

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

**AGENDA  
MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2025  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**



**11:00 a.m. Call Meeting to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance - Supervisor Conover**

**Roll Call**

**Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment**

**Reading of Resolutions**

**Recusals on Resolutions**

**Discussion and Public Comment on Proposed Resolutions**

**Requests for Roll Call Votes**

**Vote on Resolutions**

**Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment**

**Announcements**

**Motion to Adjourn**

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<b><u>RES. NO.</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>
345		<b>FINANCE &amp; BUDGET - INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2025, ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C FOR THE 2026 WARREN COUNTY BUDGET," AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING THEREON</b>

*RESOLUTION NO. 345 WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND POSTED TO THE WARREN COUNTY WEBSITE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025*

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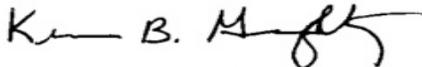
## NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WARREN COUNTY:

You are hereby notified that I, KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, pursuant to the power vested in me by Section (B) of the Rules of the Board of Supervisors, hereby call and convene a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Warren County to be held in the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Town of Queensbury, New York, on **OCTOBER 6, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M.**, for the purpose of:

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2. Any other such business which may appropriately be brought before the Board of Supervisors.

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to call for the meeting and give written notice to all members of the Board of Supervisors of such meeting.

Dated: September 26, 2025

  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN  
Warren County Board of Supervisors

To the Members of the Board of Supervisors: At the direction of the Chairman of the Board, I am notifying you of the Special Board Meeting called for the time, place and purposes set forth above.

  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK  
Warren County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor	Town	Wt Vote	Vote
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Y means yes  
 N means no  
 A means absent  
 NV means not voting

Conover	Bolton	31	Y
Maday	Chester	47	Y
Diamond	GF - 1	45	Y
Gilligan	GF - 2	45	Y
Turner	GF - 3	45	Y
Bruno	GF - 4	45	Y
Driscoll	GF - 5	45	Y
Patchett	Hague	10	Y
Geraci	Horicon	22	A
Bean	Johnsburg	33	Y
Crocitto	Lake George	53	Y
Merlino	Lake Luzerne	47	Y
Strough	Queensbury	89	Y
Wild	Queensbury	89	Y
Magowan	Queensbury	89	a
Strainer	Queensbury	89	Y
Etu	Queensbury	89	Y
Thomas	Stony Creek	12	Y
Runyon	Thurman	17	a
Geraghty	Warrensburg	60	Y

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Yes	874
No	-
Absent	128
Not Voting	-

Resolution PASSES

Required for simple majority	502
Required for 2/3 vote	668
Required for 3/4 vote	752

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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=SwvdPOByB4c>

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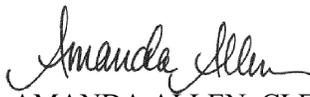
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AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK  
Warren County Board of Supervisors

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 11:00 a.m.  
Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Conover

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Bean, Crocitto, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Strainer, Etu, Thomas, and Geraghty - 17; Absent - 3. Supervisors Geraci, Magowan and Runyon.

Chairman Geraghty called for privilege of the floor/public comment, but there was no one wishing to speak.

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

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated proposed Resolution No. 345, "*Introducing Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2025, Entitled "A Local Law to Authorize Overriding the Property Tax Levy Limit Established by General Municipal Law §3-C for the 2026 Warren County Budget," and Authorizing Public Hearing Thereon*", was distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Bruno questioned whether the purpose of adopting proposed Resolution No. 345 was to introduce a proposed Local Law permitting the County to exceed the State Tax Cap if needed and authorize a public hearing there on and Chairman Geraghty replied affirmatively. Next, Supervisor Bruno asked what the ramifications were to the County should they decide to exceed the State Tax Cap and Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, explained if the need arose to adopt a 2026 County Budget that exceeded the State Tax Cap the County would be limited to adopting a Budget for 2026 that remained within the limits of the State Tax Cap unless a Local Law was adopted permitting them to exceed this amount. He added if the proposed Resolution 345 was adopted a public hearing regarding the adoption of the required Local Law would be held at the October 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting following which a Resolution could be adopted permitting the County to override the State Tax Cap should it be deemed necessary. Supervisor Bruno inquired whether there were any ramifications from the State should they adopt a Resolution Enacting Local Law No. 4 of 2025 Entitled "A Local Law to Authorize Overriding the Property Tax Levy Limit Established by General Municipal Law §3-C for the 2026 Warren County Budget, and the County Administrator replied last year Warren County and eight other Counties exceeded the State Tax Cap. He said in response to this action the State indicated there would be some risk associated with the loss of State funding, but no cuts were ever made. He added around fifteen Counties were also considering exceeding the State Tax Cap this year.

Voting on resolutions occurred during which Resolution No. 345 was approved by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Geraci, Magowan and Runyon absent*).

Announcements were called for, but none were made.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Conover and seconded by Supervisor Bruno, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.



# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 345 OF 2025

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS THOMAS, GERACI, STROUGH, MADAY, DRISCOLL, CROCITTO AND MERLINO**

**INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2025, ENTITLED “A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C FOR THE 2026 WARREN COUNTY BUDGET,” AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING THEREON**

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §3-c set limits upon real property tax levies by local governments, commonly known as the tax levy limit or “tax cap” for the local government, and requires a governing body for the local government to first enact a local law to override the tax levy limit before the local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2025 entitled “A Local Law to Authorize Overriding the Property Tax Levy Limit Established by General Municipal Law §3-c for the 2026 Warren County Budget,” attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and the same hereby is, introduced before the Warren County Board of Supervisors, and in order to give interested members of the public the opportunity to be heard thereon, the Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing at the Supervisors’ Rooms in the Warren County Municipal Center on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., on the matter of the adoption of said proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2025, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to give notice of such public hearing in the manner provided by law.

**COUNTY OF WARREN  
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2025**

**A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE OVERRIDING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT  
ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C FOR THE  
2026 WARREN COUNTY BUDGET**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, New York, as follows:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.**

This Local Law shall be know as “A Local Law to Authorize Overriding the Property Tax Levy Limit Established by General Municipal Law §3-c for the 2026 Warren County Budget.”

**SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

- A. That by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, effective June 24, 2011, codified as Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law, the State of New York imposed upon counties and other local governments and schools, with certain exceptions, a limit equal to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 2.0% on the annual increase in the amount of real property taxes that may be levied on behalf of such entities.
- B. That the New York State Comptroller’s Office determined that property tax levy growth for local governments must be capped at 2% for 2026, which is the maximum allowable levy growth under New York State law, despite the Comptroller’s Office also determining that the 2026 inflation factor was 2.64%.
- C. That this is the fifth year in a row that the New York State Comptroller’s Office determined that the property tax levy growth for local governments must be capped at 2% despite the Comptroller’s Office also determining that the inflation factor for fiscal years 2022 through 2026 exceeded the annual combined 2% maximum allowable levy growth by more than 11%.
- D. That General Municipal Law §3-c(6) provides that if a local government’s actual tax levy for a given fiscal year exceeds the tax levy limit, as determined by the State Comptroller, the local government must place the excess amount in reserve and use such funds to offset the tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year.
- E. That due to the high cost of State mandated programs and services which are paid for from the budget for Warren County, as well as the combined 11% increase in the inflation factor from 2022-2026 above the combined 2% tax levy limit for this same budget years, the Warren County Board of Supervisors now confronts a 2026 budget which may exceed the State-imposed tax cap in order to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Warren County residents in order to provide essential County services, including public health, safety and infrastructure programs for the 2026 fiscal year.

- F. That Mandated State programs and services include Medicaid, Public Assistance, Child Welfare, Pre-School Special Education, Community Colleges, Indigent Defense, Early Intervention, Youth Detention placements from Raise-the-Age laws, Court ordered competency examinations and restoration services under section 730 of the Criminal Procedure Law, and Pension Costs. These State mandated programs and services must be paid first before local taxes may be used for County purposes.
- G. That General Municipal Law §3-c(5) provides that a local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of 60 percent of the total voting power of such governing body, a local law to override such limit.
- H. That General Municipal Law §3-c(6) provides that if a local government's actual tax levy for a given fiscal year exceeds the tax levy limit, as determined by the State Comptroller, the local government must place the excess amount in reserve and use such funds to offset the tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year.
- I. That the purpose of this Local Law is to comply with the requirements of General Municipal Law §3-c prior to adopting the 2026 Warren County budget should it exceed the tax levy limit for 2026.

SECTION 3. ENACTMENT AUTHORITY.

That this Local Law is adopted pursuant to authority provided in Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York as well as the specific authority set forth in General Municipal Law §3-c(5).

SECTION 4. OVERRIDE AUTHORIZATION.

That the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby overrides the County of Warren tax levy limit for 2026, and is hereby authorized to adopt a County Budget for fiscal year 2026 that requires an actual property tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2026, pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this local law is for any reason declared unconstitutional, or invalid, in whole or in part by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.