

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 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 1, 2011 at 11:00 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 consider a resolution authorizing transfer of dispatch functions from the City of Glens Falls to the County of Warren; 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: November 28, 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 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Daniel G. Stec presiding.

Salute to the flag was led by Supervisor Strainer.

Roll called, the following members present:

Supervisors Conover, Girard, McDevitt, Taylor, Loeb, Kenny, Belden, Bentley, Goodspeed, Merlino, Stec, Strainer, VanNess, Sokol, Thomas, Wood, and Geraghty - 17.

Absent: Supervisors - Monroe, McCoy and Champagne - 3.

Chairman Stec explained the purpose of the meeting was to consider a resolution authorizing the transfer of dispatch functions from the City of Glens Falls to the County of Warren. He noted that this had been in the public arena for discussion for almost a decade and in the last couple of years, it had gained momentum. He credited the City leadership for what they had done to bring their collective constituency, their Board, Union and employees

to as high a comfort level that anyone could expect given such a change. Chairman Stec recalled that when the Town of Queensbury divested itself of its' Police Department and consolidated into the Warren County Sheriff's protection, it saved the Town a significant amount of money and continued to today. He pointed out that fire dispatch services were already taking place here at the County and added that the agreement before the board members today seemed financially reasonable from both the County and the City perspective. Chairman Stec congratulated everyone that had been involved in this effort.

Mr. McDevitt thanked Sheriff York and his staff for their cooperation and asserted that Warren County had a state-of-the-art, remarkable Communications Center and this was a much needed change.

Mr. Kenny applauded this historic agreement and credited Supervisors McDevitt, Taylor and Girard for keeping the matter a priority.

Mr. VanNess opined that the New York State Civil Service Law was flawed and he felt the consolidation of dispatching services was an injustice to seventeen County employees, most of which had several years of longevity with the County, ranging from twenty-six years to two years, averaging out to 14.7 years of service. Mr. VanNess outlined the duties of the City dispatching services, noting that the City currently dispatched police calls only. He informed of the duties of the County dispatching services, which encompassed police, fire, EMS, mutual aid, Fire Coordinator, EMS Coordinator, CPS on-call workers, 911 alert calls and more. He summarized that he did not consider this a consolidation of jobs and he felt this was an injustice to seventeen long-term employees of the County by asking them to train these four individuals in all aspects of the Communications Officer job, with the exception of police dispatch. Mr. VanNess concluded that New York State Civil Service Law had effectively tied the hands of both the County and the City and he expressed his opposition to the agreement.

Mr. Taylor commented that the concerns mentioned by Mr. VanNess were the things that created problems in bringing this agreement to fruition and led to the extra effort to resolve the issues. He added that in these financial times, the County needed to continue to develop ways to reduce costs. He stated that he appreciated everything that the Board of Supervisors had done to assist in accomplishing this agreement.

Mr. Loeb questioned how non-emergency related calls would be handled and Jack Diamond, Mayor of the City of Glens Falls, responded that the City in-house Administration would continue to handle non-emergency related calls for residents of the City.

Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, announced a motion was needed to bring Resolution No. 659 to the floor. Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously to bring Resolution No. 659 to the floor.

Chairman Stec called for a vote on the resolution.

Mr. Belden requested a roll call vote on Resolution No. 659, Authorizing Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Glens Falls for the Transfer of Police and Emergency Dispatch Functions to Warren County.

Resolution No. 659 was approved.

Mayor Diamond remarked that many people had been involved with the negotiations for this agreement for well over a year and the negotiating team was able to work through the details. He further stated that this showed the constituent base that the County and the City were able to work together collectively, which sent a very positive message to everyone. Mayor Diamond advised he looked forward to continuing the working relationship with the County through 2012.

Chairman Stec apprised an executive session was needed to discuss litigation matters. Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously that executive session be declared pursuant to Section 105 (d) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was declared from 11:25 a.m. to 11:48 a.m.

The board reconvened. Pursuant to the executive session, motion was made by Mr. Goodspeed, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried unanimously to authorize the settlement of a particular matter involving former personnel of Warren County that had been pending since 2010 for a payment of \$1,000; and authorizing the appropriate authorities within Warren County to execute the necessary documents.

There being no further business, on motion made by Mr. Belden and seconded by Mr. Conover, Chairman Stec adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.