

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE, RULES & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS STROUGH
CONOVER
WILD
DRISCOLL
MADAY
GERACI
THOMAS

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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PATCHETT

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

MONICA STARK, DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER

KATHLEEN BOYLE, QUEENSBURY RESIDENT

LARRY PALTROWITZ, SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE COUNTY

ASHLEY SPAULDING, BAYWOOD CENTER INC

DR. ANASTASIA URTZ, PRESIDENT, SUNY ADIRONDACK

LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 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=5kzg5Wdj1jY>

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

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the County Clerk/DMV 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, but there was no one wishing to speak.

The Committee began with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items section of the County Clerk/DMV agenda, which included a request to amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to fund the position of Legal Recording Clerk, *Grade 7, Base Annual Salary \$45,751*, and unfund but retain the position of Principal Legal Recording Clerk, *Grade 15, Base Annual Salary \$67,589*, effective November 24, 2025.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraci and seconded by Mr. Driscoll 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 refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, the Committee proceeded to the Referrals/Pending Items portion of the agenda which consisted of a review of the following:

1. Local Real Estate Transfer Tax continued conversation with requested information. The County Clerk apprised fifteen out of sixty-two Counties in New York State were imposing the tax. It was noted the County Attorney had sent the Committee a legal opinion on the matter.

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

There being no further County Clerk/DMV business to discuss, Committee commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the Legislative agenda, which included the following requests:

- 1) To authorize a resolution similar to Genesee County Legislature Resolution No. 410, *“Urging Amendments to State Law to Allow Local Opt-Outs from Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) and Electrification Mandates - Approval Of”*.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraci and seconded by Mr. Driscoll 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 November 21st Board meeting.

- 2) To authorize a resolution mirroring Essex County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 224 of 2025, *“Urging the New York Legislature and Governor Hochul to Enact Legislation Amending General Municipal Law in Relation to Exempting Public Employees Health Insurance Premiums Paid by Towns and Counties in New York State From the New York State Property Tax Cap”* specific to Warren County.

Motion was made by Mr. Maday 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 majority vote, with Mr. Wild voting in opposition, to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 21st Board meeting.

Mr. Wild exited the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

The Referrals/Pending Items section of the agenda was reviewed with the following items addressed:

- 1) County Attorney to provide a copy of legislation adopted by Humboldt County regarding the ban on the sale of nitrous oxide for recreational purposes to the Committee members for review and a possible update to be provided at the October 30th Committee meeting. Attorney Elmen apprised there was an existing State law prohibiting the conduct being looked at under Public Health Law Section 3380(5) which he read aloud along with the penalties. He informed there was an inability for laboratory testing for nitrous oxide use which prevented the use from being punishable due to lack of proof. Consensus of the Committee was to obtain a written summary from the Sheriff and the District Attorney or invite them to speak at next months meeting on the difficulties of imposing the existing law and data on the topic.

Mr. Wild re-entered the meeting at 10:16 a.m. during the discussion on Referral/Pending Item 1.

- 2) County Treasurer to research VLT/Tribal Compact monies not being received in quite some time from the Native American tribal casinos; discussion to continue at the next meeting. Committee also requested the County Administrator contact State representatives. County Administrator Taflan and Chairman Geraghty explained due to a land swap deal with the Oneida Nation casino proceeds were sent to New York State and put into an escrow account and needed to be signed off on before the funds could be released, but payments had begun and would continue.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for:

Mr. Wild requested the Sheriff, District Attorney and Public Defender be invited to speak on the enforcement options regarding sex offenders not being required to register for short-term rentals. Attorney Elmen advised the County had the option to pass a resolution encouraging the Legislature to change State law under the Corrections Law regarding registration and notification of sex offenders. County Administrator Taflan to research if other Counties in New York had created a resolution for the matter and report back to Committee next month.

Ashley Spaulding, *Director of Community Outreach, Baywood Center*, spoke with regard to the ease of sales of nitrous oxide as well as other substances and stimulants at convenience stores and gas stations in Warren County for the purpose of intoxication along with the health and financial consequences from use. She suggested the Committee speak to providers who directly work with the individuals using the substances.

Mr. Wild requested a list of the substances that were being sold at gas stations.

Mr. Thomas opined Warren County should ban the sale of the substances mentioned.

Kathleen Boyle, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, asked the County Attorney to clarify if the sale of nitrous oxide was only prohibited if the seller knew usage was for inhalation according to the New York State Law. County Attorney Elmen replied he was unsure and would provide her with a copy of the law. He apprised his Office was not responsible for the enforcement of the law except with juvenile delinquents and he did not interpret for the District Attorney.

There being no further business to come before the Legislative, Rules & Governmental Operations Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Conover and carried unanimously, Mr. Strough adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist