

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE, RULES & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

**DATE:           OCTOBER 2, 2025**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS STROUGH  
                  CONOVER  
                  WILD  
                  DRISCOLL  
                  MADAY  
                  GERACI  
                  THOMAS

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS:  
                          ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN, COMMISSIONER (D)  
                          HAROLD HUBBARD, COMMISSIONER (R)  
CARLA SHERMAN, COUNTY AUDITOR  
CARRIE BLACK, COUNTY CLERK  
JULIE BUTLER, PURCHASING AGENT  
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISORS   MERLINO  
                          PATCHETT  
                          STRAINER  
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
SARAH McLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD  
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER  
KATHLEEN BOYLE, QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 2, 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=0WjuzOSyRVs>*

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. Geraci 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; County Auditor; County Clerk/DMV; Purchasing; and Legislative agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for:

Kathleen Boyle, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, shared two recent tragedies located not far from Warren County that highlighted the public safety risks nitrous oxide posed. She spoke with regard to a vehicle/pedestrian accident that took place in Burlington, Vermont causing paralysis to a pedestrian as well as a store shooting resulting in death of the store owner in Mattydale, New York. She stated both incidents showed the importance of urgent attention to the nitrous oxide misuse issue. Ms. Boyle thanked Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, and John Taflan, *County Administrator*, for their assistance on the matter.

The Committee began with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items section of the Board of Elections agenda, which included a request to amend Resolution No. 464 of 2022 to change election service fees to Towns/City from \$1,500 per Election District (*ED*) to \$1,750 per ED with 1,000 active voters or less; \$2,000 per ED with 1,001 - 1,500 active voters; \$2,250 per ED with 1,501 - 2,000 active voters; and \$2,500 per ED with 2,001

or more active voters.

Mr. Geraci entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, the Committee proceeded to the Discussion Items portion of the agenda which consisted of a review of the 2026 Budget request.

Mr. Driscoll exited the meeting at 9:07 a.m. and re-entered the meeting at 9:08 a.m. during the Budget review.

There being no further Board of Elections business to discuss, Committee commenced with a review of the County Auditor Discussion Items portion of the agenda, which included the 2026 Budget request review.

There being no further County Auditor business to discuss, Committee commenced with a review of the County Clerk/DMV Discussion Items portion of the agenda, which consisted of the following:

1. 2026 Budget request review.
2. Local Real Estate Transfer Tax.

There being no further County Clerk/DMV business to discuss, Committee commenced with a review of the Discussion Items portion of the Purchasing agenda, which included a review of the 2026 Stockroom and Purchasing Budget request.

There being no further Purchasing business to discuss, Committee commenced with a review of the Legislative Referrals/Pending Items portion of the agenda, which included the following items:

- 1) Discussion to continue regarding the sale of nitrous oxide products in Warren County; staff to research matter further and bring back possible options for the Committee to consider. County Attorney to provide a copy of Humboldt County legislation to Committee members for review and a possible update to be provided at the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 2) Discussion regarding possible action pertaining to the VLT/Tribal Compact monies not being received. County Treasurer to research the matter further and continue discussion at next months meeting. The Committee requested the County Administrator contact State Representatives for assistance.

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

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 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist