

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

**BOARD MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019**



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 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Ronald F. Conover presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Diamond.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Leggett, Diamond, McDevitt, Braymer, Loeb, Driscoll, Frasier, Simpson, Hogan, Dickinson, Merlino, Strough, Wild, Beaty, Magowan, Sokol, Thomas, Hyde, Geraghty and Conover- 20; absent-0

Commencing the Agenda review, Chairman Conover noted a motion was necessary to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2019 Board Meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board. The motion was made by Supervisor Braymer, seconded by Supervisor Leggett and carried unanimously.

Continuing to the presentation of the employee of the month award, Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, apprised she was pleased to announce that Samantha Hogan, *Sr. Legislative Office Specialist*, had been selected as employee of the month for the month of April. She informed Mrs. Hogan had worked for her Office since September of 2013, where she currently manned the receptionist desk, fielding the majority of the calls that came into the Clerk of the Board's Office, and was the friendly face most encountered when visiting the second floor offices in general. She advised that Mrs. Hogan was always professional, pleasant and ready to assist with whatever request may come her way, adding she was the perfect example of what a public servant should be. She mentioned Mrs. Hogan's regular workload consisted of ensuring the bills were paid and that the budgets managed by the Clerk of the Board were in check, handling all of the accounting work required for the Office. She informed Mrs. Hogan worked hard to reduce expenses and many times was successful in returning a savings at the close of the year. She apprised that Mrs. Hogan also coordinated the County Department Heads and various agencies to develop the monthly Committee Meeting schedule, which was a feat in itself. She stated Mrs. Hogan assisted with FOIL (*Freedom of Information Law*) requests and had undertaken a large project which entailed scanning old resolutions and correspondence that were not previously available in digital format, making them much easier to find and eliminating the need for so many trips to records storage for archived documents. She remarked that Mrs. Hogan was an excellent employee who always accepted and accomplished any project requested of her in addition to the myriad of tasks she was already assigned. She continued, Mrs. Hogan was truly her Office's "jack of all trades" and she apprised of how appreciative she was of Mrs. Hogan's hard work and dedication to the Office.

Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, advised he would like to add how impressed he was with all of the front office staff, as they were a model team serving as the backbone to not only his Office, but also the Board of Supervisors. He added since their work was largely behind the scenes it was easy to overlook the volume of what they did and how critical it was to making this government function. He stated Mrs. Hogan was a key component to this team and was always ready to assist while bringing a smile to everyone's faces, which, he noted, was necessary on some days. He introduced Mrs. Hogan and he and Chairman Conover presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation from this Board and a piece

of pottery featuring a rendering of outline of Lake George. A round of applause followed.

Ms. Hogan voiced her appreciation for the recognition, adding that it was very meaningful to her. Another round of applause was given.

Moving along to the report by the Chairman of the Board, Chairman Conover advised on April 8<sup>th</sup> he had the privilege of speaking at the Crime Victims Breakfast which was held in the Northwest Bay Conference Center, adding it was a moving experience that was very well attended. He stated he had attended the Adirondack-Glens Falls Transportation Council meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Crandall Library and on April 11<sup>th</sup> he attended an evening meeting in the Town of Chester regarding the Wilderness Trail which he found to be very informative. He mentioned he had attended the EMS Task Force Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> and on April 17<sup>th</sup> he and Supervisor Strough took a tour of the Warren Center Health Facility. Chairman Conover apprised he had attended the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> during which they toured the Cool Insuring Arena, immediately followed by lunch at Davidson Brothers Brewing Company. He said one topic of discussion at the meeting concerned internet sales tax revenue and AIM (*Aid and Incentives to Municipalities*) and how the counties were now responsible for reimbursing the towns.

Chairman Conover then called for the reports by Committee Chairmen on the past months meetings or activities.

Supervisor Diamond indicated he had nothing to report on.

Supervisor McDevitt stated earlier this month he had attended an Eagle Scout presentation as a member of the Marine Core League, adding he believed the Eagle Scout Program was an impressive, wholesome program. He advised he had attended a meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> regarding East Field during which the discussion concerned the funding needs of the facility, adding he was hopeful the City Government would work on this. Supervisor McDevitt informed he had attended a financing seminar on April 9<sup>th</sup> that was sponsored by Congresswomen Stefanik and he met with Edward Bartholomew, *President, Economic Development Corporation*, and Jennifer Switzer, *Director of Finance*, on April 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss a pending Local Development Corporation loan which he communicated with Supervisor Leggett on. Supervisor McDevitt advised representatives of Lehigh Cement Company would be in attendance at the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Economic Growth & Development Committee to provide an update on their pending permit with the NYS DEC (*New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*) and he encouraged all to attend. He said their organization had been a long-standing global manufacturer in the region who employed a significant amount of people and were seeking to reduce their costs in an environmentally sensitive way.

Supervisor Braymer reported on the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee meeting where they approved proposed Resolution No. 149 which she provided a brief overview of. She said she would be requesting to table proposed Resolution Nos. 150 and 179 at the appropriate time due to the fact that the Director of Real Property Tax Services was working with NYSDEC to come up with an alternate solution that was less expensive for the County and would release the County from any future liability. She announced the next Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> which, she noted, was Earth Day. She said one of the items on the agenda was to review the Clean Energy Communities Program, apprising she would like the County to complete the four high impact action items required in order for the County to obtain its certification, as it would open up some funding opportunities for the County and its private entities including the Energize New York Program which provided private entities with opportunities to obtain financing for energy upgrades.

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Supervisor Loeb apprised the Support Services Committee had met on two occasions last month and he referred to proposed Resolution No. 165 which he provided a brief overview of. He mentioned the Board of Elections had provided a lengthy presentation regarding the new Election Laws, as well as the new hardware and software the County would be purchasing over the next few years. Supervisor Loeb advised the coalition for the elderly which included representatives from all of the groups that impacted seniors in the County, and seniors themselves along with their families, would be providing a report on their activities at the April 29<sup>th</sup> Support Services Committee meeting. He informed the State Comptroller's Office had recently audited the NYS DOH (*New York State Department of Health*) oversight of the food industry in the State and had resulted in some unbecoming findings. He said because of this he doubted the NYS DOH was doing a good job on their other responsibility which was to provide oversight of the nursing homes in the State. He informed the State had requested that the NYS DOH perform an audit on how they managed this oversight and he questioned how this could be effective since they were auditing themselves.

Supervisor Driscoll informed he had no Committee report, but he offered privilege of the floor to David Porter, *representing Glens Falls Market Friends*, to provide information about their organization.

Mr. Porter read aloud a prepared statement regarding the Glens Falls Market Friends Organization and their mission to assist with bringing the community and vendors together at the Glens Falls Farmers Market; *a copy Mr. Porter's statement is on file with the items distributed at the April 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.*

Supervisor Loeb requested that Mr. Porter look into attracting a vendor who sold cups of coffee, as he felt this was the only thing that was missing from the Glens Falls Farmers Market. Mr. Porter advised their organization was looking into obtaining the required licensing to allow them to offer this at their booth.

Supervisor Frasier stated the Health, Human & Social Services Committee had met on March 15<sup>th</sup>, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 151-157 and she provided a brief overview of each. She apprised she had attended the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board meeting yesterday, adding she was impressed with what they had accomplished over the last year to turnaround the organization.

Supervisor Simpson apprised the Public Works Committee had met on March 19<sup>th</sup>, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 158-162 and he provided a brief summary of each. He stated prior to adjourning Sara Frankenfeld, *County GIS Administrator, Planning & Community Development*, reviewed a survey she had created to use as a tool to assist with assessing the infrastructure needs in the County as requested by Chairman Conover. He mentioned the due date for the Railroad RFP's (*Request for Approval*) was yesterday and from what he understood there were four responses which he would be discussing with Mr. Moore and Supervisor Merlino, who was the Vice-Chairman of the Public Works Committee.

Supervisor Hogan stated once again she had the extreme pleasure of accompanying a group of Warren County Youth to the State Fairgrounds for a Star Retreat which was sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension. She remarked how proud she was of these exceptional youth, adding the future leaders were being brought up correctly through the programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension. She announced the annual Cornell Cooperative Extension Golf Tournament that benefitted the organization was scheduled for Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at Cronin's Gold Resort in the Town of Warrensburg. Supervisor Hogan advised Cornell Cooperative Extension was offering four classes pertaining to logging which were required for anyone who was seeking logging insurance, adding it was one of the more popular programs offered there. She announced the VITA (*Volunteer Income Tax Assistance*) Program was a huge success this year with 664 tax returns prepared by the volunteers for individuals and families with incomes lower than \$54,000. She mentioned over \$909,000 in tax refunds were prepared

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as a result of this Program, adding there was a 43% increase in tax returns prepared this year as compared to last year. She offered privilege of the floor to Dr. James A. Seeley, *Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension*, to present the Board with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Dr. Seeley presented the Board of Supervisors with a Community Service Leader Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the outstanding effort, dedication and personal contribution in building stronger communities throughout this great nation. A round of applause followed.

Supervisor Dickinson indicated he had nothing to report on,

Supervisor Merlino informed that the Tourism Committee had not met last month; however, he noted, their Spring Break Advertisement Campaign was underway and included a video pertaining to the indoor fun house and factory outlet shopping. He mentioned they were also working on the Whitewater Rafting and Spring Hiking and the Summer television advertisement campaign was commencing on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Supervisor Strough apprised he had no Committee report, but he would like to report on a few events he had attended, the first of which was Maury Thompson's presentation regarding Charles Evans Hughes which he provided a brief overview of. He mentioned he had also attended an event at the Lake George Steel Pier with Robert Blais, *Mayor, Village of Lake George*, Supervisor Dickinson and Senator Little during which they met with Senator Schumer to discuss the need to fund the rebuilding of the Lake George Wastewater Treatment Facility, as the burden should not fall solely on the Village and Town alone. He mentioned a new facility would provide enhanced water quality being returned to the Lake. He apprised tomorrow an Earth Day celebration was taking place at the park located adjacent to the Crandall Library and the month of April was "Bicycle Month". Supervisor Strough reported on the annual gala sponsored by St. Mary's School where Mr. Bartholomew was honored at the Queensbury Hotel, adding he could think of few people more deserving than Mr. Bartholomew to receive this recognition due to efforts to enhance the community. He informed that same day he had attended the Federation Tournament at the Cool Insuring Arena where the Glens Falls High School Basketball Team won the Tournament for the class they were in. He added a mass was held for former Supervisor Montesi on that day, as well. Supervisor Strough apprised he had attended a Christian Businessman's Connection on April 4<sup>th</sup> where Michael Bittel, *President/CEO, Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce*, was the guest speaker. He stated he had thoroughly enjoyed the tour of the Warren Center he had taken with Chairman Conover.

Supervisor Wild advised he had distributed his findings regarding the County's return on investment following his review of the Warren County Occupancy Tax to the Board Members prior to the meeting; *a copy of the handout is on file with the items distributed at the April 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting*. He said his intent was to provide this information to the Board members with the objective of discussing it at a future meeting. He pointed out the County had collected over \$53 million in occupancy tax since its inception in 2004 and he would like to see some sort of metric developed to assist with understanding how these funds were used, and what were the successful and unsuccessful uses of these funds. He mentioned one of his concerns related to the fact that some of the sales tax revenue they received had paralleled the general economy did and not display an increase in the Country over others. He stated it was not his intent to have the discussion today; however, he said, he would like the Board members to review the information and provide him with their feedback, as it was imperative they were all aware of how best to use these funds.

Supervisor Beaty reported on the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the County Facilities Committee meeting where they approved proposed Resolution 143 and 144 and he provided a brief overview of each. He then read

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aloud a prepared statement which outlined his concerns with the recently adopted State Budget; *a copy of the prepared statement is on file with the items distributed at the April 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.*

Supervisor Magowan indicated he had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Sokol apprised the Finance Committee had met on April 5<sup>th</sup>, approving proposed Resolution Nos. 141-142 and 168-179. With regards to proposed resolution No. 168, *Resolution Establishing a Capital Reserve Fund to Finance a "Type" Capital Improvement; Authorizing Appropriation of Funds and Amending Warren County Budget for 2019*, Supervisor Sokol advised the Reserve Fund, whose purpose was to purchase elections equipment, would be a part of the budget process going forward. He stated a detailed report would be given on an annual basis regarding the operation and condition of this Reserve. He added due to the uncertainty of the State he felt it was prudent for the County to establish this Reserve. He informed proposed Resolution Nos. 173-177 had been referred to the Finance Committee by the Public Works Committee and pertained to establishing Capital Projects and setting aside funding for County Roads, adding due the inclement weather the County Roads and culverts were in need of additional work. Supervisor Sokol offered privilege of the floor to Mike Swan, *County Treasurer*, to provide the monthly update regarding the County's finances.

Mr. Swan apprised that in contrast to last month when he reported sales tax was up while the majority of the State had a decrease, this month the County's collection had decreased while it had increased for most of the other Counties in the State. He said this was not cause for panic, as he believed they would be able to meet the amount budgeted for the year due to the conservative projection made by the Budget Officer. He remarked how unfortunate it was that the State did not provide an explanation as to why they were predicting the County's share of the sales tax was decreasing.

Supervisor Simpson asked Mr. Swan if the County was still 4% above what had been collected during the same timeframe in 2017 and Mr. Swan replied affirmatively. Mr. Swan explained the projections were based upon what had been collected in 2017 because the 2018 figures were not available during the budget preparation for the following year. He stated he did not believe the amount of the decrease would be as much as it was at the end of March because they had not received all of the payments for March yet.

Mr. Moore questioned whether the State had indicated when they would be withholding the AIM payment that would be allocated from the County's portion of the sales tax revenue which equated to about \$245,000 and Mr. Swan replied in the negative. Mr. Swan voiced his concern with the State indicating there would be a significant increase in the County's portion of sales tax revenue as a result of internet sales, as he believed the majority of the companies online were already collecting sales tax which the County received a portion of. He said he was unsure of whether they would be able to make up for the loss of the \$245,000 in revenue. Chairman Conover added according to a discussion that took place at the NYSAC (*New York State Association of Counties*) meeting there was no information available regarding how the State was calculating that. Mr. Swan stated the State was projecting the County would collect millions of additional dollars of sales tax revenue as a result of internet sales; however, he noted, he did not believe that would be the case.

Concluding his report, Mr. Swan requested support of proposed Resolution Nos. 171 and 172.

Supervisor Thomas stated he had no Committee report since the Budget Committee had not met this month; however, he noted, a meeting would be scheduled as soon as the books were closed for 2018. He apprised ANCA (*Adirondack North Country Associates*) and Lakes to Locks were being contacted to request that they attend the meeting and discuss what they used the funding provided by the County

for. He requested support of proposed Resolution No. 177, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to the Department of Public Works Budget; Amending 2019 Warren County Budget*, apprising he had removed these funds from the 2019 Budget to reduce the tax implications with the idea that funding from the Unappropriated Surplus Fund could be used to pay for these one time expenses.

Supervisor Hyde indicated she had nothing to report on.

Supervisor Geraghty stated that the Personnel & Higher Education Committee had approved proposed Resolution Nos. 166 and 167 and he provided a brief overview of each. He apprised he had attended the Local Government Day Conference in Lake Placid during which two of the biggest issues discussed were short-term rentals and broadband. He informed he, as well, had attended the Crime Victims Breakfast which was a very moving event. He advised the March meeting of the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks included a tour of the Dannemora Correctional Facility in Clinton County during which the warden was very forthcoming about the prison break that occurred there a few years ago. He said following the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting yesterday at Cool Insuring Arena he attended an AATV (*Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages*) meeting. Supervisor Gergaghty acknowledged Don Lehman, *Reporter, The Post Star*, for his article regarding the land bank being delayed. He explained the impact from the land bank here concerned the Middleton Bridge which would go from the Town of Horicon to the Town of Chester. He said the land bank was being held up by Assemblyman Englebright, who was the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Environmental Conservation, apprising he had emailed him inquiring when this would be moved forward, but no response was given. He remarked he fully concurred with Supervisor Beaty that the northern counties were being short-changed by the State Government. He suggested others send an email to Assemblyman Englebright requesting the status of the land bank in an effort to garner a response. Supervisor Geraghty thanked Supervisor McDevitt for representing Warren County at SUNY Adirondack's graduation ceremony in May. He returned to his comments on the land bank, apprising how it was impacting a resort in the Town of Horicon which attracted a significant amount of visitors to the region. Chairman Conover added this resort was a major employer in the area, as well.

Supervisor Leggett reported on the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee meeting where they approved proposed Resolution Nos. 145-147 and he provided a brief overview of each. He informed he had attended the Crime Victims Breakfast with other Supervisors and Chairman Conover and he acknowledged the District Attorney's Office for organizing this event. He stated he had attended the Local Government Day Conference in Lake Placid on April 8<sup>th</sup> with a few other Supervisors, apprising he found the meeting to be very informative. He stated he had attended a broadband symposium in the Town of Johnsburg at the Tannery Pond Center to learn more about the progress of broadband in this region. Supervisor Leggett informed he held an EMS Task Force Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> and he thanked all who had attended and participated in the meeting, adding some progress was being made on the matter. He acknowledged the Supervisors who had attended the presentation regarding the First Wilderness Trail in the Town of Chester. He stated the trail had great potential for the County, apprising it would run from the Town of Corinth to the Town of Newcomb following the Hudson River along the entire trail.

Continuing to the report by the County Administrator, Mr. Moore recognized the following people for their years of service to the County which he said he was greatly appreciative of

- \* Sandy Smith for 30 years of service to the County Clerk's Office; and
- \* Theresa Ryther for 25 years of service to the Department of Social Services.

Mr. Moore read aloud a listing of the meetings he had attended since the February 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

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during which he provided a summary of the of the 2020 State Budget impact on County programs; *a copy of Mr. Moore's report is on file with the items distributed at the Board Meeting.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mary Elizabeth Kissane, *County Attorney*, to provide a report from the County Attorney. Ms. Kissane advised that she had nothing to report on.

Resuming the Agenda review, Chairman Conover called for the reading of communications, which Mrs. Allen read aloud, as follows:

Reports from:

1. Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Report for 2018 (*emailed to the Board 04.10.19*);
2. Real Property Tax Services Department reporting of corrections to tax roll approved by the County Auditor as authorized by Resolution No. 42 of 2019 (*emailed to the Board 04.18.19*);
3. Warren County Jury Board Annual Report for 2018 (*emailed to the Board 04.12.19*); and
4. Warren County Probation Department Report of Criminal and Family Workloads for February 2019 (*emailed to the Board 04.10.19*).

Minutes from:

1. Warren-Washington Counties CDC
  - February 25, 2019 Annual Meeting (*emailed to the Board 03.27.19*);
  - February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting (*emailed to the Board 03.27.19*);
  - March 6, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting (*emailed to the Board 04.11.19*); and
  - March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting (*emailed to the Board 04.18.19*).
2. Warren-Washington Counties IDA
  - February 25, 2019 Annual Meeting (*emailed to the Board 03.27.19*);
  - February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting (*emailed to the Board 03.27.19*);
  - March 6, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting (*emailed to the Board 04.11.19*); and
  - March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting (*emailed to the Board 04.18.19*).

Letters/emails from:

1. Trout Unlimited, letter of appreciation for the Warren County Fish Hatchery, and in particular Hatchery Manager Jeff Ingles, for assistance with the numerous Trough in the Classroom programs held in the fall of 2018 (*emailed to the Board 04.02.19*);
2. FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth Notice of Public Hearing regarding the KDBF Ventures, LLC Project which was held on April 11, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. at Glens Falls City Hall (*emailed to the Board 04.02.19*);

Other:

1. Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp. February payment in the amount of \$3,151 (*emailed to the Board 04.02.19*);
2. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Notification of Planned Drawdown for Project No. 2554-081 - NY Feeder Dam Hydroelectric Project (*emailed to Board 04.18.19*)

Continuing to the reading of resolutions, Mrs. Allen announced proposed Resolution Nos. 141-179 were mailed; she noted there were no additional resolutions to be brought to the floor this month.

Chairman Conover called for discussion and public comment on the proposed resolutions, as well as requests for roll call votes.

In regards to proposed Resolution No. 148, *Authorizing an Agreement with the Town of Horicon, Town*

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of Chester, Town of Schroon and Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District for Administration of Projects and Activities Identified in the 2018 Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan Funding Award to Warren County from the New York State Department of State (C1001354), Supervisor Braymer questioned what the projects and activities identified in the 2018 Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan were. Supervisor Simpson advised the project in the Town of Horicon consisted of increasing the boat stewards and decontamination efforts on Schroon Lake and Supervisor Leggett stated the plan for the Town of Chester involved harvesting. Supervisor Beaty informed it was a dollar for dollar match in the amount of 25% that would be provided by the Towns of Horicon, Chester and Schroon through expenses originating from the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Control. He continued, additionally a voluntary working group would provide the match.

A motion was made by Supervisor Braymer to table proposed Resolution Nos. 150, *Authorizing Consent Order/Stipulation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Concerning Petroleum Contamination at Town of Chester Tax Map Parcel No. 104.10-4-5 on Behalf of Real Property Tax Services*, and 179, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the Environmental Testing Reserve Fund to the Real Property Tax Services Budget to Pay New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Clean Up/tank Removal for Town of Chester Tax Map Parcel No. 104.10-4-5 (Thermohome, Inc.); Amending 2019 Warren County Budget*. Supervisor Dickinson seconded the motion to table which was carried unanimously.

In regards to proposed Resolution No. 168, *Resolution Establishing a Capital Reserve Fund to Finance a "Type" Capital Improvement; Authorizing Appropriation of Funds and Amending Warren County Budget for 2019*, Supervisor Braymer asked whether "Type" was an acronym for a title of the Capital Improvement and Mr. Moore replied he believed that this paralleled something that was written into State Law regarding the procedure for Capital Reserves.

Supervisor Braymer requested clarification that the \$1 million included in proposed Resolution No. 177, *Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to the Department of Public Works Budget; Amending 2019 Warren County Budget*, was the funding Supervisor Thomas had referred to earlier that he had left out of the 2019 County Budget and Supervisor Thomas replied affirmatively.

Chairman Conover called for a vote on resolutions, following which Resolution Nos. 141-179 were approved as presented, with the exception of proposed Resolution Nos. 150 and 179 which were tabled.

Chairman Conover called for public comments from anyone wanting to address the Board on any matter, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Chairman Conover called for announcements.

Supervisor Braymer apprised as previously mentioned by Supervisor Strough tomorrow the Town of Queensbury and the City of Glens Falls would be holding an Earth Day celebration in City Park next to the Crandall Library from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., regardless of weather, with a number of activities offered and she encouraged all to attend.

With regards to the Proclamation concerning Law Day, Supervisor Braymer announced everyone was invited to attend the Law Day Breakfast sponsored by the Warren County Bar Association on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and she requested anyone interested in attending to notify her. She mentioned the theme of the Liberty Bell Award given at the event this year was Freedom of Speech and the Press, apprising that this years recipient was Mark Frost, *Founder, Editor and Publisher, Chronicle*. Chairman Conover added that

he had requested that Supervisor Braymer represent the County at the event.

Supervisor Sokol wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Supervisor Driscoll advised the Warren County Health Services Department was hosting a blood drive on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and he encouraged anyone with questions to contact their Department. He informed the local chapter of the NAACP (*National Association for the Advancement of Colored People*) was hosting a College Assistance Awards Gala on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Highland Park Country Club. He stated since Mothers Day was on May 12<sup>th</sup> he would like to extend a Happy Mothers Day to all families.

Supervisor Simpson stated the Town of Horicon would be hosting Food Truck Friday's during the month of June in front of the Town Hall. He said there would be a variety of cuisine offered, as well as live music.

Supervisor Loeb spoke regarding the American Red Cross's Sound the Alarm Program and their goal to install smoke alarms in the City of Glens Falls on May 4<sup>th</sup>. He reminded everyone there was also an on-going program in the region where they would install smoke alarms in homes to anyone who contacted them at no cost.

Supervisor Merlino thanked Supervisor Beaty and Mr. Moore for their reports on the State Budget, as it appeared to have a negative impact on the towns and the County. He discussed the EMS Task Force and how he was pleased the group was created to develop a plan to deal with the issue, adding he believed the program being developed would be worthwhile to participate in. He added the Shared Services Program provided many benefits to the towns and the County, as well. He voiced his concern that no additional discussion had taken place regarding the sales tax allocation. With regards to Supervisor Wild's report on Occupancy Tax, Supervisor Merlino stated the Star report was used as a reference for the information included in the report, apprising he believed this was not accurate since there were only twenty-nine properties in Warren County on the Star Report that represented 2,776 rooms, but the County had approximately 9,867 rooms.

Supervisor Sokol exited the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Supervisor Wild indicated he was aware that he had missed some things on his report on occupancy, adding this was why he has presented it to the full Board for feedback. He said his intent was to determine ways to measure how they were doing and he remarked he believed occupancy tax was an asset for the County. He said he would like for a meeting to be scheduled to allow them to discuss the matter thoroughly at a future Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, on motion made by Supervisor Simpson and seconded by Supervisor Dickinson, Chairman Conover adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:31 a.m.