

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2011**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS OF WARREN COUNTY:**

You are hereby notified that, I, DANIEL G. STEC, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, pursuant to the power vested in me by Rule A.3 of the Rules of the Board of Supervisors, hereby call and convene a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Warren County to be held in the Supervisors' Room in the Warren County Municipal Center, Town of Queensbury, New York, on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of considering, and if determined by the Board to be appropriate, voting on, or otherwise taking action on, the following matters:

1. To convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a pending disciplinary matter of a particular unnamed employee; and
2. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the Board of Supervisors.

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to call for the meeting and give written notice to all members of the Board of Supervisors of such meeting.

Dated: December 19, 2011

DANIEL G. STEC, CHAIRMAN  
Warren County Board of Supervisors

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 9:09 a.m.

Mr. Daniel G. Stec presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Thomas.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Monroe, Girard, McDevitt, Taylor, Loeb, Kenny, Belden, Bentley, Stec, Strainer, Champagne, Sokol, Thomas, Wood and Geraghty - 16.

Absent: Supervisors Goodspeed, McCoy, Merlino and VanNess- 4.

Chairman Stec advised the Town Supervisors that the tax rolls were complete and could be picked up at the Real Property Tax Services Department after the meeting.

Chairman Stec announced that prior to entering into an executive session, there was another matter which required discussion and action. He requested Paul Dusek, County Administrator, to expound on the topic.

Mr. Dusek referred to discussions held in the past relative to the County's wood surplus and the associated program, which had not worked out well for the County and had become too expensive to continue. He recalled that the initial reports that he had received, indicated that the wood was not in good condition for any kind of use; however, he said, he had recently received differing opinions on the condition and quality of the wood. Mr. Dusek apprised that he had been contacted by Brother James of the North Country Ministry who had expressed an interest in the surplus wood. Following discussions with the County Attorney, he continued, it was determined that a contractual agreement could be developed whereby Brother James would pick up the wood and assume the responsibility of distinguishing the condition of the wood and accept the wood, as it was, and be completely responsible for its' distribution and use. He asserted that this would allow for the wood to be distributed to individuals in need, which was the original intent of the program, and yet the County would not incur any further costs and this would keep the County protected from any liability issues. Mr. Dusek said he recommended this arrangement to the board members.

Supervisor Goodspeed entered the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously to waive the rules of the board requiring a resolution be in writing. Clerk noted it would be Resolution No. 766 of 2011 for the record.

Motion was made by Goodspeed, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously to authorize an agreement with North Country Ministry to dispose of County firewood. Clerk added it would be Resolution No. 767 of 2011 for the record.

Chairman Stec explained the purpose of the meeting was to convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing a pending disciplinary matter of a particular unnamed employee.

Motion was made by Mr. Girard, seconded by Mr. Loeb and carried unanimously that executive session be declared pursuant to Section 105 (f) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was declared from 9:16 a.m. to 10:23 a.m.

Supervisor Sokol exited the meeting during the executive session.

The board reconvened and Chairman Stec announced that no action was taken during the executive session. He noted that two draft resolutions were distributed to the board members, copies of which are on file with the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mrs. Wood and carried unanimously to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus to the Assigned Counsel's Office budget; and to amend the 2011 County budget to

reflect the same. Clerk stated it would be Resolution No. 768 of 2011 for the record.

Martin Auffredou, County Attorney, read into the record the draft resolution concerning the settlement in the matter of disciplinary charges against Sheila M. Weaver, Commissioner of Social Services. Chairman Stec clarified that the settlement was contingent upon numerous conditions being met before the matter was completely finalized. He further stated that until all conditions were finalized, the matter did remain pending, and he requested that any and all inquiries received from the public be directed to Mr. Auffredou.

Motion was made by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Mr. Goodspeed and carried unanimously to authorize a settlement in the matter of disciplinary charges against Sheila M. Weaver, Commissioner of Social Services. Clerk said it would be Resolution No. 769 of 2011 for the record.

Mr. Kenny referred to his previous requests to the board members to reconsider the closing of the Print Shop. He stated that he had been contacted by a number of Department Heads that were concerned because they had not budgeted for printing costs within their departments. He opined that he was convinced that the Print Shop was a viable option and would cost the County less in the long run. He again requested that the decision to close the Print Shop be reconsidered. Mr. Dusek replied that the closing of the Print Shop was a part of the 2012 Budget and under law, no changes could be made to the Budget until after January 1, 2012. Mr. Dusek reminded the board members that the current employee in the Print Shop would be laid-off effective December 31, 2011 and if the board chose to reinstate the Print Shop, as well as the employee, a source of funding for such would need to be determined. Chairman Stec recommended that the matter be referred back to the Budget Committee for further discussion and consideration.

Chairman Stec pointed out that this was the last Board Meeting for five of the Supervisors and he acknowledged that Supervisor Champagne would be recognized at the January 5, 2012 Organization Meeting. He thanked all the outgoing Supervisors again for their service and efforts while members of the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Stec wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, on motion made by Mr. Girard and seconded by Mr. Strainer, Chairman Stec adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.