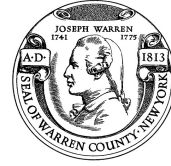


# Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025**



**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>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjRvHK8cTxY>

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 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Strainer.

Supervisor Magowan entered the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Bean, Geraci, Crocitto, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Magowan, Strainer, Etu, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty-20 Absent - 0

Motion was made by Supervisor Bean, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2025 Board Meeting, and the February 10, 2025 Special Board Meeting subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Geraghty called for privilege of the floor/public comment:

Dr. Kristine Duffy, *President, SUNY Adirondack*, introduced Keith Kaplan, *Vice President for Administrative Services and Treasurer, SUNY Adirondack*, noting he had hit the ground running as soon as he started in the position.

Mr. Kaplan advised he looked forward to working with the Board on matters concerning SUNY Adirondack.

Presentation of the Employee of the Quarter was made to Jignasha Shah, *Public Health Program Coordinator*.

Prior to continuing with the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty recognized William VanNess, *Commissioner, Board of Elections (R)*, who was retiring, for his years of service to the County working in the Board of Elections Department, as well as his time serving as an At-Large Supervisor for the Town of Queensbury, and he wished him well with his future endeavors. Chairman Geraghty and the County Administrator then presented Mr. VanNess with a commemorative flag.

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

Report by the County Administrator was given.

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Report by the County Attorney was given.

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

Reports from:

1. County Auditor - January 2025 Real Property Tax Corrections;
2. Warren County Board of Elections - 2024 Annual Report; and
3. Lake George Park Commission - 2024 Annual Report.

Letters/emails from:

1. William VanNess, Board of Elections Commissioner - announcing his retirement effective February 20, 2025; and
2. Republican Committee of Warren County - Election Commissioner Certification recommending appointment of Harold T. Hubbard as Republican Commissioner of the Warren County Board of Elections.

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

Resolution Nos. 37-76 of 2025, as well as Floor Resolution Nos. 1-8 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>, along with four Proclamations and one Certificate of Appointment, adding this distribution met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. The four Proclamations were:

- Proclamation No. 5 - J. Walter Juckett Award to George Ferone
- Proclamation No. 6 - American Heart Month
- Proclamation No. 7 - Black History Month
- Proclamation No. 8 - Cancer Prevention Month

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated motions were needed to bring the floor resolutions 1-8 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Turner and carried unanimously 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 Approving a Home Rule Request by Warren County for the Enactment of Senate Bill No. S21 and Assembly Bill No. A3980 Entitled "An Act to Amend the Tax Law, in Relation to Expenditures for Warren County Community Colleges; and to Amend Chapter 368 of the Laws of 2008, Amending the Tax Law Relating to Authorizing the County of Warren to Impose an Additional Mortgage Recording Tax, in Relation to Extending the Effectiveness Thereof”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 77.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bean, seconded by Supervisor Geraci and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled *“Approving a Home Rule Request by Warren County for the Enactment of Senate Bill No. S21 and Assembly Bill No. A3980 Entitled "An Act to Amend the Tax Law, in Relation to Expenditures for Warren County Community Colleges; and to Amend Chapter 368 of the Laws of 2008, Amending the Tax Law Relating to Authorizing the County of Warren to Impose an Additional Mortgage Recording Tax, in Relation to Extending the Effectiveness Thereof”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 78.

Motion was made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried unanimously 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 Approving a Home Rule Request by Warren County*

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for the Enactment of Senate Bill No. S19 and Assembly Bill No. A4025 Entitled "An Act to Amend the Public Officers Law, in Relation to Waiving the Residency Requirement for Certain County Attorney Positions Within Warren County", to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 79.

Motion was made by Supervisor Etu, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 entitled "*Approving a Home Rule Request by Warren County for the Enactment of Senate Bill No. S19 and Assembly Bill No. A4025 Entitled "An Act to Amend the Public Officers Law, in Relation to Waiving the Residency Requirement for Certain County Attorney Positions Within Warren County"*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 80.

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried by unanimously 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 Rescinding Resolution No. 464 of 2024, Which Authorized an Agreement with Gebbs Healthcare Solutions, Inc. for Certified Coding and Oasis Services for Use by the Home Care Agency Within Warren County's Health Services Division (Wc 69-24)"*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 5 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 81.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Maday and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 entitled "*Rescinding Resolution No. 464 of 2024, Which Authorized an Agreement with Gebbs Healthcare Solutions, Inc. for Certified Coding and Oasis Services for Use by the Home Care Agency Within Warren County's Health Services Division (Wc 69-24)"*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen advised proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 82.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 7 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 Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with Mcbee Associates, Inc. for Certified Coding and Oasis Services for Use by the Home Care Agency Within Warren County's Health Services Division (WC 69-24)"*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 7 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 83.

Motion was made by Supervisor Geraci, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 8 entitled "*Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with Mcbee Associates, Inc. for Certified Coding and Oasis Services for Use by the Home Care Agency Within Warren County's Health Services Division (WC 69-24)"*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 8 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 84.

Mrs. Allen advised proposed Resolution No 42, *Authorizing Agreement with LegalServer for Case Management Software for the Public Defender's Office*, needed to be withdrawn and returned to Committee for further discussion.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bean, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried unanimously to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 42 and return it to Committee for further discussion.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Driscoll requested roll call votes on proposed Resolution Nos. 54, *Appointing Members of Professional Advisory Committee for the Health Services Department*, and proposed Resolution 62, *Authorizing Warren County Tourist and Convention Development Agreement with the Adirondack Civic Center Coalition, Inc. for Occupancy Tax Special Event Funding*, noting he would be recusing himself from voting on the aforementioned proposed Resolutions, as well as proposed Resolution No. 75, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the Occupancy Tax Reserve to the Tourism Budget; and Amending 2025 Warren County Budget to Fund Agreement with the Adirondack Civic Center Coalition, Inc. to Support Capital Costs*, which was already a roll call vote.

Supervisor Conover spoke regarding proposed Resolution No. 62, *Authorizing Warren County Tourist and Convention Development Agreement with the Adirondack Civic Center Coalition, Inc. for Occupancy Tax Special Event Funding*, apprising he believed the continued support of the Cool Insuring Arena was worthwhile.

Voting on resolutions occurred during which Supervisor Driscoll exited the meeting during the vote on Resolution No. 54, *Appointing Members of Professional Advisory Committee for the Health Services Department*, at 10:43 a.m. and re-entered at 10:44 a.m.; Supervisor Driscoll exited the meeting during the vote on Resolution No. 62, *Authorizing Warren County Tourist and Convention Development Agreement with the Adirondack Civic Center Coalition, Inc. for Occupancy Tax Special Event Funding*, and re-entered at 10:45 a.m.; Supervisor Strainer exited the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and re-entered at 10:46 a.m.; Supervisor Driscoll exited the meeting during the vote on Resolution No. 75, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the Occupancy Tax Reserve to the Tourism Budget; and Amending 2025 Warren County Budget to Fund Agreement with the Adirondack Civic Center Coalition, Inc. to Support Capital Costs*, at 10:47 a.m. and re-entered the meeting at 10:48 a.m.; and Supervisor Etu requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 53, *Appointing the Following Individuals to the Warren County Disaster Mental Health Response (DSMHR) Team- Mental Health*, and exited the meeting during the vote on same at 10:48 a.m. and re-entered the meeting at 10:49 a.m. Resolution Nos. 37-84 of 2025 were approved as presented, with the exception of proposed Resolution No. 42, which was withdrawn.

Privilege of floor/Public Comment was called for:

Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, advised Advocacy Day in Albany, whose purpose was encourage the State allocating Additional CHIPS (*Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvements Program*) funding for municipalities, was scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> and he encouraged anyone interested in attending to contact his office. He indicated he had testified in Albany, New York at the Joint Budget Hearing on Transportation regarding the lack of an increase in funding set aside for CHIPS and DOT (*Department of Transportation*) projects which was necessary as a result of inflation on the cost of materials. He mentioned the local State representatives were working on scheduling a press conference at the South End Shop in the Town of Queensbury to advocate for the State to allocate additional funding for road work, indicating he would provide more information regarding this press conference once it was available.

Announcements were called for:

Supervisor Geraci announced the Horicon Town Board adopted a Local Law regarding short-term rentals and he thanked the County Treasurer and Planning & Community Development for their assistance with drafting the law. He then questioned whether new window treatments were part of the remodeling plan for the Board Room and Chairman Geraghty replied affirmatively.

Supervisor Merlino introduced Jim Niles, *Town of Lake Luzerne Board Member*, who would be running for the Lake Luzerne Town Supervisor position in the next election, as he had decided not to seek an additional term.

Supervisor Wild expressed his concerns regarding the proposed CDTA (*Capital District Transportation Authority*) rate increase, noting they were already receiving around one million dollars a year from the County.

Supervisor Strainer recognized siblings, Jackson and Jadyann Egloff, *Bolton Landing High School students*, both of whom had achieved scoring 1,000 points this season in basketball. He then acknowledged the Queensbury High School Wrestling Team for winning their third straight Foothills Council title, and more specifically Keith Miller, for winning in the Section 2, Class B title. Finally he recognized Liza Ambrosni, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, who was preparing for a trip to Italy this March to compete in the Alpine Skiing at the Special Olympics World Winter Games.

Supervisor Conover stated he and Supervisor Driscoll had attended the meeting with the representatives of CDTA regarding the proposed rate increase during which he advocated for continued improved service to rural areas of the County.

Supervisor Maday announced the Crazy Downhill Derby was scheduled for tomorrow at Dynamite Hill in the Town of Chester and he encouraged all to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Geraci, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.