Section 503 of the Judiciary Law, the County Jury Board shall consist of a Justice of the Supreme Court, a County Judge and a member of the Board of Supervisors designated by the Board, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Dennis Dickinson, Supervisor for the Town of Lake George, be, and hereby is, designated as a member of the County Jury Board of the County of Warren, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION No. 13 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO ADIRONDACK BALLOON FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Supervisors Brad Magowan and John Strough be, and hereby are, appointed as representatives of Warren County to serve upon the Adirondack Balloon Festival Committee, for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

**APPOINTING MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF WARREN-HAMILTON COUNTIES ACTION
COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, INC.**

WHEREAS, there has been appointed from this Board four (4) members to serve on the public official sector of the Board of Directors of Warren-Hamilton Counties Action Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the terms of all members have expired, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following individuals be, and hereby are, appointed to serve as members of the Action Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc. representing the public sector for a term to expire on December 31, 2024:

APPOINTMENTS

TITLE

Bennet F. Driscoll Jr.

Supervisor, City of Glens Falls - Ward 5

Frank Thomas

Supervisor, Town of Stony Creek

John Strough

Supervisor, Town of Queensbury

S. John Taflan

Warren County Administrator

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION No. 15 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD

RESOLVED, that Kevin B. Geraghty, be, and hereby is, appointed as the representative of Warren County to serve upon the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, for a term to expire on December 31, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Frank E. Thomas, be, and hereby is, appointed as 1st alternate representative of Warren County to serve upon the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERCOUNTY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ADIRONDACKS

WHEREAS, the Counties of Essex, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Washington, Saratoga, Clinton, Franklin, Fulton and Warren have established the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks for the purpose, among other things, of initiating and taking positions on pending legislation affecting the Adirondack area, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Dennis L. Dickinson, Michael N. Geraci, Frank E. Thomas; Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; and S. John Taflan, County Administrator, be, and hereby are, designated as representatives of the County of Warren on the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks during 2024.

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN - LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 344 of 2018, the Board of Supervisors accepted and approved the bylaws of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board, Section IV(3) of which indicates that each member county shall appoint three representatives to serve on its Board of Directors, each to serve a three-year term which shall be staggered so that one director term shall expire each year, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following members of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby, are appointed to the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board of Directors for the term shown opposite their name:

APPOINTEE:

TERM:

Frank Thomas, Town of Stony Creek

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2026

S. John Taflan, County Administrator

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

fulfilling the unexpired term of Edna Frasier (Resolution No. 24 of 2022)

(by Resolution No. 15 of 2023 John Strough, Town of Queensbury, was appointed for the term of 01/01/2023 - 12/31/2025)

and be it further

RESOLVED, it is acknowledged that the following are named as ex-officio members of the Board of Directors by virtue of their positions, in keeping with Article IV, Section 1, of the bylaws of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board:

Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman of the Board

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

Christine Norton, County Treasurer

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

Kevin Hajos, Superintendent of Public Works

01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION No. 18 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

APPOINTING COORDINATOR OF THE FIRST WILDERNESS HERITAGE CORRIDOR PROJECT

RESOLVED, that Ethan Gaddy, County Planner, be, and hereby is, appointed to serve as Coordinator of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Project, for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION No. 19 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO REPRESENT WARREN COUNTY ON THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE ADIRONDACK - GLENS FALLS TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, appointed to represent Warren County on the Policy Committee of the Adirondack - Glens Falls Transportation Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Kevin Hajos, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, be, and hereby is, appointed as Designated Alternate to represent Warren County on the Policy Committee of the Adirondack - Glens Falls Transportation Council in the absence of Kevin B. Geraghty when he is unable to attend, for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

**APPOINTING MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE RURAL AREAS OF
WARREN COUNTY ON THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE ADIRONDACK
- GLENS FALLS TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL**

RESOLVED, that Michael Geraci, Supervisor of the Town of Horicon, be, and hereby is, appointed to represent the rural areas of Warren County on the Policy Committee of the Adirondack - Glens Falls Transportation Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2024 and be it further

RESOLVED, that Ethan Gaddy, County Planner, be, and hereby is, appointed as Designated Alternate to represent the rural areas of Warren County on the Policy Committee of the Adirondack - Glens Falls Transportation Council in the absence of Michael Geraci when he is unable to attend, for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE) OF THE ADIRONDACK - GLENS FALLS TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that the following individuals shall serve as members of the Planning Committee (formerly known as the Technical Advisory Committee) of the Adirondack - Glens Falls Transportation Council:

APPOINT

Ethan Gaddy, County Planner
Planning & Community Development Department

Kevin Hajos, Superintendent
Department of Public Works

for the term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WARREN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Soil and Water Conservation District's law provides that the Board of Directors of a County Soil and Water Conservation District shall consist of seven (7) members with five (5) members appointed by the County Board of Supervisors for three (3) year terms, and two (2) members of the County Board of Supervisors appointed for annual terms, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following appointments are made:

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>TERM:</u>
Frank E. Thomas Supervisor - Town of Stony Creek	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024
Daniel Bruno Supervisor - City of Glens Falls Ward #4	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024
Mark Brown Town of Warrensburg Resident	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026
Timothy Thomas Town of Chester Resident	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026
Clint McCarthy Town of Queensbury Resident	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026

Note: The three-year appointment of Susan Wilson, Town of Bolton Deputy Supervisor, was made by Resolution No. 30 of 2022 for the term of 1/1/22 - 12/31/24; and the three-year appointment of Michael Greenslade, New York State Park Manager, was made by Resolution No. 21 of 2023 for the term of 1/1/23 - 12/31/25

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION No. 23 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WARREN-WASHINGTON COUNTIES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

RESOLVED, that the following individuals be, and hereby are, appointed as members of the Warren-Washington Counties Industrial Development Agency and Civic Development Corporation, to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority for the year 2024, upon the adoption of a similar resolution by the County of Washington:

Representatives Appointed by Warren County:

Daniel Bruno

Nicholas Caimano

Craig Leggett

Tim Robinson

S. John Taflan

Representatives Appointed by Washington County:

Brian Campbell

Juan Gonzalez

David K. O'Brien

Tricia Rogers

Virginia Sullivan

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION No. 24 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

APPOINTING MEMBERS OF TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

RESOLVED, that the following individual be, and hereby is, appointed as a member of the Warren County Traffic Safety Board for the term set opposite their name:

<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>TERM</u>
<u>APPOINTING:</u> Terry Comeau, Undersheriff Warren County Sheriff's Office	01/01/24 - 12/31/26
Ethan Gaddy, County Planner Warren County Planning & Community Development	01/01/24 - 12/31/26
Charles "Ben" Geisler, Patrol Sergeant Warren County Sheriff's Office	01/01/24 - 12/31/26
Ann Marie Mason, Director Warren County Office of Emergency Services	01/01/24 - 12/31/26
Jarred Smith, Chief of Police City of Glens Falls Police Department	01/01/24 - 12/31/26

Traffic Safety Board Appointments by alternate resolutions:

Resolution No. 95 of 2023 -

Supervisor Geraci, Town of Horicon, term of 2/3/23 - 12/31/24

Resolution No. 23 of 2023, as amended by Resolution No. 96 of 2023 -

Supervisor Geraghty, Town of Warrensburg, term of 1/1/23 - 12/31/25

Matthew Burin, First Assistant District Attorney, term of 1/1/23 - 12/31/25

Don Lehman, Director of Public Affairs, term of 1/1/23 - 12/31/25

Adam Stephenson, Probation Supervisor, term of 1/1/23 - 12/31/25

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION No. 25 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN GERAGHTY

**APPOINTING MEMBER TO REPRESENT WARREN COUNTY
ON THE REGION 5 OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, that Kevin M. Bean, Supervisor of the Town of Johnsburg, be, and hereby is, appointed to represent Warren County as a member of the Region 5 Open Space Conservation Advisory Committee, to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION No. 26 OF 2024

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS BRUNO AND WILD

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 AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME AND COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AS SPECIAL COURT CLERKS

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 1 of 2024 the Board of Supervisors adopted the Rules of the Board, Section B(4) 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 authorizing and ratifying the actions of the Warren County Clerk to appoint members of the Supreme and County Clerk's Office as Special Court Clerks, 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

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2024

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS BRUNO AND GERACI
AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE WARREN COUNTY CLERK
TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME AND COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
AS SPECIAL COURT CLERKS**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 527 of the New York County Law, the Warren County Board of Supervisors shall authorize the appointment of one or more Special Court Clerks by the Warren County Clerk, Carrie Black, as necessary for the courts of record sitting in Warren County to function properly, and

WHEREAS, Special Court Clerks shall have the same powers and duties as the County Clerk for the transaction of business at court sessions attended by them, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the appointment of Sheila Kent, Scott Fitzsimmons, Lisa Relyea, Anthony Moccia and Mark Thompson as Special Court Clerks, effective January 1, 2024 and continuing for the term of office for which the current Board of Supervisors were elected, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the actions of the Warren County Clerk, Carrie Black be, and hereby are, ratified with regard to appointing Special Court Clerks retroactive to January 1, 2024.

Supervisor	Town	Wt Vote	Vote
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Y means yes
N means no
A means absent
NV means not voting

Conover	Bolton	31	Y
Maday	Chester	47	a
Diamond	GF - 1	45	Y
Gilligan	GF - 2	45	Y
Turner	GF - 3	45	Y
Bruno	GF - 4	45	Y
Driscoll	GF - 5	45	Y
Patchett	Hague	10	Y
Geraci	Horicon	22	Y
Bean	Johnsburg	33	a
Dickinson	Lake George	53	a
Merlino	Lake Luzerne	47	Y
Strough	Queensbury	89	Y
Wild	Queensbury	89	Y
Magowan	Queensbury	89	a
Strainer	Queensbury	89	Y
Etu	Queensbury	89	Y
Thomas	Stony Creek	12	Y
Runyon	Thurman	17	a
Geraghty	Warrensburg	60	Y

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Yes	763
No	-
Absent	239
Not Voting	-

Resolution PASSES

Required for simple majority	502
Required for 2/3 vote	668
Required for 3/4 vote	752

State of the County

County of Warren, New York

Kevin Geraghty, Chairman
January 19, 2024

2024 Budget

A 2024 budget of \$192 million was adopted that marked the fourth straight year of Warren County property tax rate decrease. Fund balance hit a record high of \$44.3 Million. Continued unfunded mandates from the state combined with rising costs of goods and services will strain the budget in 2024 and beyond.

Tax Revenue

Sales tax receipts continue to trend up, showing a strong tourism industry and economic base. Sales tax was up over 4 percent for the year resulting in \$7.6 Million additional sales tax revenue. This resulted in an additional \$4 Million for the County after distribution to the Towns and Village. Both Property Tax and Sales Tax continue to be among the lowest in the state.

Major 2023 Accomplishments



Support for First Responders

- ▶ Board of Supervisors passed the First Responder Tax Exemption in 2023.
- ▶ Recognizes the invaluable service of our first responders.
- ▶ Shows Warren County's unwavering support for those who keep us safe.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- ▶ Finalized allocation of \$12.4 Million in ARPA funds
- ▶ Assisted businesses and community organizations to recover from COVID-19.
- ▶ Significant investment in Community Mental Health capabilities.

Planning for the Future

- ▶ Kicked off Warren County 2040, the Warren County Comprehensive Plan
- ▶ Outline the direction the county will take for decades to come.
- ▶ Keep our focus on top priorities in the coming years.

Transportation Initiatives

- ▶ Recognizing the continual need for a viable public transportation system in the County, the Board approved the merger of Greater Glens Falls Transit with the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA).
- ▶ Merger funded by .25 percent of the County's Mortgage Recording Tax
- ▶ Will eventually provide reliable, comprehensive public transportation across the County.

Infrastructure Improvements

- ▶ Large Scale overhaul of Quaker Road in Queensbury
- ▶ Two bridge replacement projects in Johnsburg.
- ▶ Continued evaluation and replacement of culverts
- ▶ Continued improvements to County roads.

Support to SUNY Adirondack

- ▶ Board of Supervisors partnered with Washington County Board of Supervisors to increase both counties' support to SUNY Adirondack.
- ▶ Brings both county share contributions in line with Community College goals established years ago.
- ▶ Funding for SUNY ADK will be funded at 1/3 from Counties, 1/3 from NY State, and 1/3 from tuition.

Emergency Preparedness

- ▶ The Office of Emergency Services (OES) launched the Ready Warren County smart phone app.
- ▶ Crucial tool for emergency notifications insuring safety of citizens.
- ▶ OES also launched the Warren County Regroup app to provide timely notification of emergencies and other incidents to the Warren County workforce.

Real Property

- ▶ Conducted Successful Warren County property auction.
- ▶ Realized \$17 Million in total property sales.
- ▶ Recouped \$230,000 in unpaid property taxes.

Community Initiatives

- ▶ Supported 50th Anniversary of Balloon Festival which was a massive undertaking at the Warren County Airport and supported by the county workforce.
- ▶ Provided \$3 Million Occupancy Tax funds to the Lake George Winter Coalition to open the “Winter Dreams” event at Fort William Henry. This event will spearhead the Lake George Region’s effort to become a year round destination.
- ▶ LakeGeorge.TV made its debut providing a new video platform to promote local businesses. Over 400 videos and over 25,000 viewers to date.
- ▶ Office for the Aging and Veterans Services partnered to provide van transportation to county seniors and veterans. Service is free to upcounty residents.

2024 Goals

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2024 Goals

- ▶ Continue our efforts to address broadband access for all Warren County citizens
- ▶ Refocus our commitment to assist in providing affordable housing options across Warren County
- ▶ Continue to recognize our fiscal responsibility of delivering balanced budgets while minimizing the impact on our county taxpayers
- ▶ Build on the success of our merger with CDTA to enhance public transportation across the County.
- ▶ Provide those essential services to our citizens and renew our efforts to support mental health initiatives
- ▶ Strengthen our support to the Regions tourism industry
- ▶ Actively seek ways to bring new businesses into the county while retaining the businesses and industries we currently have
- ▶ Enhance our partnership with area non-profit organizations and businesses that play a vital role in the lives of our county residents
- ▶ Communicate effectively across the Board of Supervisors
- ▶ Maintain transparency with our citizens