

Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY DECEMBER 19, 2025**



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<https://www.warrencountyny.gov/MMA>

Warren County's YouTube Channel -

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

Part 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1819shajYNA>

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 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Bruno

Roll called, the following members present:

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

Motion was made by Supervisor Strainer, seconded by Supervisor Gilligan and carried by majority vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*), with Supervisor Magowan abstaining, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2025 Board Meeting.

Prior to continuing with the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty recognized Dave Wick for his years of service to the County, first as District Manager for Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District and then as Executive Director for the Lake George Park Commission and he wished him well in his retirement.

The Agenda review returned to offering privilege of the floor to Senator Daniel G. Stec, who recognized Supervisors Thomas and Merlino for their years of service to the County, as well as Mr. Wick. He then presented the Health Services Department with a Proclamation in recognition of their one hundred years of professional and compassionate service to the residents of Warren County.

Continuing with the Agenda review, privilege of the floor was extended to Assemblymen Matthew J. Simpson, who recognized Supervisors Thomas, Merlino, Magowan, Bean and Geraci for their years of service to the County and he wished them well in their retirement. He then proceeded to present each of them with a Citation recognizing their years of service to the County. In conclusion he recognized Mr. Wick for his service to the County.

Presentation of Proclamations and flags was made to the following Supervisors, who would not be returning for another term, for recognition of their service to the County: Supervisors Geraci; Merlino; Magowan; and Thomas. Chairman Geraghty read aloud a note from Supervisor Bean, who was unable to attend the meeting today due to illness and he wished him well with his future endeavors.

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

Supervisor Magowan inquired when the appropriate time would be to request an executive session to discuss some concerns he had with the 2026 County Budget, noting he would be distributing a handout with information regarding Department Head salaries and Chairman Geraghty responded an executive session could be held now; *a copy of the handout pertaining to Department Head salaries is on file with the items distributed at the December 19, 2025 Board Meeting.*

Motion was made by Supervisor Magowan and seconded by Supervisor Maday to enter into an executive session. Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, asked Supervisor Magowan whether they would be engaging in discussions of matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person and Supervisor Magowan replied affirmatively. Attorney Elmen clarified the purpose of the executive session fell under Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law. Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion to enter into an executive session under Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law for the purposes outlined above was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*).

Executive session was held from 10:43 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

The Agenda review resumed with Chairman Geraghty declaring the Public Hearing open on proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 entitled "*A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officers and Employees of Warren County*" open at 11:01 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 11:02 a.m.

Report by the Committee Chairs were given during which Supervisor Driscoll indicated he would be recusing from voting on proposed Resolution No. 492, *Authorizing Agreement with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany for Residential and Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services for Individuals and Families Within Warren County for the Department of Social Services*. It was also noted Chairman Geraghty would be forgoing giving his Report this month. Also during the Report by Committee Chairs, Supervisor Etu noted he would be requesting to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 482, *Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with Rebuilding Together Saratoga County, Inc. to Provide Grant Administration Services for the 2025 Office of Community Renewal State Funded Programs Awarded to Warren County (WC 46-25) Contingent upon Receipt of Grant Funding*, at the appropriate time.

Report by the County Administrator was given.

The County Attorney advised he had no report.

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

Reports from:

1. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report - July 31, 2025;
2. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report - August 31, 2025;
3. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report - September 30, 2025.

Letters/emails from:

1. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Application for Real Property Tax Exemption - Patten Property Management LLC;
2. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Application for Real Property Tax Exemption - Aviation Hospitality LLC;
3. Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth - Application for Real Property Tax Exemption - 87 North Real

Estate Holdings LLC.

Other:

1. Washington County - Resolution No. 276 of 2025, entitled “*Authorize Sale of Property by SUNY Adirondack*”;
2. Town of Queensbury - Full Environmental Assessment Form - Woods at West Mountain Planned Resort Development Zoning Changes.

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

Resolution Nos. 464-558 and five Proclamations were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Monday, December 15, 2025; Floor Resolution Nos, 1-4 were distributed and posted to the Warren County website on December 18, 2025. The five Proclamations were:

- Proclamation No. 47 - Honoring Frank Thomas;
- Proclamation No. 48 - Honoring Eugene Merlino;
- Proclamation No. 49 - Human Rights Month (*December 2025*);
- Proclamation No. 50 - Identity Theft Awareness and Prevention Month (*December 2025*); and
- Proclamation No. 51 - Impaired Driving Prevention Month (*December 2025*).

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated motions were needed to bring proposed Floor Resolution Nos. 1 and 4 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean 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 Land Lease with Northern Gateway Renewables, LLC for Warren County (Floyd Bennett Memorial) Airport Solar Land Lease (WC 44-20), to Increase Leasehold and Other Modifications*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 559.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled “*Amending Land Lease with Northern Gateway Renewables, LLC for Warren County (Floyd Bennett Memorial) Airport Solar Land Lease (WC 44-20), to Increase Leasehold and Other Modifications*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 560.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean 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 Amending Land Lease with Southern Gateway Renewables, LLC for Warren County (Floyd Bennett Memorial) Airport Solar Land Lease (WC 44-20), to Increase Leasehold and Other Modifications*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 561.

Motion was made by Supervisor Bruno, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 entitled “*Amending Land Lease with Southern Gateway Renewables, LLC for Warren County (Floyd Bennett Memorial) Airport Solar Land Lease (WC 44-20), to Increase Leasehold and Other Modifications*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen advised proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 would now be referred to as proposed

Resolution No. 562.

Mrs. Allen apprised a motion was required to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 482, *Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with Rebuilding Together Saratoga County, Inc. to Provide Grant Administration Services for the 2025 Office of Community Renewal State Funded Programs Awarded to Warren County (WC 46-25) Contingent upon Receipt of Grant Funding*. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Etu, seconded by Supervisor Conover and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 482.

Mrs. Allen indicated a motion was also required to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 524, *Home Rule Request by Warren County for the Enactment of State Legislation Authorizing the County of Warren to Impose and Retain an Additional One Percent (1%) of Sales Tax*. The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Geraghty, seconded by Supervisor Etu and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Bean absent*) to withdraw proposed Resolution No. 524.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Driscoll requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 492, *Authorizing Agreement with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany for Residential and Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services for Individuals and Families Within Warren County for the Department of Social Services*.

Supervisor Turner requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 507, *Authorizing Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2026 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding for Same*, noting she would be recusing from voting on the proposed Resolution.

Supervisor Magowan spoke regarding his concerns with proposed Resolution No. 512, *Enacting Local Law No. 1 of 2026, Entitled "A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officers and Employees of Warren County"*, which he noted he would be voting in opposition of.

Supervisor Bruno suggested going forward proposed Resolution No. 512, *Enacting Local Law No. 1 of 2026, Entitled "A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officers and Employees of Warren County"*, include a listing of the prior year's salaries as well to allow him to make an informed decision.

With regard to proposed Resolution No. 507, *Authorizing Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2026 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding for Same*, Supervisor Wild voiced his concerns, indicating he would like to withdraw the proposed Resolution and send it back to Committee to allow further research into whether the events being awarded occupancy tax funding outlined in the proposed Resolution were producing a ROI (*Return on Investment*). He added he believed it would be more appropriate for some of the smaller events outlined in the proposed Resolution to go before the municipalities where the events were being held to request occupancy tax funding rather than receive the funds from the County.

Supervisor Runyon noted the amount of funding many of the events were awarded significantly less occupancy tax funds in proposed Resolution No. 507 was than what they had requested, indicating the Tourism Department spent a significant amount of time calculating what the appropriate amount of funding was.

Supervisor Etu concurred with Supervisor Runyon's remarks regarding the occupancy tax funding awarded to events outlined in proposed Resolution No. 507, noting he was fully supportive of the

proposed Resolution in its current format.

Supervisor Crocitto voiced his concern with tabling the proposed Resolution, indicating a number of the event organizers would be negatively impacted should the tabling of proposed Resolution No. 507 move forward. He suggested that he and Supervisor Wild could work together to implement a formula to determine the ROI of events to use for those who submitted applications for occupancy tax funding for events being held in 2027.

Chairman Geraghty inquired whether anyone else had an interest in tabling proposed Resolution No. 507, *Authorizing Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2026 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding for Same*, but no one responded. He noted the proposed Resolution would remain in its current format.

Supervisor Thomas requested a roll call on proposed Resolution No. 523, *Authorizing the County Treasurer's Office to Write off Uncollected Debt Due from ADK Excursions, LLC Following the Warren County Board of Supervisors Action to Rescind the Resolutions Awarding ARPA Funding and the Termination of the Corresponding Contracts*.

Supervisor Magowan noted he would be recusing from voting on 523.

Supervisor Crocitto indicated he would be recusing from voting on proposed Resolution No. 507, *Authorizing Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2026 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding for Same*.

Voting on resolutions occurred during which Supervisor Driscoll exited the meeting during the vote on proposed Resolution No. 492, *Authorizing Agreement with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany for Residential and Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services for Individuals and Families Within Warren County for the Department of Social Services*, at 11:42 a.m. and re-entered at 11:43 a.m.; Supervisors Turner and Crocitto exited the meeting during the vote on proposed Resolution No. 507, *Authorizing Agreements with Certain Applicants for the Disbursement of 2026 Occupancy Tax Revenues, to Authorize Agreements and Funding for Same*, at 11:43 a.m. and re-entered at 11:44 a.m.; and Supervisor Magowan exited the meeting during the vote on proposed Resolution No. 523, *Authorizing the County Treasurer's Office to Write off Uncollected Debt Due from ADK Excursions, LLC Following the Warren County Board of Supervisors Action to Rescind the Resolutions Awarding ARPA Funding and the Termination of the Corresponding Contracts*, at 11:47 a.m. and re-entered the meeting at 11:48 a.m. Resolution Nos. Resolution Nos. 464-558 were approved as presented, with the exception of proposed Resolution Nos. 482 and 524 which were withdrawn.

Announcements were called for:

Chairman Geraghty advised a reception would be held in the Committee Room immediately following the conclusion of the meeting. Next, he reminded the Town Supervisors to pick up their tax rolls from the Clerk of the Board's Office prior to leaving today.

Supervisor Driscoll recognized the County and the Department of Social Services for the assistance they provided to residents whose benefits were placed on hold during the shutdown of the Federal Government.

Supervisor Strainer recognized the students and faculty of the City of Glens Falls and Queensbury Union Free School District's for surpassing the State average on several State Assessment tests for area schools. Next, he wished the outgoing Supervisors well with their future endeavors. Supervisor Strainer also thanked the Department's he oversaw as Chair of the Health Services Committee,

including Public Health, Office of Community Services and Office for the Aging, for doing an exceptional job throughout the year. In conclusion, he wished everyone a joyous holiday season.

Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor for public comment:

Chairman Geraghty recognized the County employees for their efforts throughout the year and he wished everyone a happy holiday season.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Strough and seconded by Supervisor Wild, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.