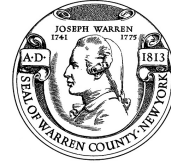


Warren County Board of Supervisors

BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 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 - Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4Oc7h-v7NI>

Part 2 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dk_iAo85VE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren convened at the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Lake George, New York, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Kevin B. Geraghty presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Etu.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Maday, Diamond, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Butler, Goodspeed, Crocitto, Strough, Etu, Strainer, Beaty, O'Neill, Runyon and Geraghty - 2; Absent - Supervisors Niles and Wild.

Motion was made by Supervisor Runyon, seconded by Supervisor O'Neill and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Supervisors Niles and Wild absent*) to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2026 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Presentation of Employee of the Quarter was made to Sarah Brugger, *Principle Planner, Planning & Community Development*.

Privilege of the Floor was extended to: Suzanne Lintner, *Executive Vice President of Equitable Access and Advocacy, Regional Food Bank*; Kimberly Sopczyk, *Executive Director, Family Service Association of Glens Falls, Inc.*; and Kayla Carlozzi, *Executive Director, North Country Ministry*, who spoke about the Regional Food Bank and regional food bank needs. Chairman Geraghty thanked Ms. Lintner, Ms. Sopczyk and Ms. Carlozzi for attending the meeting today to highlight the services their Organizations provided with regard to providing food to individuals and families in need which were crucial.

Chairman Geraghty opened the Floor for public comments:

The following spoke in favor of the proposed contract for the Air Race X event (*represented by Resolution No. 344*):

Ted Morris, *Chief Operating Officer Air Race X*;
Travis Whitehead, *Town of Queensbury Resident*;
Mark St. Pierre, *Representing ADK Flying Club*;
Chris Hatin, *Warren County Resident and local pilot*;

David LaPell, *Warren County Resident and former Warren County Corrections Officer*, encouraged the Board to adopt a resolution in support of the Warren County Corrections Officers in an effort

to reduce staff turnover.

The Agenda review resumed with Chairman Geraghty declaring the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2026, entitled "*A Local Law Establishing a Department of Finance, Creating the Position of Commissioner of Finance, Preserving the Statutory Authority of the County Treasurer, and Repealing Local Law No. 4 of 1969,*" 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:

The following individuals spoke during the Public Hearing in opposition to the enactment of proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2026:

Ilana Morgan, *Warren County Resident*;
David LaPell, *Warren County Resident*;
Mike Parwana, *Town of Queensbury Resident*;
Kimberly Davis, *former Clinton County Treasurer*;
Richard Straut, *Town of Lake George Resident*;
Travis Whitehead, *Town of Queensbury Resident*;
Chris Lang, *Town of Hague Resident*;
Lorraine Stein, *Warren County Resident*;
Doug Herschleb, *Town of Queensbury Resident*;
Brad Magowan, *Town of Queensbury Resident*;
Kevin Luibrand, Esq., *Representing Christine Norton*;
Susan Rizzo, *Albany County Comptroller*;
Robin Larkin, *Town of Queensbury Resident*;
Bob Dylan, *Town of Lake George Resident*;
Linda Clark, *Town of Queensbury Resident*;
Valerie Whitehead, *Town of Queensbury Resident*;
Bill Norton, *Town of Queensbury Resident*;
Terry McCabe, *Town of Queensbury Resident*; and
Christine Norton, *Warren County Treasurer*.

Ryan Moore, *Town of Queensbury Resident and former Warren County Administrator*, spoke in favor of Proposed Local Law No. 7.

Ed Larkin, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, indicated he was neutral on the adoption of Local Law No. 7, but felt more research before adoption may be appropriate.

At the conclusion of public comments, Chairman Geraghty declared the Public Hearing closed at 11:20 a.m.

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

Report by the County Administrator was given.

Kimberly Richard, *County Attorney*, advised she had no report this month; however, she noted, she was recommending the Board enter into an executive session pursuant to Section 105(1)(c) of the Public Officer's Law for the purpose of discussing information relating to the current or future investigation for prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed, noting there was still an ongoing criminal investigation occurring. She continued, apprising the executive session was also required pursuant to Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

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Supervisor Etu requested that Jackie Figueroa, *Human Resources Director*, be permitted to remain in the executive session.

The necessary motion was made by Supervisor Runyon and seconded by Supervisor Etu to enter into an executive session for the purposes outlined above. Supervisor Beaty requested that the executive session be delayed until the conclusion of the voting on resolutions to allow the members of the public remaining to be present for the outcome of the vote on the resolutions before the Board today and Supervisor Diamond concurred. A brief discussion ensued during which the County Attorney advised matters had arisen which she felt the Board must be informed of prior to voting on resolutions.

Chairman Geraghty called the question and a roll call vote was taken to enter into an executive session for the purposes outlined above, as well as to allow Ms. Figueroa to participate; the motion was carried by majority vote of those present, with 643 votes in favor (*Supervisors Etu, Strainer, O'Neill, Runyon, Conover, Maday, Gilligan, Turner, Bruno, Driscoll, Patchett, Butler, Goodspeed, Crocitto, and Geraghty*); 223 opposed (*Supervisors Diamond, Strough and Beaty*); and 136 absent (*Supervisors Niles and Wild*).

Executive session was held from 11:39 a.m. until 12:43 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Chairman Geraghty noted no action was taken.

Reading of communications by Clerk of the Board was provided, as follows:

Reports from:

1. County Auditor - Report of Real Property Tax Corrections - August 2026;
2. Adirondack North Country Association - 2025 Annual Report;
3. Capital District Regional Off- Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report dated March 31, 2026;
4. Capital District Regional Off- Track Betting Corp. - Financial Report dated April 30, 2026.

Letters/emails from:

1. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth on behalf of Warren Washington Counties IDA - Notice of Public Hearing on Legacy Equipment LLC project;
2. NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation - Advising the Lake George Club in Diamond Point has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Other:

1. Town of Thurman - Resolution No. 49 of 2026, entitled "*Resolution Supporting Warren County's Awarded Project for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Climate Smart Communities Grant Program for a Municipal Culvert Inventory and Assessment and Expressing Intent to Provide Local Matching Funds*".

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

Resolution Nos. 331-358 of 2026 and four Proclamations were distributed to the Board and posted to the Warren County website on Friday September 11th. Resolution No. 359 was authorized at the September 11th Higher Education Committee meeting and was distributed on Monday September 14th. The four Proclamations were:

- Proclamation No. 40 - Hunger Action Month - *September 2026*;
- Proclamation No. 41 - National Recovery Month - *September 2026*;
- Proclamation No. 43 - Suicide Prevention Month - *September 2026*; and
- Proclamation No. 44 - Special Olympics Support and Awareness Day - *October 16, 2026*.

Privilege of the floor/public comment, which was limited to three minutes per speaker, was called for: Supervisor Conover requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 344, *Authorizing*

Agreement with ARX US, LLC to Host Air Race X at the Warren County (Floyd Bennett) Memorial Airport as a Signature Event on September 3-5, 2027.

Supervisor Patchett requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 345, *Authorizing Agreement with Lake George Steamboat Company to Host the end-of-year Annual Hospitality Workforce Celebration and Awards Event.*

Supervisor Runyon asked Attorney Richards whether it was necessary for her to recuse from voting on proposed Resolution No. 358, *Enacting Local Law No. 7 of 2026, Entitled "A Local Law Establishing a Department of Finance, Creating the Position of Commissioner of Finance, Preserving the Statutory Authority of the County Treasurer, and Repealing Local Law No. 4 of 1969"*, and Attorney Richards advised she did not foresee any conflicts with Supervisor Runyon voting on the proposed Resolution.

Supervisor Beaty requested a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 359, *Supporting the Adirondack Community College Capital Improvement Plan for 2027-28.* He proceeded to inquire how much of the cost of the Capital Improvement Plan Warren County was responsible for and Eric Conduzio, *Budget Analyst, SUNY Adirondack*, responded there was no cost to the County, noting the other half of the funding was derived from federal funding.

Supervisor Etu inquired whether the event outlined in proposed Resolution No. 345, *Authorizing Agreement with Lake George Steamboat Company to Host the end-of-year Annual Hospitality Workforce Celebration and Awards Event*, had already occurred and Chairman Geraghty replied affirmatively.

Supervisor Beaty advised in light of the information provided by Mr. Conduzio he was withdrawing his request for a roll call vote on proposed Resolution No. 359. *Supporting the Adirondack Community College Capital Improvement Plan for 2027-28.*

Voting on resolutions occurred; Resolution Nos. 331- 359 of 2026 were approved as presented, with the exception of proposed Resolution No. 344 which failed to obtain the majority required.

Chairman Geraghty called for public comments:

Ms. Whitehead voiced her disappointment regarding the adoption of Resolution No. 358, *Enacting Local Law No. 7 of 2026, Entitled "A Local Law Establishing a Department of Finance, Creating the Position of Commissioner of Finance, Preserving the Statutory Authority of the County Treasurer, and Repealing Local Law No. 4 of 1969"*.

Ms. Norton spoke regarding the 2026 FAZ/Sax financial forensic audit, noting what she believed were inaccuracies within the report.

Mr. Whitehead voiced his disappointment with the Board for adopting Local Law No. 7 of 2026.

An individual who did not identify themselves spoke regarding what he believed were misrepresentations within the 2026 FAZ/Sax financial forensic audit regarding the relationship between Arrow Bank and the Warren County Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Magowan spoke regarding his displeasure with the Board of Supervisors for not tabling Local Law No. 7 of 2026 until it was determined whether a public referendum was the proper method to address this matter.

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Mrs. McCabe apprised she felt the Board of Supervisors were mistaken for adopting Local Law No. 7 of 2026, indicating she believed the proper method to address their concerns was a public referendum to allow the taxpayers to make the decision regarding the Treasurer.

Chairman Geraghty calling for announcements:

Supervisor Strainer commended Kathleen Boyle, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, for her efforts traveling to Washington D.C. to advocate for the adoption of a proposed federal law prohibiting consumer retail and online sale of recreational nitrous oxide products. He noted there was a proposed Resolution going before the Health Services Committee at their September 22nd meeting banning recreational sales of nitrous oxide in Warren County.

Supervisor Etu advised the first varsity football game of the year on the lighted field was being held this evening at the Queensbury High School.

Chairman Geraghty announced the Worlds Largest Garage sale would be held in the Town of Warrensburg on October 2-4, 2026 and he encouraged all to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Geraghty declared the meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.