

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE, RULES & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

DATE: JULY 3, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STROUGH
CONOVER
DRISCOLL
MADAY
GERACI
THOMAS

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN, COMMISSIONER (D)
WILLIAM VANNESS, COMMISSIONER (R)
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR WILD

SUPERVISORS MERLINO

STRAINER

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the July 3, 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=ITKDcHnyvCk>

Mr. Strough called the meeting of the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

Copies of the Board of Elections and Legislative agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

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

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

1. To amend Resolution No. 453 of 2023 to reflect the donor name change from Doug and Patricia Auer to Cathy and the late Dr. Stephen Serlin.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Mr. Geraci and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Wild and Maday absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

2. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$314.64 to reconcile the County Budget with the correct total of the grant funding provided by the New York State Board of Elections for the Absentee Ballot Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. Wild and Maday absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A brief update was provided relative to the ongoing primary election and it was noted that the new voting machines had worked very well.

There being no further Board of Elections business to discuss, Committee proceeded with a review of the Legislative Agenda, commencing with the Discussion Items section, as follows:

1. Cattaraugus County Legislature Resolution No. 268 of 202, *Urging New York State Public Service Commission to Reject National Grid's Proposed Rate Increases for Electric and Natural Gas*”.

Following a brief discussion on the matter, it was the consensus of the Committee to invite representatives from National Grid to provide further information on the proposed rate increase at a future Committee meeting.

Mr. Maday entered the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

2. Resolution supporting and encouraging State Funding for Elderwood Nursing Home.

Following discussion, motion was made by Mr. Maday, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Wild absent*) to authorize a resolution in support of and encouraging New York State funding for Elderwood Nursing Home to allow the facility to remain open.

There being no further business to come before the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee, on motion made by Mr. Geraci and seconded by Mr. Conover, Mr. Strough declared the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

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