

Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 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=6n6xYforL8E>

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 Thomas.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Bean, Geraci, Crocitto, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Strainer, Etu, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty. Absent - 1: Supervisor Magowan.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Magowan absent*) to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2025 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Supervisor Magowan entered the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Privilege of floor/Public Comment was called for:

Cam Cardinale, *President, Lower Adirondack Pride*, addressed the Board regarding proposed Resolution No. 192, *Adopting the Warren County Flag Display Policy*, which he said his organization supported, and asked the Board to continue consideration of the introduction of a separate flag pole where the flags of various different organizations could be flown during their designated observance dates.

Jade Eddy, *owner MT Returnables*, addressed the Board regarding deficiencies in the New York State Bottle Bill which negatively impacted her business, and others like it, and she requested the Board consider a resolution seeking State legislation to address such deficiencies.

Presentation of the Employee of the Quarter was made to Kristen MacEwan, *Deputy Director, Real Property Tax Services*.

Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing on modifications to the real property lease agreements between Warren County and Northern Gateway Renewables LLC/Southern Gateway Renewables, LLC, open at 10:14 a.m. and requested the Clerk of the Board read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud. Chair called for public comment.

There being no public comments, the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 10:15 a.m.

Report by the Committee Chairs (including the Chairman of the Board's Report) were called for, during which the County Treasurer provided an overview of the NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*) Finance School which was held at the Queensbury Hotel in the City of Glens Falls.

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 Clerk - Warren County Clerk 2024 Annual Report; and
2. County Auditor - Real Property Tax Corrections for April 2025 (*None Processed*).

Minutes from:

1. Warren County Jury Board - Minutes of April 24, 2025 Special Meeting; and
2. Warren County Jury Board - Minutes of April 24, 2025 Annual Meeting.

Letters/emails from:

1. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Public Hearing - ADK REI LLC Project - Town of Queensbury;
2. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Public Hearing - Native Development Associates, LLC Project - Town of Queensbury;
3. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Public Hearing - Patten Property Management, LLC Project - City of Glens Falls;
4. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Application for Real Property Tax Exemption - F.W. Webb Company - Town of Queensbury; and
5. Town of Queensbury - Public Hearing - Application for sewage disposal variances.

Other:

1. Washington County Board of Supervisors - Resolution No. 104 of 2025, *To Approve Contract Between SUNY Adirondack and Its Faculty Association for Years 2026-2028*.

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

Resolution Nos. 176-203 of 2025, the Mortgage Tax Report, and Floor Resolution Nos. 1-2 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Wednesday May 7th, along with four Proclamations which were:

Proclamation No. 22 - SUNY Adirondack Student Award- Emily Enslow

Proclamation No. 23 - Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Proclamation No. 24- Military Appreciation Month

Proclamation No. 25 - Physical Fitness and Sports Month

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated motions were needed to bring the floor resolutions 1-2 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Runyon 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 Amending Resolution No. 103 of 2025, Setting Public Hearing for the Adoption of the Warren County Comprehensive Plan, to set the Actual Date of said Public Hearing*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 204.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled “*Amending Resolution No. 103 of 2025, Setting Public Hearing for the Adoption of the Warren County Comprehensive Plan, to set the Actual Date of said Public Hearing*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 205.

Mrs. Allen indicated a motion was required to amend proposed Resolution No. 193, *Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement for 2025 Warren County Travel Guide Creative Design & Printing (WC 25-25)*, to include the name of the contractor the bid was being awarded to which was Cenergy Studios, LLC DBA FourthIdea. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Diamond and carried unanimously to amend proposed Resolution No. 193 as outlined above.

Mrs. Allen apprised a motion was required to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 186, *Authorizing Submission of an Application to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Resilient Watersheds Grant (RWG) Program Funding to Fund the Implementation of Flood Mitigation Projects in Warren County*. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Etu, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried unanimously to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 186.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

With regard to proposed Resolution No. 192, *Adopting the Warren County Flag Display Policy*, Supervisor Turner voiced her hope the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee would consider further discussion on erecting a second flag pole on County property for other cases, noting if the Board made the determination on what flags could be flown on this pole than first amendment rights did not have to be considered because that only became necessary when it became a public forum or was advertised on the County website.

A brief discussion ensued.

Supervisor Thomas questioned what the purpose of proposed Resolution No. 184, *Home Rule Request by Warren County to Transfer State-Owned Property to Warren County*, was and the County Administrator explained it referred to a State-owned parcel containing an underground facility that used to house a State Emergency Management Facility that they had vacated, with no plans of returning other than to use a satellite and antennae located on the property. He said there were two significantly sized warehouses on the property the County could use; however, he noted, he was researching the matter further to determine what the annual expense to the County would be, as well as potential environmental issues relating to underground fuel tanks if they were to move forward with accepting the property. He stated proposed Resolution No. 184 would commence the process to allow the property to be transferred from the State to the County, with the earliest transfer date being sometime next year which allowed them more time to research whether to move forward.

A discussion ensued.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 176-204 of 2025 were approved as presented, with the exception of Resolution No. 186, which was withdrawn, and Resolution No. 193, which was amended from the floor.

Privilege of floor/Public Comment was called for:

Christine Norton, *County Treasurer*, advised VRBO had attended the NYSAC Finance School and was working with her office on the New York State short-term rental sales tax law, adding AirBnB was the entity who had been less than cooperative and would like the County to opt out of the law. She then spoke regarding the implementation of accepting online occupancy tax payments which could

potentially be offered as a shared service to other Counties.

Announcements were called for:

Supervisor Strainer acknowledged the twenty-nine Queensbury High school students who had recently been inducted in the Spanish Honor Society. He then commended National Grid for offering Career and Technical Education Programs through WSWHE BOCES (*Washington-Saatoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Board of Cooperative Educational Services*) to over 180 youth for the purpose of teaching them how to locate gas lines and dig around those areas.

Supervisor Driscoll advised on May 16th and May 30th the Crandall Park Beautification Committee would be hosting an invasive species removal event in conjunction with the County in Crandall Park around noon. He then spoke about the Community Services Day hosted by Tri County United Way where efforts to clean up Hovey Pond in the Town of Queensbury would take place May 18th at 12:30 p.m.

Supervisor Turner announced the ribbon cutting ceremony would take place for the South Street Events Center at 3:00 p.m. on Friday May 16th and she encouraged all to attend. Next, she apprised the Glens Falls Pet Fest was scheduled for May 18th in Glens Falls City Park from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wild requested that the Board consider inviting Dr. Kristine Duffy, *President, SUNY Adirondack*, to the June 20th Board Meeting so she could be recognized for all of her accomplishments during her tenure at SUNY Adirondack prior to her retirement at the end of June.

Chairman Geraghty encouraged all to honor Veterans this upcoming Memorial Day, noting there would be parades in several local municipalities.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Conover, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.