

Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21, 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://www.warrencountyny.gov/MMA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xSn80rOUtc>

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 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Turner

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Geraci, Crocitto, Bean, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Strainer, Etu, Thomas, Runyon and Geraghty - 19; Absent - 1. Supervisor Magowan

Motion was made by Supervisor Geraci, seconded by Supervisor Strainer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Magowan absent*) to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2025 Board Meeting and November 7, 2025 Special Board Meeting.

Presentation of Employee of the Quarter Award was made to Andre Sargent, *Buildings and Grounds employee*.

Privilege of the floor was extended to John Bowe, *Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension Warren County*, who was in attendance to recognize Amy Sabattis, *Public Affairs Liason*, who was unable to attend the meeting, for 25 years of service to Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Chairman Geraghty called for privilege of the floor/public comment:

Diane Collins, *Representing North Country Earth Action*, urged the Board to not opt out of the mandates included within the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, noting these mandates were imperative to assist with the climate crisis. She then read aloud a statement from Lisa Adamson, *North Country Earth Action member*, which indicated her support of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, as well as providing data regarding why keeping the gas-hookup prohibition strengthened grid reliability, affordability and resilience; *a copy of the statement and the data regarding same are on file with the items distributed at the November 21, 2025 Board Meeting*.

Christopher Hoy, *Representing North Country Earth Action*, spoke regarding climate change and his support of alternative energy sources such as solar and wind energy. He encouraged the Board to vote in opposition of opting out of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

Nancy Beaudin, *Town of Johnsbury Resident and Meals on Wheels Program volunteer*, voiced her disappointment with the closing of the meal site in the Town of Johnsbury for the Meals on Wheels Program, outlining some of the issues that have occurred now that the meals were being prepared at the Town of Warrensburg meal site.

Larissa Ovitt, *Town of Queensbury Resident and Chilcare business owner*, read aloud a prepared statement regarding what was being referred to as the “childcare crisis” in Warren County, as well as provided statistics regarding child care and letters from individuals voicing their concerns with the funding cuts being made to daycare subsidies provided to income qualified individuals; *copies of which are on file with the items distributed at the November 21, 2025 Board Meeting.*

Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing open on Warren County Sewer District (Industrial Park) Assessment Roll open at 10:29 a.m. and requested the Clerk of the Board read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing. Chair called for public comment; there being no one wishing to speak he closed the Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m.

Proceeding with the Agenda review, Chair declared the Public Hearing on 2026 Tentative Budget open at 10:31 a.m. and requested the Clerk of the Board read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing. Chair called for public comment; there being no one wishing to comment he closed the Public Hearing on the 2026 Tentative Budget closed at 10:32 a.m.

Report by the Committee Chairs (including the Chairman of the Board’s Report), were given during which a motion was made by Supervisor Strough and seconded by Turner to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 419, *Resolution Urging Amendments to State Law to Allow Local Opt-Outs from Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and Electrification Mandates*. Chairman Geraghty called for a roll call vote on the motion to withdraw; he called the question and the motion was carried by majority vote, with 767 votes in favor (*Supervisors Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Geraci, Bean, Crocitto, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Strainer, Etu, Conover, Diamond and Gilligan*); 146 opposed (*Supervisors Patchett, Thomas, Runyon, Maday and Geraghty*); and 89 absent (*Supervisor Magowan*).

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 - Report of Real Property Tax Corrections for October 2025.

Letters/emails from:

1. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Notice of Public Hearing - Cooper Properties NY LP, 76 Lawrence Street (TMP: 303.17-4-3.11);
2. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Notice of Public Hearing - 178 Maple Street, LLC;
3. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Notice of Second Public Hearing - 178 Maple Street, LLC;
4. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Application for Real Property Tax Exemption - EBRM Properties LLC 9-15 Broad Street Project;
5. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Application for Real Property Tax Exemption - ADK REI LLC 18 Luzerne Road Project;
6. Town of Queensbury - Request for Lead Agency Status for purposes of SEQR review in relation to the Woods at West Mountain Planned Resort Development; and

7. Town of Queensbury - Notice of Public Hearing - Woods at West Mountain Planned Resort Development.

Other:

1. Washington County - Resolution No. 253 of 2025, entitled *“To Rescind Resolution No. 142 of 2025 and Authorize Sale and Conveyance of Crockwell Pond, 240 Sanford Street, Glens Falls, New York 12801 (Tax Parcel #303.9-8-18) by SUNY Adirondack”*

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

Resolution Nos. 408-461, the Estimate of Sales Tax, Mortgage Tax Report, Report of Equalization and three Proclamations were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Monday, November 17, 2025 which met the deadline specified in the Rules of the Board. The three Proclamations were:

Proclamation No. 44 - Diabetes Awareness Month (*November 2025*)

Proclamation No. 45 - Home Care and Hospice Month (*November 2025*)

Proclamation No. 46 - Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month (*November 2025*)

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated Proposed Resolution No. 419 was withdrawn and motions were needed to bring proposed Floor Resolution Nos. 1 and 2 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bean, seconded by Supervisor Merlino and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Magowan absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 entitled *“Waiving the Standing Rule of the Board Relating to the Requirement that all Resolutions Ratifying the Actions of the Chair of the Board of Supervisors in Executing an Agreement with the North Creek Sewer District for the Utilization of Sewer Services for Tax Map Parcel Nos. 66.6-2-6 and 66.5-1-10 in the Town of Johnsbury”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 462.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Bean and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Magowan absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled *“Ratifying the Actions of the Chair of the Board of Supervisors in Executing an Agreement with the North Creek Sewer District for the Utilization of Sewer Services for Tax Map Parcel Nos. 66.6-2-6 and 66.5-1-10 in the Town of Johnsbury”*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 463.

Mrs. Allen asked if there was any objection to combining the roll call votes on proposed Resolution Nos. 447-454 which all pertained to appropriating funding from Reserve Accounts and increasing or decreasing Capital Projects. Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Etu and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Magowan absent*) to combine the roll call votes on proposed Resolution Nos. 447-454 as outlined above.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Turner spoke regarding proposed Resolution No. 419, *Resolution Urging Amendments to State Law to Allow Local Opt-Outs from Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and Electrification Mandates*, indicating prior to the matter being brought back to the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee she believed a discussion with the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee and the County’s Climate Smart Coordinator was necessary She reminded the Board Members Resolution No. 257 of 2019, *Adopting the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge on Behalf of Planning and Community Development*, whose purpose was adopting the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge, noting opting out of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection and Electrification Mandates could impact the County’s Climate Smart Task Force and their certification with New York State. She noted this

certification assisted the County with securing grant funding for several projects.

Supervisor Patchett voiced his support of opting out of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection and Electrification Mandates, noting if they opted in it could open up the door for future legislation that impacted existing homes and/or homes where renovations were being completed. He stated should homes be required to switch over to all electric power it would cause major issues in the rural smaller towns, as they had a tendency to lose power more often than the populated municipalities.

Supervisor Etu concurred with Supervisor Turner regarding her comments pertaining to proposed Resolution No. 419, *Resolution Urging Amendments to State Law to Allow Local Opt-Outs from Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and Electrification Mandates*, noting he could think of several instances where grant funding was secured relating to climate such as the EV chargers installed in the Municipal Center parking lot. He added he was also a member of a Recycling and Compost Task Force orchestrated by the Planning & Community Development Department, noting they were Bronze Certified and met on a regular basis.

Supervisor Runyon concurred with Supervisor Patchett, voicing her concerns that opting into the Climate Leadership and Community Protection and Electrification Mandates would have a negative impact on her small rural community where power outages can carry on for extended periods of time.

Chairman Geraghty thanked everyone for their feedback regarding the Climate Leadership and Community Protection and Electrification Mandates, indicating they should keep them in mind when it was brought back before the Committee to discuss further.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. Resolution Nos. 408-463 were approved as presented, with the exception of proposed Resolution No. 419 which was withdrawn.

Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Announcements were called for:

Ms. Collins advised the members of the North County Earth Action, Third Act Upstate New York and New York Renews were willing to participate in a study group and meet with the Board member to discuss and advise on the concerns expressed with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection and Electrification Mandates, as well as how to implement this within the County should it move forward in 2026.

Supervisor Geraci introduced Wayne Butler, *Supervisor Elect, Town of Horicon*, noting he believed he would be an asset to the Board in 2026.

Supervisor Merlino advised upon his retirement he would donating a Civil War Quilt to the Town of Lake Luzerne.

Supervisor Etu announced a meeting was being held regarding navigating APA (*Adirondack Park Agency*) regulations for local land use bodies and Planning Boards on December 4th in the Human Services Building.

Supervisor Thomas thanked the Board on behalf of himself and the members of the Budget Team for adopting the 2026 County Budget.

Supervisor Strainer recognized the following local high school sports teams and individuals:
The Queensbury High School Boys Cross Country Team for capturing its third straight Foothills Council championship;
Richard Keys, *Queensbury School District Athletic Director*, and Kyle Gannon, *Queensbury School District Superintendent*, for their efforts in securing the State Cross Country Championship to be held at the Queensbury School District which was estimated to earn up to \$4 million in revenue fro the region;
Mya Stark, *Sophomore, Queensbury High School*, for breaking the school's record in the 100 meter back stroke swim race;
Marina Mulder, *Senior, Queensbury High School*, for setting a new school record in the 100 meter butterfly swim race;
Ava Goertzen, *Senior Queensbury High School.*, for being named Defensive Player of the Year in Foothills Council Girls Soccer; and
Kerrie Lewis, *Court Clerk, Queensbury Town Court*, for being awarded the 2025 Court Clerk of the Year in Albany on September 29, 2025 by her peers.

Supervisor Strough echoed Supervisor Strainer's comments regarding Ms. Lewis, noting Ms. Lewis was well deserving of this recognition.

Supervisor Driscoll recognized the Glens Falls City School District Black Bears Varsity Football Team, who would be playing in the State Championship game this weekend, and he wished them well. Next he recognized the Glens Falls City School District Black Bears Boys Varsity Soccer Team, and in particular their coach, Mike Shaffer, who would be retiring after a long tenure as their coach. He added the team competed in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class A final four where their season concluded with a semifinal loss.

Chairman Geraghty wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, noting the Warrensburg Fire Department would be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for senior citizens this Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.