

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: OCCUPANCY TAX COORDINATION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: CROCITTO
WILD
RUNYON
PATCHETT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: STROUGH
TURNER
BUTLER

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT:

HEATHER BAGSHAW, DIRECTOR
PAUL TACKETT, TOURISM COORDINATOR
JESSICA CARSON, FISCAL COORDINATOR
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RYAN DICKEY, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
NATHAN ETU, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISOR STRAINER
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMY COLLINS, TOURISM AND BUSINESS COORDINATOR, CITY OF GLENS FALLS
GINA MINTZER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE GEORGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CVB
LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the September 22, 2026 meeting of the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following links:

Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2iMrU0E-74>

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed; a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

Mr. Crocitto called the meeting of the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Strough, Ms. Turner and Mr. Butler absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor for public comment was offered, but there was no one wishing to speak.

The Committee commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the agenda, which included the following requests:

- a. To amend Resolution No. 102 of 2026 to remove the awards to Celebration of Nations for \$100,000 and Improv Records, Inc. Memorial Meltdown for \$15,000 due to cancellation of their 2026 events.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon and seconded by Mr. Wild to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Crocitto called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Strough, Ms. Turner and Mr. Butler absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the October 16th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- b. To appropriate funds in the amount of \$529,073 from Budget Code A.881.00, *Occupancy Tax Reserve*, to various

budget codes to cover approved funding.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon and seconded by Mr. Wild to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Crocitto called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Strough, Ms. Turner and Mr. Butler 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.*

- c. To accept donations in the amount of \$12,650 to fund the end-of-year Annual Hospitality Workforce Celebration that took place on September 14, 2026.

Motion was made by Ms. Runyon and seconded by Mr. Wild to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Crocitto called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Strough, Ms. Turner and Mr. Butler 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.*

- d. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$12,650 to reflect receipt of donations for payment to Lake George Steamboat Company to host the end-of-year Annual Hospitality Workforce Celebration on September 14, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Runyon and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Strough, Ms. Turner and Mr. Butler 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.*

Next, a review of the Discussion Items portion of the agenda proceeded with the following:

- a. 2027 Budget review was provided by Heather Bagshaw, *Tourism Director*.
- b. Cash Flow Report was reviewed by Jessica Carson, *Fiscal Coordinator*.
- c. Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Ms. Bagshaw due to the absence of the County Treasurer.
- d. 2025 and 2026 YTD Municipal Reporting Summaries was reviewed by Paul Tackett, *Tourism Coordinator*.

Privilege of the floor for public comment was offered to the following individuals:

Chairman Geraghty spoke with regard to the where funds on the 2025 and 2026 Municipal Reporting Summaries were generated from and that a large portion of the balances would be used by December 31, 2026.

Mr. Wild spoke with regard to the significant increase in funds compared to 2019 figures and he questioned whether they were making use of the increased funds. Chairman Geraghty replied the increase was an expected result of the short term rental law.

Mr. Wild questioned what the County had done with the increased funds other than investing in Winter's Dream.

Ms. Bagshaw congratulated Mr. Crocitto on the arrival of his new granddaughter.

As there was no further business to come before the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild and seconded by Ms. Runyon, Mr. Crocitto declared the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist