

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS CONOVER
STRAINER
BRUNO
PATCHETT
NILES
BEATY

OTHERS PRESENT:

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DEAN MOORE, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION & RAILROAD
SCOTT ROY AEL, SOLID WASTE COMPLIANCE OFFICER
BOB GEDERT, ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL
RECYCLING COALITION
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
NATHAN ETU, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS CROCITTO
STROUGH
TURNER
KRISTEN MACEWAN, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
PEMA REED, ZERO WASTE WARREN COUNTY COMMITTEE
MARY-BETH WAGNER, CITY OF GLENS FALLS RESIDENT
LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST
*SEE SIGN IN SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR DIAMOND

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the February 24, 2026 meeting of the Public Works 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=kBpDuwjbGbE>

Copies of the Solid Waste & Recycling; Parks, Recreation & Railroad; and DPW agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Conover called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 9:15 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Niles and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the minutes of the last Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

The Committee commenced with a review of the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the Solid Waste & Recycling agenda, which included the following items:

1. Bob Gedert, *Adjunct Professor, former President of the National Recycling Coalition*, reviewed a Powerpoint presentation entitled, "Warren County: Building a Sustainable Recycling Program" a copy of the presentation is included in the agenda packet.

Public comment was extended to the following individuals:

Pema Reed, *representing Zero Waste Warren County Committee and Food Waste Recycling Committee*, stated recycling in apartment complexes commonly was not managed well leading to recyclables being combined with trash and taken to the burn plant. She requested suggestions how to prevent that issue. Scott Royael, *Solid Waste Compliance Officer*, replied he had been working on direct communication with haulers and their customers.

Mary-Beth Wagner, *City of Glens Falls resident*, asked if the majority of Warren County residents used transfer stations for trash and recyclable collection. Mr. Royael replied the majority of residents use private haulers and 10-15% of the material went to transfer stations.

The agenda review resumed with the following:

2. Stone Quarry Road - DEC Wetlands determination.
3. Working Group update.

There being no further Solid Waste & Recycling business to discuss, review of the Parks, Recreation and Railroad agenda commenced with privilege of the floor being extended to Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, who announced after 32 years of employment with the County between Up Yonda Farm, Warren County Soil & Water and the Parks, Recreation, & Railroad Department that Dean Moore, *Director, Parks, Recreation & Railroad*, would be retiring in March.

Next, Committee reviewed the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$3,750 to reflect receipt of increased funding from the Town of Bolton Occupancy Tax.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond 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.*

2. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$5,000 to reflect receipt of a donation from Friends of Up Yonda Farm.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer and seconded by Mr. Niles to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond 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.*

3. To authorize an agreement with The Log Jam for creation and maintenance of a flower/pollinator/shrub garden at the entrance of the Warren County Bike path located near the intersection of State Route 149 and State Route 9.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Hajos informed an item not included on the agenda, was a request for full season use of the Warren County Fairgrounds and he inquired if the Committee would like him to proceed with an RFP (*Request for Proposal*). Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, informed a scope for lease of the property for an extended period of time for one or more summers would be necessary in the RFP process. Following discussion, the consensus of the Committee was to pursue the RFP process.

A review of the Information for portion of the agenda, included the following items:

1. Hatchery update - Stocking permit.
2. RR On-Call Operator - Maintenance of Thurman.
3. Maple in April - Held April 25th Agreement with SCH.
4. Up Yonda Farm - Maple Festival March 7th.

Mr. Conover apprised Mr. Moore would be missed as he was a pleasure to work with and he wished him the best in his retirement.

Referrals/Pending Items:

1. Grant funding opportunities for alternate use; study of rail line, as well as funding to convert to a rail multi-use trail - There were no updates to report.

There being no further Parks, Recreation and Railroad business to discuss, review commenced of the commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the DPW agenda, which included the following requests:

1. To authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$470,683.61 amongst various budget codes to

cover estimated budgets for 2026 road projects.

2. To establish 2026 Road Projects and authorize transfers of funds as outlined in the agenda attachment.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Patchett and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond*) 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.*

3. To authorize a new construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder for Bay Road (CR 7) over unnamed watercourse south of Lockhart Mountain Road Culvert Replacement in the Town of Queensbury, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 3-26) and proposal for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Niles and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

4. To authorize a new construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder for 2026 Highway Projects, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the specifications (WC 4-26) and proposal for a term commencing upon execution and terminating upon completion.

Motion was made by Mr. Patchett, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

5. To increase Capital Project No. H401, *Sagamore Retaining Wall*, in the amount of \$75,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Niles and seconded by Mr. Strainer to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond 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.*

6. To authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement (*IMA*) with the Town of Queensbury to establish an escrow account and an agreed upon funding amount for work associated with the Jenkinsville Waterline Project and County culvert located on CR 39 Sunnyside East Road.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer and seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Conover called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the March 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Finally, the Committee reviewed the Discussion Items portion of the agenda, which included the following item:

1. Transportation Alternative Program (*TAP*) Grant Application - If the grant was awarded a letter would be required stating a funding source was available for the local match amount of \$1,400,000. It was the consensus of the Committee to refer the matter to the Finance & Budget Committee.

Privilege of the floor was called for:

Christine Norton, *County Treasurer*, provided a brief update on the \$12,000,000 bonded almost two years ago and she requested open lines of communication for when the money may need to be used. She referenced the budget request Mr. Hajos had made for \$6,300,000 which he had received \$5,100,000, because an additional \$1,200,000 would be allocated from the General Fund. She requested clarification if the \$1,200,000 would come from the General Fund or the County Road Fund. Mr. Hajos replied he had indicated the funding source he would use was the County Road Fund and not the General Fund. A brief discussion ensued with regard to the time frame for use of the bond and penalties associated with it. Ms. Norton stated she would obtain and provide the Committee with the bond details.

There being no further business to come before the Public Works Committee, on motion made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Diamond absent*), Mr. Conover adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist