

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE, RULES & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STROUGH
CONOVER
WILD
DRISCOLL
MADAY
GERACI
THOMAS

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN, COMMISSIONER (D)
WILLIAM VANNESS, COMMISSIONER (R)
CARRIE BLACK, COUNTY CLERK
LINDA MORGAN, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS ETU
MERLINO
PATCHETT
STRAINER
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the February 1, 2024 meeting of the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:

Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plJj_Ss0XzE&t=6s

Mr. Strough called the meeting of the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee to order at 9:15 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the last Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Copies of the Board of Elections; County Clerk/DMV; and Legislative agendas were distributed to those in attendance; *a copy of same is on file with the meeting minutes.*

The Committee began with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items Section of the Board of Elections agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$7,622.57 to carry over unused Tier Grant funding from New York State Board of Elections.
2. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$23,484.56 to carry over unused Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant funding from New York State Board of Elections.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and the refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

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- 1) Review of proposed changes to Warren County FOIL Policy - Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, explained modifications had been made to the FOIL (*Freedom of Information Law*) process for efficiency and to the policy to include the New York State requirements.

Discussion ensued, following which a motion was made by Mr. Maday, seconded by Mr. Geraci and carried unanimously to approve the updated FOIL Policy, as provided in the agenda packet, in replacement of any prior FOIL policy in place and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 16th Board meeting.

A review of the Discussion Items portion of the agenda commenced with the following:

- 1) County Administrator to discuss County's Ethics Policy and Financial Disclosure Form - John Taflan, *County Administrator*, apprised both the Warren County Ethics and Disclosure Law and Financial Disclosure Statements would be reviewed for possible revisions as a result of the Warren County Board of Ethics member interview process.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously, Mr. Strough adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board