

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: OCCUPANCY TAX COORDINATION

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: CROCITTO
WILD
TURNER
BUTLER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: STROUGH
RUNYON
PATCHETT

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT:

HEATHER BAGSHAW, DIRECTOR
PAUL TACKETT, TOURISM COORDINATOR
JESSICA CARSON, FISCAL COORDINATOR

ANTHONY FITZIMMONS, AWESOMOTIVE LLC

LISA MANDY, JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

KIMBERLY RICHARDS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

NATHAN ETU, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL

GILLIGAN

STRAINER

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

MONICA STARK, DEPUTY TREASURER

LINDA CLARK, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT

AMY COLLINS, TOURISM AND BUSINESS COORDINATOR, CITY OF GLENS FALLS

GINA MINTZER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE GEORGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CVB

REPRESENTING ADIRONDACK CIVIC CENTER COALITION:

ED MOORE, VICE PRESIDENT

TYLER HERRICK, SECRETARY

TADD SIPOWICZ, INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER, HARDING MAZZOTTI ARENA

GARY THORNQUIST, LAKE GEORGE RV PARK

LUKE MOSSEAU, *THE POST STAR*

LESLIE LOVELACE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 20, 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=0Q9oNNSr4pk>

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 10:15 a.m.

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

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

Ed Moore, *Vice President, Adirondack Civic Center Coalition*, provided a brief update of changes and events that had taken place at the Harding Mazzotti Arena including the replacement of Jeff Mead, *former General Manager*.

He introduced Tadd Sipowicz, *Interim General Manager, Harding Mazzotti Arena*, and mentioned Adirondack Civic Center Coalition member Tyler Herrick, *Spruce Hospitality Group*. Mr. Moore extended his appreciation to the County for funding support.

Ms. Turner commented she heard a rumor that former NHL player Wayne Gretzky was in attendance at the past Saturday night hockey game. Mr. Moore replied that was a rumor. Mr. Sipowicz explained that Wayne Gretzky had been invited and was expected to be in attendance but something came up and he was not able to attend, noting there were ESPN representatives that attended.

The Committee commenced with a review of the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the agenda, which included a request to appropriate funds in the amount of \$5,000 from Budget Code A.881.00, *Occupancy Tax Reserve*, to Budget Code A.6417.0001 220, *Office Equipment*, for the purchase of replacement equipment for outdated computer hardware.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Turner and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Strough, Ms. Runyon and Mr. Patchett 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. Presentation by Anthony Fitzsimmons of Awesomotive LLC for Wolfsgart Car Show event for 2027 Special Events Occupancy Tax Funding request.
- b. Cash Flow Report was reviewed by Jessica Carson, *Fiscal Coordinator*.
- c. Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Lisa Mandy, *Junior Accountant*.
- d. Lake George Regional CVB Quarterly Report was reviewed by Gina Mintzer, *Executive Director, Lake George Chamber of Commerce & CVB*.

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

Gary Thornquist, *Lake George RV Park*, indicated he was in support of the Wolfsgart Car Show event. He suggested moving the event after August 16th when tourist business slows down and encouraged the Committee to give the event an incentive (more funding) to move the event towards the end of August. Mr. Thornquist also encouraged the use of campgrounds instead of camping at the Lake George Recreation Center which Ray Perry, *Mayor, Village of Lake George*, had allowed last year.

Mr. Moore informed he was proud to announce Tyler Herrick, *General Manager, The Queensbury Hotel*, had been nominated General Manager of the Year for 150 rooms or less at the 2026 NYSRA & NYSHTA Hospitality Summit being held next week.

Mr. Butler spoke with regard to the annual British Invasion car show held in Vermont after summer and before peak foliage.

As there was no further business to come before the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Turner and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mr. Strough, Ms. Runyon and Mr. Patchett absent*) Mr. Crocitto adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Legislative Office Specialist