

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE, RULES & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

DATE: AUGUST 1, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STROUGH
CONOVER
WILD
DRISCOLL
MADAY
GERACI
THOMAS

OTHERS PRESENT:

JESSICA BURNHAM, ADMINISTRATOR, SELF-INSURANCE
CARLA SHERMAN, COUNTY AUDITOR
REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS:
ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN, COMMISSIONER (D)
WILLIAM VANNESS, COMMISSIONER (R)
REPRESENTING NATIONAL GRID:
KIM IRELAND, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, NEW YORK STATE AND
GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
TOM IWINSKI, REGIONAL EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR WARREN COUNTY
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS BEAN
BRUNO
ETU
MERLINO
STRAINER
TURNER
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
REPRESENTING SUNY ADIRONDACK
ANN MARIE SCHEIDEGGER, VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES & TREASURER
MARC MORIN, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES
LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 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=6dNmF9hiTTw>

Mr. Strough called the meeting of the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

Copies of the Self-Insurance; County Auditor; Board of Elections; and Legislative agendas were distributed; *copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

The meeting commenced with review of the Discussion items portion of the Self-Insurance agenda, with included the following:

1. 2025 Self-Insurance Plan Participants Assessments - per NYS (*New York State*) WCL (*Workers Compensation Law*) Article 5 Section 67, the share that each participant will pay is filed with the Board of Supervisors and the Treasurer annually. It was noted this was an informational item which required no action.

There being no further Self-Insurance business to discuss, review of the County Auditor agenda commenced with the Action Agenda/New Business Items which included a request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,000 from Budget Code A.1320 861, *Retirees Hospitalization*, to Budget Code A.1320 410, *Supplies*.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. 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.*

Returning to approval of the minutes from the prior meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Maday absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

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

Moving on, review of the Board of Elections agenda commenced with the Action Agenda/New Business Items which included the following requests:

1. To authorize a one-time payment in the amount of \$3,407 to Fort Orange Press to allow expenditure of additional grant funding awarded by New York state Board of Elections specific to absentee voting and ballot expenses which will exceed the total amount authorized by Resolution No. 377 of 2022.
2. To amend the agreement with Fort Orange Press, authorized by Resolution No. 377 of 2022, to increase the not to exceed amount from \$33,693 to \$34,999, to allow expenditure of additional funding under Postage Grant.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Maday absent*) to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the August 16th Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

3. To authorize an agreement with New York State Board of Elections, in the amount of \$63,360.37, to allow for the acceptance of Electronic Poll Books Grant funding.
4. To amend the 2024 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$63,360.37, to reflect receipt of New York State Board of Elections Poll Books Grant funding.
5. To authorize an agreement with New York State Board of Elections to accept General Elections Grant funding in the amount not to exceed \$26,599.32.
6. To amend the 2024 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$26,599.32 to reflect receipt of New York State Board of Elections General Election Grant funding.
7. To authorize agreement with the New York State Board of Elections to allow for the acceptance of Ballot by Mail Grant funding in the amount not to exceed \$36,831.78.
8. To amend the 2024 Warren County Budget in the amount of \$36,831.78 to reflect receipt of New York State Board of Elections Ballot by Mail Grant funding.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Maday absent*) to approve Items 3-8; Items 4, 6 and 8 were referred to the Finance & Budget Committee and the necessary resolutions for Items 3, 5 and 7 were authorized for the August 16th Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

There being no further Board of Elections Business to discuss, review of the Legislative agenda commenced with the Action Agenda/New Business Items, consisting of a request form The Barton Group for a resolution and a letter supporting their application to the APA (*Adirondack Park Agency*) and the NYSDEC (*New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*) requesting modifications to their mining permit in the Town of Johnsburg. The County Administrator indicated the Board of Supervisors had entertained and approved a similar request. It was explained that Barton Mines was looking to use 200 acres to store residuals removed from the mine, and if they did not receive support by the year 2026 they would likely have to close as they would have no place to store residue.

Mr. Mayday entered the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the August 16th Board Meeting.

Discussion Items section of the agenda was reviewed with the following item being addressed:

1. Cattaraugus County Legislative Resolution No. 267 of 2024, “*Urging New York State Public Service Commission to Reject National Grid’s Proposed Rate Increase for Electric and Natural Gas*”.

Representatives Kim Ireland, *Director, External Affairs and New York State Governmental Relations*, and Tom Iwinski, *Regional External Affairs for Warren County*, from National Grid were in attendance to provide information regarding the proposed rate increase. They provided a Power Point Presentation entitled “*National Grid bringing more power to Queensbury*” which they reviewed and answered questions posed by the Committee. *A copy of the presentation is on file with the minutes.*

Following a brief conversation, it was consensus of the Committee for this Item to remain on the agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Driscoll exited the meeting at 10:19 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were 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 and seconded by Mr. Maday, Mr. Strough declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist