

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE, RULES & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

DATE: JANUARY 30, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STROUGH
CONOVER
WILD
DRISCOLL
MADAY
GERACI
THOMAS

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN, COMMISSIONER (D)
WILLIAM VANNESS, COMMISSIONER (R)
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS CROCITTO
ETU
MERLINO
PATCHETT
STRAINER

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
MARILYN RIVERS, PROPERTY & CASUALTY RISK MANAGER
DR. KRISTINE DUFFY, PRESIDENT, SUNY ADIRONDACK
LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 30, 2025 meeting of the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:

Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6DCpCE0GTc>

Mr. Strough called the meeting of the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Maday absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Board of Elections agenda were distributed; a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Privilege of the floor and public comment were called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

The Committee began with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items which included the following requests:

1. To appropriate funds in the amount of \$60,000 from Budget Code A.909.00, *General Fund Unappropriated Surplus*, to various budget codes to cover the cost of the 2025 Congressional Special Election.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Conover to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Strough called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Maday absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy*

of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Maday entered the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

2. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$26,599.32 to carry over unused General Election Aid to Localities grant funds.
3. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$36,831.78 to carry over Ballot by Mail grant funds.
4. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$63,360.37 to carry over unused Poll Book grant funds.
5. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$5,795.09 to carry over unused Ballot grant funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mr. Wild to approve the requests as presented; following discussion, Mr. Strough called the question and the motions were carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.* Note: during the following meeting of the Finance & Budget Committee, it was determined that Items 2 and 4 were not necessary.

6. To amend the contract with Tenex Software Solutions (*Authorized by Resolution No. 351 of 2019*) to provide licensing and support for the purchase of three additional electronic pollbooks (93 pollbooks instead of 90) and increasing the annual cost to \$12,555. (*Previous Resolution No. 048 of 2024*)

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Maday and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

7. To authorize the donation of old pollbook ipads to a non-profit organization, subject to legal review of County Purchasing Policy and New York State Law.

Motion was made by Mr. Driscoll and seconded by Mr. Maday to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Strough called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the February 21st Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Thomas who made a motion to authorize a letter from the Chair of the Board to Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and President Donald Trump requesting \$60,000 in federal funding to cover the cost of the 2025 Congressional Special Election; the motion was seconded by Mr. Driscoll. Following discussion, Mr. Strough called the question and the motion was carried unanimously.

William VanNess, *Commissioner (R) Board of Elections*, announced his retirement would be February 20, 2025 and he apprised Harold Hubbard, *Deputy Commissioner (R)*, had been endorsed by the Republican Committee as his replacement. He expressed his confidence in Mr. Hubbard if he were selected as Commissioner. Mr. VanNess extended his appreciation to the Committee and the Board of Supervisors.

There being no further business to come before the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Maday and carried unanimously, Mr. Strough adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board