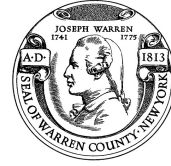


Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 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 - Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXQUiuJGLZo>

Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRdLHuZxiPc>

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 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Etu.

A moment of silence was called for in recognition of the passing of the honorable Judge Thomas Moynihan. The County Administrator then spoke regarding Judge Moynihan and all of the assistance he had provided to the County as Chair of the Warren County Board of Ethics.

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 and Geraghty. Absent - 1: Supervisor Runyon

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

Privilege of floor/Public Comment was called for:

Lisa Adamson, *Representing Climate Action Committee*, spoke regarding her concerns with the impact of the changes being made on the Federal level regarding global warming which she believed would be detrimental to the environment. She thanked Supervisor Turner for permitting the Climate Action Committee to express their concerns regarding climate and other environmental issues, adding they would be attending quarterly Board Meetings to keep the Board informed regarding these issues.

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

Report by the County Administrator was given.

Report by the County Attorney was given.

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

Reports from:

1. County Auditor - March 2025 Real Property Tax Corrections;
2. County Jury Board - 2024 Annual Reporting;

3. Warren County LDC - 2024 Annual Reports; and
4. Warren County EDC - 2024 Annual Reports

Letters/emails from:

1. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Application for Real Property Tax Exemption for Resort HoldCo LLC North Creek NY; and
2. Elaine Brown - email with attached letter from Heidi Hess, Bolton Chamber President.

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

Resolution Nos. 138-169 of 2025, as well as Floor Resolution Nos. 1-6 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Friday April 4th, along with eight Proclamations which were:

- Proclamation No. 17 - Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
- Proclamation No. 18 - Donate Life Month
- Proclamation No. 19 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Proclamation No. 20 - Law Day in Warren County
- Proclamation No. 21 - Mental Health Awareness Month
- Proclamation No. 22 - Volunteer Appreciation Week
- Proclamation No. 23 - Autism Awareness Month
- Proclamation No. 24 - Child Abuse Prevention Month

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated motions were needed to bring the floor resolutions 1-6 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wild, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Runyon 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 Making Supplemental Appropriations*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 170.

Motion was made by Supervisor Gilligan, seconded by Supervisor Turner and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Runyon absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled "*Making Supplemental Appropriations*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 171.

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Crocitto and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Runyon 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 Rescinding Resolution No. 88 of 2025, Amending Land Lease Assignment with Northern Gateway Renewables, LLC and Southern Gateway Renewables, LLC for Warren County (Floyd Bennett Memorial) Airport Solar Land Lease (Wc 44-20) to Extend the Termination Date*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 172.

Motion was made by Supervisor Etu, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Runyon absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 entitled "*Rescinding Resolution No. 88 of 2025, Amending Land Lease Assignment with Northern Gateway Renewables, LLC and Southern Gateway Renewables, LLC for Warren County (Floyd Bennett Memorial) Airport Solar Land Lease (WC 44-20) to Extend the Termination Date*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor

Resolution No. 4 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 173.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strainer, seconded by Supervisor Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Runyon absent*) 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 Amending Resolution No. 89 of 2025, Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Amended Real Property Lease Agreements Between Warren County and Northern Gateway Renewables, LLC and Southern Gateway Renewables, LLC for Warren County (Floyd Bennett) Memorial Airport, to Change the Date of the Public Hearing*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 5 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 174.

Motion was made by Supervisor Magowan, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Runyon absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 entitled “*Amending Resolution No. 89 of 2025, Setting Public Hearing on Amended Real Property Lease Agreements Between Warren County and Northern Gateway Renewables, LLC and Southern Gateway Renewables, LLC for Warren County (Floyd Bennett) Memorial Airport, to Change the Date of the Public Hearing*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 175.

Mrs. Allen advised a motion was required to amend proposed Resolution No. 152 to include the name of the contractor the bid was being awarded to. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Conover, seconded by Supervisor Maday and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Runyon absent*) to amend proposed Resolution No. 152 as outlined above.

Mrs. Allen stated a motion was needed to amend proposed Resolution No. 153 to include the name of the contractors the bid was being awarded to. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Conover, seconded by Supervisor Diamond and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Runyon absent*) to amend proposed Resolution No. 153 as outlined above.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Wild spoke in favor of proposed Resolution No. 141, Authorizing Lease Agreement with *Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Warren County for Lease of Extension Service Building Located in Warrensburg, New York*, indicating he was thoroughly impressed with the programs Cornell Cooperative Extension offered to the community. He then voiced his opposition to proposed Resolution No. 149, *Approving the 2025 Occupancy Tax Spending Plan for Municipalities and Authorizing Agreements for Tourism Promotion and Tourist and Convention Development Services*. Chairman Geraghty questioned whether Supervisor Wild would like to request a roll call vote on the proposed Resolution and Supervisor Wild replied affirmatively. Finally, Supervisor Wild apprised he would like to discuss his concerns with proposed Resolution No. 158, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2025 to Create a Position Within the Treasurer’s Office*; however, he noted, because of the nature of his concerns he believed an executive session was necessary.

Motion was made by Supervisor Wild and seconded by Supervisor Magowan to enter into an executive session. Chairman Geraghty requested the County Attorney outline the purpose of the executive session. Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, advised the basis of the executive session fell under Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer’s Law for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. He then asked whether they would like to amend their motions to allow the County Treasurer to remain in the executive session to answer any questions that may arise; Supervisor’s Wild and Magowan amended

their motions accordingly. Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion, as amended, to enter into an executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law for the purposes outlined above was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Runyon absent*).

Executive session was held from 10:55 a.m. until 11:32 a.m.

Upon reconvening Chairman Geraghty announced no action was taken during the executive session.

The agenda review resumed with discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions once again being called for:

With regard to proposed Resolution No. 157, *Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2025 to Create/Delete a Position Within the Information Technology Department*, Supervisor Diamond questioned whether the job description of the position was changing and Chairman Geraghty replied affirmatively, indicating he would have a copy of it forwarded to Supervisor Diamond.

Supervisor Strough exited the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Supervisor Bruno questioned whether the funding being appropriated from Budget Code A.909.00, *General Fund Unappropriated Surplus*, outlined in proposed Resolution Nos. 162, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Legislative Board's Budget to Cover the Cost of Office Chairs Purchased in 2024; and Amending 2025 Warren County Budget*, 163, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the Vehicle Reserve to Various Departmental Budgets to Cover the Cost of Vehicle Purchases; and Amending 2025 Warren County Budget*, was to cover planned expenses. With regard to proposed Resolution No. 162, Mrs. Allen responded the funding was mistakenly returned to Budget Code A.909.00 when the purchase order for chairs that were purchased in 2024 was inadvertently liquidated. Tammie DeLorenzo, *Assistant to the County Administrator*, apprised proposed Resolution No. 163, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the Vehicle Reserve to Various Departmental Budgets to Cover the Cost of Vehicle Purchases*, concerned the purchase of new fleet vehicles which were anticipated; however, they were unsure of the exact cost until recently when the bids were awarded. Chairman Geraghty added the appropriation outlined in proposed Resolution No. 164, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from The General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to the County Clerk's Budget to Cover the Cost of Travel in 2025; and Amending 2025 Warren County Budget*, was also the result of a purchase order being mistakenly liquidated.

Supervisor Strough returned to the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Mrs. Allen noted proposed Resolution No. 171, *"Making Supplemental Appropriations"*, which was formally known as proposed floor Resolution No. 2, would require a roll call vote.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 138-175 of 2025 were approved as presented, with the exception of Resolution Nos. 152 and 153 which were amended from the floor.

Privilege of floor/Public Comment was called for:

Supervisor Conover spoke regarding the documentation that was distributed to the Board members regarding all of the existing capital projects County-wide, including those being undertaken by the local municipalities; he encouraged the Town Supervisors to review the information and provide any updates to the Planning & Community Development Department.

Supervisor Bruno requested an update on the renovations to the Board Room. Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, advised asbestos had been located on the back wall of the room where the clock was located; however, he noted, they were working around it so that mitigation was not necessary. He stated he was unsure if the renovations would be completed in time for the May 13th Board Meeting, but the room would be ready to use for the June 20th Board Meeting.

Supervisor Driscoll wished everyone a peaceful holiday season.

Supervisor Strainer recognized Shea Canavan, *Queensbury High School Student*, for being selected as the Foothill Council's Most Valuable Player, for her efforts playing high school basketball. He then acknowledged the Glens Falls Back Bears Boys Basketball Team for their undefeated season and winning their second State Title, adding Kellen Driscoll, *Glens Falls High School Student and grandson of Edward Bartholomew*, was selected as the Foothill Council's Most Valuable Player. Continuing, Supervisor Strainer recognized Forrest Slingerland, *Glens Falls High School Student*, for winning the individual State title in the classic 7.5k race in nordic skiing. Next, he acknowledged the Adirondack United Girls Hockey Team for winning their second straight State championship for girls hockey. In conclusion, Supervisor Strainer spoke regarding the Adirondack Thunder Hockey Team, who even with a less than stellar year had exceeded their average game attendance from the prior year. He added their "Stick it to Cancer" event raised over \$37,000 last weekend.

Supervisor Etu advised any updates regarding the existing capital projects in the County were due to the Planning & Community Development Department no later than May 15th. He apprised he would be walking tomorrow in the Harrison Freer Rotary Community 5K Run/Walk, indicating the event began at 9:30 a.m.

Announcements were called for:

Chairman Geraghty advised the Spring Zing was scheduled at the Warren County Fish Hatchery in the Town of Warrensburg on May 10th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and he encouraged all to attend. With regard to the Crime Victims' Ceremony held earlier this week, he commended the District Attorney's Office and other others involved with the event, as well as the agencies who assisted with responding to and investigating crimes.

John Taflan, *County Administrator*, spoke regarding the County FOIL (*Freedom of Information Law*) process which had recently been streamlined with the purchase of software to administer the process in order to reduce the number of hours County employees had to work on each request.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Diamond and seconded by Supervisor Gilligan, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.