

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026



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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 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Geraghty called for a moment of silence in recognition of the soldiers involved in the war with Iran, noting how appreciative he was of their service to ensure the residents of the United States freedom.

Prior to proceeding with the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty welcomed Supervisor Goodspeed back as a member of the Board.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Butler, Goodspeed, Crocitto, Niles, Wild, Etu, Strainer, Beaty, O'Neill, Runyon and Geraghty; Absent 1 - Supervisor Strough

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor O'Neill and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Strough absent*) to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2026 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Prior to continuing with the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor to Dan Ladd, *Representing the Warren County Conservation Counsel*, who proceeded to provide an overview of their Organization and some upcoming events they were holding. Next, Mr. Ladd presented Chairman Geraghty with an award for the County's continued support of their Organization.

Presentation of Proclamations and flags were made to the following individuals:

The Honorable Judge Hobbs, Glens Falls City Court;  
Ginelle Jones, Director, Public Health/Patient Services;  
Dean Moore, Director, Parks, Recreation and Railroad; and  
Larry Elmen, County Attorney.

Chairman Geraghty called for privilege of the floor/public comment which was limited to three minutes per speaker:

Christine Norton, *County Treasurer*, spoke regarding proposed Floor Resolution No. 6, *Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with Ferraro Amodio & Associates, LLC D/B/A FAZ Forensics for Forensic Accounting Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2025 (WC 5-26)*, voicing her opposition due to the expense associated with this agreement and the County's current financial standing, noting the State Comptroller's Office audit would be conducted later this year for no additional cost to the County. She also spoke regarding her disappointment that the expense for this agreement was being solely associated with the Treasurer's Office, indicating the audit would

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be of the entire County and would also include a review of the actions of County leadership.

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The Agenda review resumed with Chairman Geraghty declaring the Public Hearing open on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2026 entitled Local Law No. 4 of 2026, Entitled "Enacting Local Law No. 4 of 2026, Entitled "A Local Law Amending and Updating Local Law No. 2 of 2022, 'A Local Law Amending and Updating Local Law No. 6 of 2021, a Local Law Amending and Updating Local Law No. 5 of 2021, a Local Law Amending and Updating Local Law No. 6 of 2014, Warren County Ethics and Disclosure Law'" open at 10:25 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 10:26 a.m.

Report by the Committee Chairs (including the Chairman of the Board's Report), were given during which Supervisor Strough entered the meeting at 10:33 a.m. Supervisors Driscoll and Patchett exited the meeting at 10:38 a.m. and re-entered at 10:41 a.m.

The Agenda review resumed with the Report by the County Administrator being given.

Report by the County Attorney was given.

Reports from:

1. County Auditor - Report of Real Property Tax Corrections - February 2026.

Letters/emails from:

1. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth - Application for Real Property Tax Exemption on behalf of Cooper Properties NY L.P.;
2. Lawrence Elmen - Letter of resignation, effective April 3, 2026.

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

Resolution Nos. 92-121; eight Proclamations; one Certificate of Appointment; and Floor Resolution Nos. 1-8 were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. The eight Proclamations were:

- Proclamation No. 9 - Development Disabilities Month (*March 2026*);
- Proclamation No. 10 - Women's History Month (*March 2026*);
- Proclamation No. 11 - National Public Defenders Day Month (*March 18, 2026*);
- Proclamation No. 12 - Autism Awareness Month (*April 2026*);
- Proclamation No. 13 - Child Abuse Prevention Month (*April 2026*);
- Proclamation No. 14 - Honoring Jude Hobbs
- Proclamation No. 15 - Honoring Larry Elmen
- Proclamation No. 16 - Honoring Ginnelle Jones
- Proclamation No. 17 - Honoring Dean Moore

Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, indicated motions were needed to bring the floor resolutions 1-8 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Strainer and carried unanimously 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 Regarding a Home Rule Request by Warren County for the Enactment of Senate Bill No. S9128 and Assembly Bill No. A10373 Entitled "An Act in Relation to Authorizing the County of Warren to Offer an Optional Twenty-Year Retirement Plan to Bradley Murphy, a Patrol Officer Employed by Such County"*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 122.

Motion was made by Supervisor Butler, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled *Home Rule Request by Warren County for the Enactment of Senate Bill No. S9128 and Assembly Bill No. A10373 Entitled "An Act in Relation to Authorizing the County of Warren to Offer an Optional Twenty-Year Retirement Plan to Bradley Murphy, a Patrol Officer Employed by Such County"*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 123.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor O'Neill and carried unanimously 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 Authorizing the Establishment of a Capital Project Planning Committee for Capital Project Review and Planning"*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 124.

Motion was made by Supervisor O'Neill, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 entitled *"Authorizing the Establishment of a Capital Project Planning Committee for Capital Project Review and Planning"*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 125.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Gilligan and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 5 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 Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with Ferraro Amodio & Associates, LLC D/B/A FAZ Forensics for Forensic Accounting Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2025 (WC 5-26)"*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 5 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 126.

Motion was made by Supervisor Driscoll and seconded by Supervisor Turner to approve the request to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 to the floor. Following a brief discussion, Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion as outlined above was carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 entitled *"Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with Ferraro Amodio & Associates, LLC D/B/A FAZ Forensics for Forensic Accounting Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2025 (WC 5-26)"*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen advised proposed Floor Resolution No. 6 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 127.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor O'Neill and carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 7 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 Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Treasurer's Office Budget to Cover the Cost of the Contract for Forensic Accounting Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2025; and Amending 2026 Warren County Budget"*, to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 7 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 128.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon and seconded by Supervisor Strough to approve the request to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 8 to the floor. Following a brief discussion, Chairman Geraghty called the question and the motion as outlined above was carried unanimously to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 8 entitled *"Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Treasurer's Office Budget to Cover the Cost of the Contract for*

*Forensic Accounting Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2025; and Amending 2026 Warren County Budget*”, to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 8 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 129, noting the proposed Resolution would require a roll call vote.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

Supervisor Beaty voiced his concern regarding the significant amount of the proposed Floor Resolutions being brought forward, as he believed all matters should be vetted by the appropriate Committee before being brought before the Board. Next, he spoke regarding his concern regarding the cost associated with proposed Resolution No. 127, *Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with Ferraro Amodio & Associates, LLC D/B/A FAZ Forensics for Forensic Accounting Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2025 (WC 5-26)*”, explaining his issue related to the fact that the State Comptroller’s Office would also be conducting a forensic audit at no cost to the County and whether the two audits would be overlapping. He concluded by indicating he believed he would be voting in favor of the proposed Floor Resolution due to his understanding of the need for it.

Supervisor Niles questioned whether anyone had spoken with the State Comptroller’s Office to confirm when they would be conducting their audit and Chairman Geraghty replied the representative he spoke to had indicated it would be in late June of this year.

In response to a question asked by Supervisor Bruno, Attorney Elmen explained the audit that would be conducted by Ferraro Amodio & Associates, LLC D/B/A FAZ Forensics would be handled by certified professionals that would not be present for the audit handled by the State Comptroller’s Office. He further explained the cost of the contract related to the short timeframe the County was requesting for the firm to conduct and complete this audit within which was commencing April 1<sup>st</sup> and completed by June of this year. With regard to the general audit that would be conducted by the State Comptroller’s Office, Attorney Elmen apprised his understanding was they compiled a list of who they would be auditing for the current year and the two years following and a small amount of time was set aside for issues that may occur, one of which was the ACH (*Automated Clearing House*) fraud that occurred in the County.

Supervisor Strainer requested support of proposed Resolution No. 110, *Appointing Patricia Belden as Director of Public Health/patient Services*, noting he believed Ms. Belden would do an excellent job in the position. Next, he indicated he shared the same concerns regarding the number of proposed Floor Resolutions going before the Board and he questioned why this was occurring. Chairman Geraghty responded that he believed a number of them related to time restraints.

Supervisor Beaty asked whether the County had contacted the State Comptroller’s Office requesting that an audit be conducted and Attorney Elmen replied Chairman Geraghty had written a letter to the State Comptroller’s Office in January of this year requesting a financial and performance audit. He added the letter had been included in the correspondence that was transmitted to the Board for the January 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

With regard to proposed Resolution No. 127, *Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Agreement with Ferraro Amodio & Associates, LLC D/B/A FAZ Forensics for Forensic Accounting Auditing Services for Fiscal Year 2025 (WC 5-26)*”, Supervisor Wild advised he believed it was necessary to move the matter forward due to the fact they were unsure how long it would take the State Comptroller’s Office to complete their audit, but the audit the County was contracting for would be completed in a timely manner so they could get more information regarding the ACH fraud. Next, Supervisor Wild spoke regarding proposed Resolution Nos. 104, *Awarding Bid and Authorizing Agreement with Various Bidders for Warren County 2026 Highway Projects (WC 4-26)*, and 116, *Ratifying the Actions*

of the Chair of the Board of Supervisors in Executing a Letter Expressing Warren County's Willingness to Provide Local Match Funding in Support of the Grant Application to the New York State Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Funding, noting he was concerned with the local matching funding requirements associated with both Resolutions. Chairman Geraghty interjected, clarifying there was no matching local share funding required for proposed Resolution No. 104.

Chairman Geraghty offered privilege of the floor to Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, who proceeded to provide a brief overview of the Warren County Bikeway Modernization and Connectivity project outlined in proposed Resolution No. 116, *Ratifying the Actions of the Chair of the Board of Supervisors in Executing a Letter Expressing Warren County's Willingness to Provide Local Match Funding in Support of the Grant Application to the New York State Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Funding*, noting they had the option not to proceed should they determine there was insufficient funding available to cover the matching local share funding requirement which was slightly less than \$1.5 million.

Supervisor Wild stated while he understood the need for the project to ensure the safety of families utilizing the Warren County Bike Trail, his concern stemmed from the cost of the Local Share of the project and whether the County had this amount of funding available to use for this purpose.

Supervisor Strainer suggested the possibility of the County utilizing in-kind services to cover a portion of the Local Share of the project.

Supervisor Strough apprised he believed the Warren County Bike Trail was one of the County's greatest assets, noting safety was major concern that would be addressed if they moved forward with proposed Resolution No. 116, *Ratifying the Actions of the Chair of the Board of Supervisors in Executing a Letter Expressing Warren County's Willingness to Provide Local Match Funding in Support of the Grant Application to the New York State Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Funding*, and were awarded the grant funding. He added included within this project was not only the work on the section of the trail along Country Club Road in the Town of Queensbury, but also updating twenty-four intersections of the Warren County Bike Trail to meet the Empire Trail standards of safety. He concluded by indicating any in-kind services could be included within the Local Share portion of the project.

Supervisor Niles inquired if Mr. Hajos was aware of when the grant application was due, when would the County receive notification if the grant was awarded and if so when was the local share of the grant funding needed. Mr. Hajos replied the grant application had already been submitted; however, he noted, it would be several months before they were notified if they would be awarded the TAP grant funding. He advised if the County was awarded the grant the project would not commence until 2027, but as part of the application process they were required to provide assurances they would cover the local share of funding required. He added Supervisors Strainer and Strough were correct to state they could handle some of the work themselves which would count toward in-kind services; however, he noted they would be utilizing a contractor for the work completed along the Bike Trail on Country Club Road in the Town of Queensbury. He indicated the work on the twenty-four intersections could be completed with in-kind services.

In response to a question asked by Supervisor Runyon, Mr. Hajos indicated they could use surplus local match funding returned to Budget Code D.9950 910, *Transfers, Capital Projects*, remaining at the end of the year for the work along the Bike Trail on Country Club Road in the Town of Queensbury, but any other departmental budget codes containing leftover funding not associated with a road would be returned to Budget Code A.909.00, *General Fund Unappropriated Surplus*. With

regard to the National Grid substation located behind the Bike Trail parking lot on Country Cub Road, Mr. Hajos apprised according to a sub-study completed if they wanted to connect that area to Birdsall Road, which consisted of wetlands with more than a 30% slope that would require the switchbacks, it would cost around \$17 million.

Supervisor Conover stated the County could potentially be awarded TAP grant funding from the State to assist with covering 80% of the cost to address safety concerns and much needed improvements on the Warren County Bike Trail, noting he did not believe there was a better financial route to take for this project, but he would welcome any suggestions that were.

Supervisor Wild apprised they would be discussing grant funding that required local share funds for this year and next at the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee meeting, adding he believed they needed to consider how they were going to fund this Project, as well as the others with local share requirements due to the financial restraints the County was dealing with.

Supervisor Patchett indicated projects such as the Warren County Bikeway Modernization and Connectivity increased property values and assisted with keeping and attracting families to Warren County, noting this would contribute with making Warren County a year-round destination, as well as broaden the tax base which would ensure taxes remained lower here.

Supervisor Driscoll requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 110, *Appointing Patricia Belden as Director of Public Health/patient Services*, apprising he would be recusing from voting on this particular resolution.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 92-129 of 2026 were approved as presented. During the vote on proposed Resolution No. 110, Supervisor Driscoll exited the meeting at 11:37 a.m. and re-entered at 11:38 a.m.

Once again privilege of the floor/public comment which was limited to three minutes per speaker was called for:

Supervisor Conover acknowledged the Bolton High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, who would be competing in the NYSPHSAA (*New York state Public High School Athletic Association*) Class D Boys Basketball Semifinals tomorrow, noting this was a significant accomplishment which he was proud of them for. Next he spoke regarding the financial challenges the County would be facing due to possible budget cuts from the State, as well as new mandated expenses that may be placed upon them and he offered to assist Mr. Etu in any manner he could with the preparation of the 2027 County Budget.

Supervisor Strainer recognized the following individuals for their recent accomplishments:

Christopher DiPlacido, Queensbury Union Free High School District Senior, for being a finalist in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program:

Rosie Povak; Liam Meilhede; John Reppenhagen; Dillon Morehouse; Bailey Gilman; Lucas De Thomas; John Luthringer; Sydney McGrath; Jay Lewis; and Nick Merzig, all of whom were Queensbury Union Free High School Students, for being inducted into the French Honor Society; and

Kelsey O'Driscoll, for placing 7<sup>th</sup> in the Women's Super-G; 8<sup>th</sup> in the Alpine Combined, and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Giant Slalom in the Para Alpine Skiing World Cup.

Supervisor Driscoll remarked in addition to discussing the County Budget it was necessary for them to continue to discuss the lack of affordable housing or apartments throughout Warren County. He

noted Cornell Cooperative Extension would be holding its annual Master Gardener Plant Sale on May 16<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Dr. James Seeley Memorial Golf Tournament on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cronin's Golf Resort in the Town of Warrensburg. He stated golfers were being sought after for the golf tournament, as well as sponsors and/or donations for the prizes.

Chairman Geraghty announced Glens Falls native Sophia Tougas was competing today in the Women's NCAA (*National Collegiate Athletic Association*) Basketball Tournament with her teammates on the Charleston College team against Duke and he wished them well.

Supervisor Etu apprised he welcomed any assistance from his colleagues with the budget preparations, noting he met with Supervisor Crocitto, who, was the Vice-Chair of the Finance & Budget Committee, on a regular basis. He mentioned the concerns of significance related to the possible cuts being made to State and Federal funding.

John Taflan, *County Administrator*, commended the Buildings and Grounds Department for the work they had completed along the windowsills in the Board Room to make the room temperature more comfortable for the Supervisors.

Supervisor Conover noted the presence of former Lake Luzerne Supervisor Eugene Merlino.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisor, on motion made by Supervisor Niles, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.