

Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 18, 2026



Please note that the following is a summarization of the Board Meeting; the meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed using the following links:

Warren County website: <https://www.warrencountyny.gov/MMA>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EMjoSy36zzo>

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.

The Pledge of allegiance was lead by Supervisor Niles.

Roll called, the following members present:

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

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Goodspeed and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Maday absent*) to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Board Meeting and June 9, 2026 Board Workshop, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

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

Christine Norton, *County Treasurer*, requested full participation from the Board and local municipalities in the upcoming fiscal training provided by the New York State Comptroller's Office. Next she spoke regarding her disappointment with regard to the inaccurate information being conveyed concerning the ACH (*Automated Clearing House*) Fraud investigation by the Warren County Sheriff's Office. In conclusion she noted as an elected official she reported to the local taxpayers and was partnered with the Board to work for the best interests of the County. She requested that the Board allow her to provide them with accurate information in a timely manner to allow them to make the correct decisions.

Proceeding with the Agenda review, Chairman Geraghty extended privilege of the floor to Katie Boyle, *Public Health Educator*, for the presentation of certificates to the winners of the 2026 Be Smart, Don't Start Program and Poster Contest for students in grades 4 and 5 of the participating schools in Warren County. Ms. Boyle made a Powerpoint presentation which displayed the winning posters and outlined the program objectives; *a copy of the Powerpoint presentation is on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting*. Chairman Geraghty presented the winner's with a certificate commending their efforts, following which a round of applause was given.

The Board recessed from 10:19 a.m. until 10:20 a.m.

The Agenda review resumed with Chairman Geraghty declaring the Public Hearing open on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2026 entitled Local Law No. 6 of 2026, Entitled "Warren County Ethics and Disclosure Law and Repealing and Replacing Local Law No. 6 of 2014, Local Law No. 5 of 2021, Local Law No. 6 of 2021, Local Law No. 2 of 2022 and Local Law No. 4 of 2026" open at 10:22 a.m. and requested the Clerk

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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 10:23 a.m.

Report by the Committee Chairs (including the Chairman of the Board's Report).

Report by the County Administrator being given.

Report by the Acting County Attorney was given.

Reports from:

1. Capital District Off Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report - October 31, 2025;
2. Capital District Off Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report - November 30, 2025;
3. Capital District Off Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report - January 31, 2026;
4. Capital District Off Track Betting Corp. - Audited Financial Statements and Required Supplementary and Other Information - years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024; and
5. County Auditor - Report of Real Property Tax Corrections - May 2026

Letters/emails from:

1. Kimberly Richards, Warren County Attorney - providing written designation of the Assistant County Attorney Order of Succession;
2. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth on behalf of the Warren-Washington Counties IDA - Notice of Public Hearing regarding the 196 Ride Street GF LLC Project;
3. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth on behalf of the Warren-Washington Counties IDA - Application for Real Property Tax Exemption for Exit 19 Lodging LLC (Towne Place Suites Project);
4. NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation - Advising the Church of Saint Sacrament, located in Bolton Landing, has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places;
5. NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation - Advising that the Lake George Club, located in Diamond Point, is being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places; and
6. Washington County Board of Supervisors - Resolution No. 140 of 2026, "Authorize Amendment to Capital Project C01110 - Adirondack Community College".

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

Proclamation Nos. 29-32; Resolution Nos. 213-237; one Certificate of Appointment; and four floor resolutions were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. The four Proclamations were:

- Proclamation No. 29 - Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15, 2026);
- Proclamation No. 30 - Alzheimer's Awareness Month (June 2026);
- Proclamation No. 31 - PTSD Awareness Month (June 2026);
- Proclamation No. 32 - Pride Month (June 2026).

Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board, indicated motions were needed to bring the floor resolutions 1-4 to the floor.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor Strainer and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Maday absent*) 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 Altering the Standing Rules of the Board of Supervisors, as Adopted by Resolution No. 1 of 2026 and Later Amended by Resolution No. 76 of 2026, to Change the Date of the August Board Meeting", to the floor. Mrs. Allen announced proposed Floor Resolution No. 1 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 238.

Motion was made by Supervisor O'Neill, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Maday absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 entitled "*Altering the Standing Rules of the Board of Supervisors, as Adopted by Resolution No. 1 of 2026 and Later Amended by Resolution No. 76 of 2026, to Change the Date of the August Board Meeting*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen stated proposed Floor Resolution No. 2 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 239.

Motion was made by Supervisor Gilligan, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Maday absent*) 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 Amending Resolution No. 179 of 2026, Authorizing Submission of an Application to New York State Department of State Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure for Bond Act Funding Through the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 for Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation Projects, to Increase the Grant Funding and Local Share Amounts*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Floor Resolution No. 3 would now be referred to as proposed Resolution No. 240.

Motion was made by Supervisor O'Neill, seconded by Supervisor Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisor Maday absent*) to bring proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 entitled "*Amending Resolution No. 179 of 2026, Authorizing Submission of an Application to New York State Department of State Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure for Bond Act Funding Through the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 for Inland Flooding and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Implementation Projects, to Increase the Grant Funding and Local Share Amounts*", to the floor. Mrs. Allen apprised proposed Floor Resolution No. 4 would now be known as proposed Resolution No. 241.

Mrs. Allen indicated proposed Resolution No. 225, *Enacting Local Law No. 6 of 2026, Entitled "Warren County Ethics and Disclosure Law and Repealing and Replacing Local Law No. 6 of 2014, Local Law No. 5 of 2021, Local Law No. 6 of 2021, Local Law No. 2 of 2022 and Local Law No. 4 of 2026"*, would be subject to a roll call vote, although that notation was mistakenly left out of the Resolution Index. She added proposed Resolution No. 239, *Resolution Altering the Standing Rules of the Board of Supervisors, as Adopted by Resolution No. 1 of 2026 and Later Amended by Resolution No. 76 of 2026, to Change the Date of the August Board Meeting*, formerly known as proposed Floor Resolution No. 2, would also require a roll call vote.

Discussion and public comment on proposed resolutions was called for:

With regard to the \$2.5 million the County pledged for the sewer project in the Town of Johnsbury, Supervisor Bruno inquired whether the application for the grant funding to cover this expense was denied. A discussion ensued during which John Taflan, *County Administrator*, noted \$975,000 in grant funding had been awarded by the Empire State Development Corporation; however, he apprised, the \$1.8 million grant submitted for this purpose by the Lake Champlain- Lake George Regional Planning Board was denied. Supervisor Bruno stated he believed some Supervisors may have voted differently had they known Warren County would be required to provide \$250,000 in funding for this project for ten years.

Supervisor Runyon advised the County had to allocate the funding in order to be provided reimbursement from the grant for this expense.

Supervisor Beaty requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 231, *Introducing Tentative*

Operating Budget for Adirondack Community College Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and Providing for Public Hearing.

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 213-241 of 2026 were approved as presented.

Privilege of the floor/public comment, which was limited to three minutes per speaker, was called for: Ms. Norton spoke once again regarding the ACH fraud reaffirming Arrow Bank notified her the comments made by the Sheriff were inaccurate; however, she said, due to the nature of the matter the representatives of Arrow Bank were unable to provide her with written verification of this. She stated in light of this she had requested that the firm handling the forensic audit of the matter obtain the recordings of the phone calls her staff had with representatives of Arrow Bank on this matter to independently verify the facts. She indicated her goal was to ensure the Warren County Board and local taxpayers opined on the matter based upon verified facts and not misrepresentations meant to misinform, shift blame and divert attention from the underlying issues that required accountability and resolution. Finally she reaffirmed her purpose was to support the Board, apprising she missed having a working relationship with them and was readily available to provide any assistance they required.

Susan Balfour, *Warren County Resident*, requested assistance from the Board removing an unlicensed and registered vehicle blocking her driveway that was located on County property. Chairman Geraghty requested that she provide her contact information and someone would be in touch following further research on the matter.

Supervisor Wild questioned when the Board could anticipate receiving the results of the Sheriff's investigation and forensic audit of the ACH fraud and Kimberly Richards, *County Attorney*, replied she was unsure regarding the results of the Sheriff's investigation, but the forensic audit should be available within the next few weeks.

Supervisor Goodspeed spoke regarding the North Creek Sewer Project, indicating the project would be halted permanently if the County reneged on its financial contribution. He urged the Board members to visit North Creek in a few years, noting grants had been secured to link the Gore Mountain Ski Bowl Park to the Hudson River and Main Street in North Creek; a \$41 million ski lodge at North Creek Ski Bowl was erected; zip line coaster projected to open in early October to attract an abundance of tourists to the region during the off-season; and Revolution Rail Company was just noted as being included in the upper ten percent of tourist destinations nationwide to Northern North Creek. Next, he acknowledged Mindy Preuninger, *Deputy Supervisor, Town of Johnsbury*, noting she would be assuming the Town of Johnsbury Supervisor position in January of 2027. He concluded, apprising the Town of Johnsbury was on the cusp of change, with many different projects moving forward at the same time, indicating the sewer connection was a valuable part of all of these projects. He noted the Town of Johnsbury attracted tourists to the region from October to March, many of which booked hotel rooms or AirBnb's in the areas surrounding Lake George.

Supervisor Niles advised he was not a member of the Board of Supervisors when the Resolution to assist the Town of Johnsbury with funding their sewer development was brought forward; however, he stated, while he was happy to hear things were moving forward he was unsure of how he would have voted.

Supervisor Strough announced the 251st anniversary of Joseph Warren's death on Bunker Hill occurred on June 17, 2026, adding on July 3, 2026 an event would be held during which "Joseph Warren" would be present on the steps of the Warren County Municipal Center building to educate individuals about the importance of the Declaration of Independence. He apprised another large

event that was occurring was the Glens Falls Symphony's annual Independence Day "Summer Pops" concert in Crandall Park on July 3rd at 7:30 p.m. with activities provided prior to the event and he encouraged all to attend.

Supervisor Conover voiced his concerns pertaining to how there was a New York State law in place which limits property taxes on condominiums to 50% of the assessed value; he suggested the local Town assessors be invited to a future meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee to discuss the matter further.

Supervisor Strainer advised he would bring up the State law limiting the assessment on condominiums at the upcoming meeting of the Southern Adirondack Realtor Association had with the local assessors. Next, he mentioned the Board of Trustees of the Supreme Court Library was pleased the local schools were now undertaking mock trials to provide the kids with knowledge regarding the legal system. He apprised Sadie Palmer, *Glens Falls High School Student*, was praised by Supreme Court Judge Auffredou for her participation in a mock trial. He congratulated all of the local kids who had participated in sports, pointing out Viktoria Braun, *an Exchange Student from Germany who was attending Queensbury Union Free High School*, had placed second in the 100m hurdles at the NYSPHSAA (*New York State Public High School Athletic Association*) Championship. In conclusion he recognized Ms. Palmer for winning the Class B NYSPHSAA championship for shot put.

Supervisor Beaty stated he had attended the 100th anniversary celebration for the Town of Queensbury a few weeks ago, noting the event was well attended and an impressive. He commended Diana Palmer, *Mayor, City of Glens Falls*, for honoring his request to provide police patrol on the Warren County Bike Trail to ensure the safety of those who use it. He announced Trevor Strader's, *Queensbury Union Free High School Alumni*, play "Trapped" was being featured at the Charles R. Wood Theater for three consecutive days only. In conclusion, he recognized Elise Dolly, *Warrensburg Centra School District Student*, for her participation in the 2026 Be Smart, Don't Start Program and Poster Contest.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.