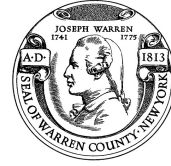


Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 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=D2Hx-Out0Rc>

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.

Roll called, the following members present:

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

Privilege of the floor was extended to Supervisor Etu, who advised there were members of Scout Troop 6016 attending the meeting today as part of their scouting requirements.

Chairman Geraghty apologized for the tight meeting space which was temporarily required while the renovations to the Board Room were underway.

Privilege of floor/Public Comment was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strainer, seconded by Supervisor Crocitto and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Maday and Magowan absent*) to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2025 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

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

Report by the County Administrator was given.

The County Attorney advised he had no Report to give this month.

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

Reports from:

1. County Auditor - February 2025 Real Property Tax Corrections; and
2. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp - Financial Report dated October 31, 2024.

Letters/emails from:

1. Silver Bay YMCA - letter of appreciation for funding received; and
2. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth - Notice of Public Hearing for F.W. Webb Company Project in the

Town of Queensbury; and

3. Lake George Regional Chamber of Commerce & CVB - providing member testimonials on occupancy tax allocation made by Resolution No. 36 of 2025.

Other:

1. Washington County Board of Supervisors - Resolution No. 59 of 2025, Appointing Member to the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency and Civic Development Corporation.

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

Resolution Nos. 85-133 of 2025, as well as Floor Resolution Nos. 1-4 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Thursday March 14th, along with eight Proclamations, adding this distribution met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. The eight Proclamations were:

- Proclamation No. 9 - John D. Austin Award to John Strough
- Proclamation No. 10 - Agriculture Literacy Week
- Proclamation No. 11 - Developmental Disabilities Month
- Proclamation No. 12 - Women's History Month
- Proclamation No. 13 - Crime Victims' Rights Week
- Proclamation No. 14 - Volunteer Appreciation Week
- Proclamation No. 15 - Autism Awareness Month
- Proclamation No. 16 - Child Abuse Prevention Month

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated motions were needed to bring the floor resolutions 1-4 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Turner and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Maday and Magowan 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 the Appropriation of Funds from Reserve, Rehab County Buildings to the Transfers-Capital Projects Account to Cover the Cost of an Increase to Capital Project No. H437, Board Room Renovations; and Amending 2025 Warren County Budget*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 134.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Maday and Magowan absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled "*Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from Reserve, Rehab County Buildings to the Transfers-Capital Projects Account to Cover the Cost of an Increase to Capital Project No. H437, Board Room Renovations; and Amending 2025 Warren County Budget*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 135.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Strough and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Maday and Magowan 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 Amending 2025 Warren County Budget for the Public Health Department*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 136

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Maday and Magowan absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 entitled "*Amending 2025 Warren County Budget for the Public Health Department*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 137.

Mrs. Allen apprised a motion was required to amend proposed Resolution No. 113, *Awarding Bid and Authorizing Agreement with Various Bidders for On-call Heavy & Highway Construction (WC 1-25)*, to include the contractors the bid was awarded to. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Wild, seconded by Supervisor Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Maday and Magowan absent*) to amend proposed Resolution No. 113 as outlined above.

Mrs. Allen indicated a motion was required to amend proposed Resolution No. 124, *Approving the Recommendations of the Reallocation Committee*, to replace the Schedule A included in the resolution with a revised one. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Wild, seconded by Supervisor Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Maday and Magowan absent*) to amend proposed Resolution No. 124 as outlined above.

The County Attorney thanked the Treasurer's Office for bringing it to his attention that the Schedule A included in proposed Resolution No. 124 required revisions.

Mrs. Allen announced proposed Resolution Nos. 135, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from Reserve, Rehab County Buildings to the Transfers-Capital Projects Account to Cover the Cost of an Increase to Capital Project No. H437, Board Room Renovations; and Amending 2025 Warren County Budget*, and proposed Resolution No. 137, *Amending 2025 Warren County Budget for the Public Health Department*, which were formerly known as proposed Floor Resolution Nos. 2 and 4, would require roll call votes.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Driscoll advised he would be abstaining from voting on proposed Resolution No. 137, *Amending 2025 Warren County Budget for the Public Health Department*, indicating he would leave the room during the roll call vote on this particular resolution.

Supervisor Patchett stated he would be voting in favor of proposed Resolution No. 122, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2025 to Increase Salaries Within the Public Defender's Office and Create a Position Within the Department of Public Works*; however, he noted, he wanted to ensure everyone was aware that these salary increases were contingent upon receipt of State funding. He further explained should the grant funding cease then other avenues would need to be explored such as using another revenue stream to pay for the increases, decreasing the salaries, etc.

Supervisor Bruno apprised although grant funding was being used to pay for the salary increases outlined in proposed Resolution No. 122, these funds were still comprised of taxpayer funding. In regard to proposed Resolution No. 128, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus; County Road Fund Unappropriated Surplus and Road Machinery Fund Unappropriated Surplus to Various Departmental Budgets to Cover the Cost of the Reallocation Committee's Changes to Grade Allocations for Certain Titles as Set Forth in the Current Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) Contract; and Amending 2025 Warren County Budget*, Supervisor Bruno questioned whether the salary increases were unaccounted for during the 2025 budget preparation process and John Taflan, *County Administrator*, replied affirmatively. Mr. Taflan indicated the salary increases were necessary in order to be more competitive with what other municipalities were paying their employees with CDL's (*Commercial Driver's License*). A brief

discussion ensued.

Supervisor Bruno then asked what the purpose of proposed Resolution No. 132, *Establishing Capital Project No. H442, Warren County Brownfield Opportunity Area; Authorizing Transfer of Funds; and Amending Warren County Budget for 2025*, was and Ethan Gaddy, *County Planner*, replied the purpose of the proposed Resolution was to establish a Capital Project with funding received from the Department of State for the purpose of identifying all of the vacant and underutilized parcels throughout Warren County that could possibly have environmental contamination and then develop strategies to make those properties useful again.

Supervisor Thomas questioned whether the figures outlined in parenthesis in proposed Resolution No. 137, *Amending 2025 Warren County Budget for the Public Health Department*, were decreasing and the Clerk of the Board replied affirmatively.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Supervisor Driscoll exited the meeting during the vote on Resolution No. 137, *Amending 2025 Warren County Budget for the Public Health Department*, at 10:43 a.m. and entered at 10:44 a.m. Resolution Nos. 85-137 of 2025 were approved as presented, with the exception of Resolution Nos. 113 and 124 which were amended from the floor.

Privilege of floor/Public Comment was called for:

Chairman Geraghty thanked the members of Scout Troop 6016 for attending the meeting today.

Announcements were called for:

Supervisor Strainer recognized the Queensbury High School Boys Varsity Hockey Team for making it to the State's final four even if the outcome was not what they had hoped for. He then congratulated Jace Hubert, *Bolton High School*, for being the third individual from Bolton High School to score 1,000 points in varsity basketball. Supervisor Strainer congratulated the Glens Falls Black Bears Boys Varsity Basketball Team for 52 straight wins and he wished them well in their quest to win the State Championship this weekend. He noted Kellen Driscoll, who was one of their key players, was the grandson of Edward Bartholomew, *former President of Warren County Economic Development Corporation*. He concluded by advising of the Office for the Aging's need for more volunteers to deliver meals to local residents, indicating anyone interested in volunteering should contact the office directly for more information.

Supervisor Bruno stated the Crime Victims' Memorial Ceremony was scheduled for April 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Supreme Court and he encouraged all to attend this meaningful event.

Supervisor Turner advised the City of Glens Falls hosted the "Dine Out on South Street" event last night was well attended, indicating the purpose of the event was to get people to patronize the restaurants on South Street who had been negatively impacted by the construction going on there due to the lack of parking.

Supervisor Driscoll announced there were two weekends remaining for Thurman Maple Days. He thanked Supervisor Strainer for recognizing the accomplishments of the Glens Falls Black Bears Boys Varsity Basketball Team, adding he was of no relation of Kellen Driscoll. He indicated he hoped the New York State High School Basketball Championship Tournament games would return to the Cool Insuring Arena in the future. He stated the monthly report from the Department of Social Services would be distributed to the Board members shortly. He advised the Adirondack Thunder were hosting "Stick it to Cancer Weekend" next weekend, with games scheduled for March 28th and March 29th and he encouraged all to attend.

Supervisor Strough apprised he would be attending the sold out "Colonial Dinner" at the Fort

William Henry this evening with a menu featuring colonial area cuisine.

Chairman Geraghty noted the Thurman Maple Days event was growing larger every year and he encouraged all to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Strainer and seconded by Supervisor Wild, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.