

Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY JUNE 20, 2025



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<https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel -

Part 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veDIZfVjK7U>

Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwmQbMC4vgQ>

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened in the Supervisors' Room at 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 Thomas.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Driscoll, Patchett, Bean, Geraci, Crocitto, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Strainer, Etu, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty. Absent -3: Supervisors Conover, Bruno and Magowan.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strainer, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Conover, Bruno and Magowan absent*) to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Geraghty recognized Dr. Kristine Duffy, *President, SUNY Adirondack*, who was retiring, for her years of service as President for SUNY Adirondack, and he wished her well with her future endeavors. Chairman Geraghty and John Taflan, *County Administrator*, then presented Dr. Duffy with a commemorative flag.

Dr. Duffy thanked the Board for their support during her tenure and requested the Board continue their support of the College and offer the same assistance they had provided her to the next President.

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

Proceeding with the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty extended privilege of the floor to Katie Boyle, *Public Health Educator*, for the presentation of certificates to the winners of the 2025 Tar Wars Tobacco Free Education Program and Poster Contest for students in grades 4 and 5 of the participating schools in Warren County. Ms. Boyle made a Powerpoint presentation which displayed the winning posters and outlined the program objectives; *a copy of the Powerpoint presentation is on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting*. Chairman Geraghty presented the winner's with a certificate commending their efforts, following which a round of applause was given.

Privilege of floor/Public Comment was called for:

John Bowe, *Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension*, recognized Michelle Baker, *Administrative Assistant*, for her 20 years of service to Cornell Cooperative Extension and the

youth of Warren County. He then recognized Roxanne Westcott, *Parenting/Community Educator*, for her 19 years of service to Cornell Cooperative Extension, noting she was retiring and would be missed.

Prior to continuing with the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty announced an executive session was required to discuss collective bargaining negotiations and he requested a motion indicating same. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Bean and seconded by Supervisor Strough to enter into executive session. Chairman Geraghty requested that Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, outline the purpose of the executive session. Attorney Elmen apprised an executive session was necessary pursuant to Section 105(1)(e) of the Public Officer's Law to discuss collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion to enter into an executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(e) of the Public Officer's Law for the purposes outlined above was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Conover and Bruno absent*).

Executive session was held from 10:21 a.m. until 10:38 a.m.

The Agenda review resumed with Chairman Geraghty declaring the Public Hearing on the proposed Warren County 2040 Comprehensive Plan open at 10:38 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 comment, the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 10:39 a.m.

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

Report by the County Administrator was given.

Report by the County Attorney was given during which Attorney Elmen noted proposed Resolution No. 212, *Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2025, Entitled "A Local Law Superceding County Law Sections 215(3) and 215(6) and Authorizing the Lease of a Portion or All of Certain Warren County Owned Property, Commonly Known as Building #11, 48 or 50 Gurney Lane in the Town of Queensbury (Hereafter, "Property") Without Public Advertisement or Auction," and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon*, would need to be amended from the floor at the appropriate time to indicate in the last sentence in Section 8 that this Local Law would become effective 45 days after its adoption and upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

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

Reports from:

1. County Auditor - Real Property Tax Corrections for May 2025 (*None Processed*);
2. Capital District Regional OTB - Financial Report Dated November 30, 2024;
3. Capital District Regional OTB - Financial Report Dated January 31, 2025; and
4. Capital District Regional OTB - Audited Financial Statements and Required Supplementary and Other Information for Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Letters/emails from:

1. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Public Hearing - ADK REI LLC Project - Town of Queensbury; and
2. Larry Elmen, County Attorney - Assistant County Attorney Order of Succession.

Other:

1. Washington County Board of Supervisors - Resolution No. 142 of 2025, *To Authorize Sale and Conveyance of Crockwell Pond, 240 Sanford Street, Glens Falls, New York 12801 by SUNY*

Adirondack; and

2. Washington County Board of Supervisors - Resolution No. 151 of 2025, *Appoint 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. 206-222 of 2025, Floor Resolution Nos. 1-4 and four Proclamations were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Friday June 13th; Floor Resolution Nos. 5-6 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Tuesday June 17th.

The four Proclamations were:

Proclamation No. 26 - Elder Abuse Awareness Day - *June 15, 2025*

Proclamation No. 27 - Alzheimer's Awareness Month - *June 2025*

Proclamation No. 28 - PTSD Awareness Month - *June 2025*

Proclamation No. 29 - Pride Month - *June 2025*

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 Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Conover and Bruno 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 the Airport Repair & Projects Reserve Fund to the Department of Public Works Budget to Fund Capital Project H443, Northern Aircraft Apron and Taxiway B Reconstruction (Design) Project; 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. 223.

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Gilligan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Conover and Bruno absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2, entitled "*Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the Airport Repair & Projects Reserve Fund to the Department of Public Works Budget to Fund Capital Project H443, Northern Aircraft Apron and Taxiway B Reconstruction (Design) Project*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 224, noting this would be subject to a roll call vote.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Conover and Bruno 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 Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between the County of Warren and the Warren County Sheriffs' Employees' Alliance ("Alliance"), and Authorizing a New Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Warren County and the Warren County Sheriffs' Employees' Alliance for a Term Commencing Retroactive to January 1, 2025 and Terminating December 31, 2028*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 225.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Strainer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Conover and Bruno absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4, entitled "*Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between the County of Warren and the Warren County Sheriffs' Employees' Alliance ("Alliance"), and Authorizing a New Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Warren County and the Warren County Sheriffs' Employees' Alliance for a Term*

Commencing Retroactive to January 1, 2025 and Terminating December 31, 2028”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated indicated Floor Resolution No. 4 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 226.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strough, seconded by Supervisor Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Conover and Bruno 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 Resolution Amending Resolution No. 141 of 2021, Authorizing Increase in the Hourly Rate of Pay for Elections Pollsite Inspectors to Resolve Issues with Retention and Recruiting, to Increase the Hourly Rate of Pay*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 5 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 227.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strough, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Conover and Bruno absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 6, entitled “*Amending Resolution No. 141 of 2021, Authorizing Increase in the Hourly Rate of Pay for Elections Pollsite Inspectors to Resolve Issues with Retention and Recruiting, to Increase the Hourly Rate of Pay*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated Floor Resolution No. 6 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 228.

Mrs. Allen advised as noted earlier in the meeting by the County Attorney a motion was required to amend proposed Resolution No. 212, *Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2025, Entitled “A Local Law Superceding County Law Sections 215(3) and 215(6) and Authorizing the Lease of a Portion or All of Certain Warren County Owned Property, Commonly Known as Building #11, 48 or 50 Gurney Lane in the Town of Queensbury (Hereafter, “Property”) Without Public Advertisement or Auction,”* from the floor to change the effective date in Section 8 from “effective on filing with the Office of the Secretary of State” to “effective 45 days after its adoption and upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State”. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Gilligan, seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Conover and Bruno*) to amend proposed Resolution No. 212 as outlined above.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Diamond questioned why the Comprehensive Plan for Warren County did not include an estimate of the cost to implement the priority actions; privilege of the floor was extended to Ethan Gaddy, *County Planner*, who responded to Supervisor Diamond’s inquiring indicating no cost estimates were included due to the fact that the these actions would be taken over multiple years which could be resource intensive. A brief discussion ensued.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 206-226 of 2025 were approved as presented, with the exception of proposed Resolution No. 212 which was amended from the floor.

Privilege of floor/Public Comment was called for:

Supervisor Strainer recognized the following individuals and local high school sports teams:
Liam Davidson, *Queensbury High School Senior*, for winning the Class B Boys State Championship in the 3,000 meter steeplechase;
Queensbury High School Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team for finishing second in the Class B State Championship;
North Warren Central Varsity Boys Baseball Team for competing in the Class D State Championship game;
Hadley Luzerne Central School District Trap Shooting Team for competing in the New York State Trap Shooting Tournament; and

Brenda Hoffman, *Teacher, Lake George Central School District*, for being selected as Business Teacher of the Year by the Business and Marketing Educators Association of the Capital District.

Supervisor Thomas noted June 17th was the 250th anniversary of the death of Dr. Joseph Warren at the Battle of Bunker Hill, noting the County was named after Mr. Warren for his heroic efforts during the Revolutionary War.

Announcements were called for:

Supervisor Driscoll advised tonight was “Adirondack Thunder Night” with the Glens Falls Dragons at East Field, indicating anyone who wore Adirondack Thunder apparel would receive free admission to the game. Next he stated the Glens Falls Symphony would be hosting their annual Summer Pops Concert and Fireworks Display on Thursday July 3rd at Crandall Park at 7:30 p.m. and he encouraged all to attend.

Mr. Taflan apprised the last Friday in May he received notification the County had been placed on a list by the Department of Homeland Security as a Sanctuary Jurisdiction even though no action had been taken to be added to this list. He indicated he would be working with the County Attorney on this matter and provide a full update at the June 23rd meeting of the Criminal Justice, Public Safety & Emergency Services Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Strainer, seconded by Supervisor Diamond and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Conover and Bruno absent*), Chairman Geraghty adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.