

Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 14, 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>

Part 1 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=we_ijvCfFH0

Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7asv236rwQE>

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 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Bruno.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Bean, Geraci, Crocitto, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Strainer, Etu, Thomas and Geraghty; Absent - 2 Supervisors Magowan and Runyon

Motion was made by Supervisor Diamond, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Magowan and Runyon absent*), to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2024 Board Meeting and May 2, 2024 Board Workshop Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Presentation of employee of the Quarter Award was made to Frank Leemans, *Senior Building Maintenance Technician, Buildings and Grounds*.

Chairman Geraghty called for privilege of the floor/public comment, but there was no one wishing to speak.

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 - April 2024 Real Property Tax Corrections.
2. Commissioner of Jurors - Annual Jury Board Report for 2023

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

Resolution Nos. 142 -177 and Floor Resolution Nos. 1-6 were distributed to the Board and posted

to the Warren County website on Friday May 10, 2024, along with three Proclamations, a Certificate of Appointment and the Mortgage Tax Report, which met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. The three Proclamations were:

- Proclamation No. 19 - Lyme Disease Awareness Month
- Proclamation No. 20 - Military Appreciation Month
- Proclamation No. 21 - Physical Fitness and Sports Month

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated motions were needed to bring the floor resolutions to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Magowan and Runyon 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 a Home Rule Request by Warren County to Supersede the Residency Requirement of the Public Officers Law for Certain Attorneys Employed by Warren County to Aid Recruitment*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 178.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strough, seconded by Supervisor Crocitto and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Magowan and Runyon absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled "*Authorizing a Home Rule Request by Warren County to Supersede the Residency Requirement of the Public Officers Law for Certain Attorneys Employed by Warren County to Aid Recruitment*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 179.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bean, seconded by Supervisor Geraci and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Magowan and Runyon absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 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 the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Transfers-interfund Transfers Account for the Workforce Development Budget; and Amending 2024 Warren County Budget*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 180.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wild, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Magowan and Runyon absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 entitled "*Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Transfers-interfund Transfers Account for the Workforce Development Budget; and Amending 2024 Warren County Budget*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 181.

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Etu and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Magowan and Runyon absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 5 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 Amending Warren County Budget for 2024 for the Workforce Development Department*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 5 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 182.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Etu and carried by a unanimous vote

of those present (*Supervisors Magowan and Runyon absent*), to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 entitled “*Amending Warren County Budget for 2024 for the Workforce Development Department*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 183.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Motion was made by Supervisor Thomas and seconded by Supervisor Merlino to withdraw proposed Resolution Nos. 142-148 of 2024. A brief discussion ensued following which Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion to withdraw proposed Resolution Nos. 142-148 was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Magowan and Runyon absent*).

Supervisor Thomas requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 163, *Amending Agreement with Clear Ballot Group, Inc. for the Purchase, License and Maintenance of Voting Machines and Software for the Board of Elections, to Add an Additional Seven Clearcast Scanners and Increase the Not to Exceed Amount.*

Supervisor Wild inquired when the appropriate time would be to request an executive session to continue the discussion that occurred during the executive session in the May 2nd Board Workshop Meeting and Chairman Geraghty replied the appropriate time would be following the vote on resolutions.

Supervisor Diamond questioned whether the funding was available within the Department of Public Works Budget to cover the cost of the Fiscal Manager #2 and Fiscal Manager- Temporary positions and Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, replied affirmatively. Supervisor Diamond questions when the Fiscal Manager - Temporary position would be deleted and Mr. Hajos responded the position would be deleted following the ending of the budgeting process for next year.

Voting on resolutions occurred. Resolution Nos. 155-183 were approved as presented, with the exception of proposed Resolution Nos. 142-148 which were withdrawn.

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

Supervisor Driscoll thanked the Supervisors who were able to attend the award of the Dorothea Dix Community Service Award from Ascend Mental Wellness on Thursday May 9th in recognition of the County’s efforts to award a significant amount of ARPA (*American Rescue Plan Act*) funding for mental health programs and purposes throughout the County. He also thanked the members of the ARPA Advisory Committee which was active from 2021 to 2023.

Supervisor Strainer spoke regarding a a celebration of life being held for William Kenny, *former 5th Ward Supervisor for the City of Glens Falls*, at Crandall Park on June 29th and he encouraged all to attend. He also mentioned a letter to the editor featured in *The Chronicle* thanking the individuals who collected over forty bags of garbage that were removed from local highways on Saturday April 27th consisting of twenty adults, eleven students and two preschool aged children, noting how grateful he was for their actions. Supervisor Strainer announced they were seeking sponsors and basket raffle donations for the annual Dr. James Seeley Memorial Golf Tournament for Cornell Cooperative Extension which would be held in August at Cronin’s Golf Resort in Warrensburg, New York. Next, he advised the Veterans’ Affairs Office was seeking donations of items for their “You’re Not Alone” outreach initiative for deployed troops. Last, he stated the Adirondack Thunder would be playing and hopefully advancing to the next round of the playoffs this evening at the Cool Insuring Arena and he encouraged all to attend. He added if they were unsuccessful in winning this evening Game 7 of the series would be held tomorrow evening also at the Cool Insuring Arena.

Supervisor Etu apprised the Project Advisory Group for the County's Comprehensive Plan met on May 6th and would be meeting again on Monday June 3rd at 3:30 p.m. at the Town of Warrensburg Fire Company.

Supervisor Geraci voiced his concern regarding the lack of affordable broadband service in portions of the County which he believed could be remedied if the Town's all worked together to apply for the grant funding the State set aside for this purpose.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wild and seconded by Supervisor Driscoll to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, advised the purpose of the executive session fell under Section 105 (1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion to enter into an executive session for the purposes outlined above was carried by majority vote of those present (*Supervisors Magowan and Runyon absent*), with Supervisor Diamond voting in opposition.

Executive session was held from 10:51 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.; Supervisor Diamond exited the meeting at the commencement of the executive session.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Bruno and seconded by Supervisor Geraci, Chairman Geraghty adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:00 a.m.