

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE, RULES & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STROUGH
CONOVER
WILD
DRISCOLL
GERACI
THOMAS

OTHERS PRESENT:

DAN DURKEE, PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR &
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR
REPRESENTING THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE:
CARRIE BLACK, COUNTY CLERK
LINDA MORGAN, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS CROCITTO
PATCHETT
STRAINER
TURNER
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
KATHLEEN BOYLE, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT
LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST
*SEE SIGN IN SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR MADAY

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 28, 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=hJIdmEPIGAU>

Mr. Strough called the meeting of the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Conover 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 Legislative and County Clerk/DMV agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

The Committee began with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items section of the Legislative agenda which included a request to authorize setting the hours of both the Clerk of the Board and County Clerk's Offices as 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Maday absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, the Discussion Items portion of the agenda was reviewed with the following item being addressed:

- 1) Discussion regarding the sale of nitrous oxide products in Warren County - Dan Durkee, *Warren County Public Health Program Administrator & Emergency Preparedness Coordinator*, addressed the Committee on the topic.

Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, requested thirty days to research the matter and bring possible options back to Committee prior to taking any action. The Warren County Public Health Program Administrator & Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and the County Administrator apprised they would research the matter further, as well and provide any additional information they were able to gather for consideration.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for:

Kathleen Boyle, *Warren County Resident*, provided the County Attorney with a copy of a law from Humboldt County, California banning the sale and distribution of nitrous oxide. She requested Warren County take action prohibiting the sale in hope that other counties would follow suit. She indicated it would also be helpful to address the issue with New York State.

Mr. Wild compared the nitrous oxide problem to the Fentanyl crisis and he urged the Committee to move forward quickly.

Mr. Conover requested a copy of the Humboldt County legislation and the County Attorney apprised he would provide a copy to all of the Committee Members.

Mr. Driscoll expressed his appreciation to Ms. Boyle as well as all others who provided submission forms and he welcomed any and all further submissions to learn more on the topic.

Mr. Wild inquired if a letter should be sent to NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*) and State Representatives now, rather than delaying the matter. Mr. Driscoll reminded the Committee that the County Attorney was requesting they refrain from taking any action until all information had been obtained and reviewed.

There being no further Legislative business to discuss, Committee commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the County Clerk/DMV agenda, which included a request to introduce a Local Law to Impose an Additional Mortgage Recording Tax in Warren County and authorizing public hearing for same. (*Previous Resolution No. 444 of 2023*)

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Driscoll 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 the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for:

Mr. Thomas spoke with regard to the VLT/Tribal Compact monies not being received in quite some time from the Native American tribal casinos. He suggested taking action through a letter, or possibly considering the idea of building a casino in Warren County. Committee determined this matter would be included on next month's agenda for further discussion and possible action.

There being no further business to come before the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Maday absent*), Mr. Strough adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist