

Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY AUGUST 15, 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=XSl5JLNWuaQ>

Part 2 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6_Jw5Wh-2g

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 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Maday.

Chairman Geraghty called for a moment of silence immediately following the salute to the flag in recognition of the recent passing of Timothy Guy, *former Sheriff's Deputy*, who had worked for the County for several years.

Roll called, the following members present:

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

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Turner and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Gilligan, Strough and Magowan absent*) to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2025 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Presentation of Employee of the Quarter was made to Liz Burke, *Supervising Social Services Investigator/Reception Supervisor, Department of Social Services*, during which Supervisor Magowan entered the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Privilege of floor/Public Comment was called for:

John Bowe, *Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension*, spoke advised the Warren County Youth Fair was held on Saturday August 2nd and the 16th annual Cornell Cooperative Extension Dr. James Seeley Memorial Golf Tournament was scheduled for Saturday, August 23rd. He concluded by thanking the Board for their continued support of Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Kathleen Boyle, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, spoke regarding her concerns involving the abuse of nitrous oxide within the County, noting canisters of this product were readily available at local gas stations and smoke shops. She added the abuse of this product had caused the death of her son, indicating this was a growing issue throughout the Country. She thanked the Public Health Department for sharing with the public the United States FDA (*Food and Drug Administration*) warning regarding the harm recreational use of nitrous oxide causes; however,

she stated, she believed more action was required. She requested the Board consider adopting a local ordinance to ban the sale of these tanks within Warren County at local smoke shops and gas stations, indicating many States and Counties nationwide have banned these from being sold, such as the State of Louisiana.

Chairman Geraghty offered his condolences to Ms. Boyle, noting the matter would be discussed by the appropriate Committee.

Report by the Committee Chairs (including the Chairman of the Board's Report) were given, during which Supervisor Etu noted the Planning & Community Development Department was requesting that proposed Resolution No. 282, *Authorizing a Public Hearing as Required by the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds Available Through the NYS Home Program*, be withdrawn at the appropriate time due to some timing restraints associated with the grant.

Report by the County Administrator was given.

No report was given by the County Attorney.

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

Reports from:

1. County Auditor - Report of Real Property Tax Corrections for July 2025;
2. Capital District Regional OTB - Financial Report Dated February 28, 2025;
3. Capital District Regional OTB - Financial Report Dated March 31, 2025; and
4. Capital District Regional OTB - Financial Report Dated April 30, 2025.

Letters/emails from:

1. NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation - Advising that Mohican Point, in the Town of Bolton, has been recommended for addition to the NYS Register of Historic Places and nominated to the National Register of Historic Places; and
2. SUNY Adirondack - Letter of appreciation for the Board's unanimous support of their 2025-26 Budget.

Other:

1. Washington County BOS - Resolution No. 184 of 2025 *"To Adopt Adirondack Community College Budget"*;
2. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth - Notice of Public Hearing to be held by the Warren Washington IDA regarding Patten Property Management, LLC;
3. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth - Notice of Public Hearing to be held by the Glens Falls IDA regarding EBRM Properties, LLC;
4. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth - Notice of Public Hearing to be held by the Warren Washington IDA regarding Aviation Hospitality, LLC; and
5. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth - Notice of Public Hearing to be held by the Warren Washington IDA regarding Exit 19 Lodging, LLC.

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

Resolution Nos. 277-304 of 2025, four Proclamations and Floor Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Friday August 8th; Floor Resolution Nos. 3 and 4 were distributed to the Board on Wednesday August 13th. The four Proclamations were:

Proclamation No. 32 - Women's Equality Day- *August 26, 2025*;

Proclamation No. 33 - Immunization Awareness Month - August 2025;
Proclamation No. 34 - National Water Quality Month - August 2025; and
Proclamation No. 35 - Purple Heart County.

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

Motion was made by Supervisor Conover, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Gilligan and Strough 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 Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2025 to Increase a Salary Position Within the Department of Public Works*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 305.

Motion was made by Supervisor Strainer, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Gilligan and Strough absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled “*Amending Table of Organization and Warren County Salary and Compensation Plan for 2025 to Increase a Salary Position Within the Department of Public Works*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 306.

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll, seconded by Supervisor Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Gilligan and Strough 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 Authorizing a Lease Agreement with the City of Glens Falls for Use of Court and Office Space at the Warren County Courthouse*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 307.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Turner and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Gilligan and Strough absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 entitled “*Authorizing a Lease Agreement with the City of Glens Falls for Use of Court and Office Space at the Warren County Courthouse*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen advised proposed Floor No. 4 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 308.

Mrs. Allen called for a motion to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 282, *Authorizing a Public Hearing as Required by the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds Available Through the NYS Home Program*. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Etu. Seconded by Supervisor Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Gilligan and Strough absent*) to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 282.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Diamond requested an executive session to discuss the terms of the settlement noted in proposed Resolution No. 297, *Authorizing Chair of the Board of Supervisors to Execute Documents in the Matter of Jasmine Earnest V. County of Warren, et al*. Chairman Geraghty advised the purpose of the executive session was to discuss litigation.

Motion was made by Supervisor Diamond and seconded by Supervisor Maday to enter into an executive session to discuss litigation. Mr. Dickey advised the basis of the executive session fell under Section 105(1)(d) of the Public Officer’s Law for the purpose of discussing proposed, pending and current

litigation. Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion to enter into executive session Pursuant to Section 105(1)(d) of the Public Officer's Law for the purposes outlined above was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Gilligan and Strough*).

Executive session was held from 10:37 a.m. until 10:44 a.m.

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

The agenda review resumed with Chairman Geraghty once again calling for discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions:

In regard to proposed Resolution No. 291, *Amending Resolution No. 193 of 2025, Which Authorized an Agreement with Cenergy Studios, LLC D/B/A Fourthidea for 2025 Warren County Travel Guide Creative Design & Printing (WC 25-25), to Change the Commencement Date*, Supervisor Patchett questioned whether the termination date would be changing as well and the County Administrator replied in negative, explaining the only change was to the commencement date to allow for the Travel Guides to be printed earlier.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. Resolution Nos. 277-308 were approved as presented, with the exception of proposed Resolution No. 282 which was withdrawn.

Privilege of floor/Public Comment was called for:

Supervisor Strainer announced the annual picnic for the Warren County Summer Youth Employment Program was scheduled for today at noon at Crandall Park and he encouraged all to attend. Next, he advised the Hole in One for Heroes Golf Tournament was scheduled for Thursday September 25th at the Highland Country Club, apprising anyone interested in donating an item for the silent auction or playing in the golf tournament could contact him.

Supervisor Merlino commended the milfoil eradication efforts in the County.

Supervisor Etu seconded Supervisor Merlino's sentiments pertaining to the milfoil eradication efforts in the County. Next, he praised the Planning & Community Development Department for securing \$423,000 for the Municipal Waste Hauling Initiative to cover the cost of purchasing a new truck and provide funding to cover the cost of hiring an additional driver over the next three years.

Supervisor Driscoll stated the annual Schoolapalooza event took place last night in Crandall Park where free school supplies were provided to kids of all grade levels from the Tri-County Region. He added the Tri County United Way in cooperation with Nemer Ford was also involved in a program that provided backpacks to school aged children in conjunction with the local school districts located withing Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties. He stated any families in need could contact the Tri County United Way or their local school district.

In regard to the milfoil treatment, Supervisor Patchett indicated it was his understanding that once a treatment was completed on a bay no additional treatments were required.

Chairman Geraghty announced Public Health had two upcoming Child Safety Seat Check events scheduled, the first of which was on August 26th at the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Department and the other was August 27th at the Warrensburg Volunteer Fire Company. Next, he advised the sale of recreational nitrous oxide tanks would be referred to and discussed by the appropriate Committee to determine what action could be taken on an issue he was unaware of until today.

Supervisor Magowan suggested the Board also research whether any action could be taken with

regard to the sale of spray paint cans that could be used for “huffing” which also had serious health ramifications, including death.

Chairman Geraghty apprised the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event was scheduled for Saturday August 23rd at the County DPW building in the Town of Warrensburg, indicating pre-registration was required to dispose of paint cans and other hazardous household waste at this event. Supervisor Driscoll inquired whether registration spots were still available and Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, replied affirmatively, adding any individuals who failed to pre-register would complete their registration at the event.

Mr. Hajos informed volunteers were needed to work at the Adirondack Balloon Festival event in September and he encouraged anyone interested to contact him.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Bean, seconded by Supervisor Conover and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Gilligan and Strough absent*), Chairman Geraghty adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.