

CONDENSED MINUTES
ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Washington, State of New York, pursuant to notice duly given by the Clerk, as provided in Rule 1 of Rules of said Board convened in regular session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at the County Office Building, Fort Edward, New York.

The Clerk of the Board, Mrs. Debra R. Prehoda, called the meeting to order and presided.

Mrs. Clary offered the prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. O'Brien.

The Fire Safety Notice was read by Mr. Wilson.

The Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: 15 Henke, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Nolan, O'Brien, Hahn, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Wang, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Fedler, Ferguson

The first order of business was the election of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2024. At this time the Clerk accepted nominations. Mr. Hall nominated Robert A. Henke of the Town of Argyle and was seconded by Supervisors Shaw, Fisher, Baker, Hahn. There were no other nominations. A motion to close the nominations, was moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, Baker, O'Brien and adopted. Mr. Henke was elected Chairman for 2024 by a voice vote. Mr. Henke was escorted by his children to the front of the chambers and Appellate Court Judge Stan Pritzker administered the oath of office.

The next order of business was the election of Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2024. At this time, Chairman Henke accepted nominations. Mr. Campbell offered the nomination of David K. O'Brien of the Town of Hampton for Vice Chairman and was seconded unanimously. There were no other nominations. Mr. O'Brien was elected Vice Chairman for 2024 by a voice vote. Mr. O'Brien was escorted to the front of the chambers by his daughter and Appellate Court Judge Stan Pritzker administered the oath of office.

Chairman Henke asked his daughter Janet Dandrow to come to the front of the Chambers. She sang the National Anthem and was given a round of applause.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked that the resolutions be introduced.

Resolution No. 1 January 2, 2024 By Supervisors Skellie, Campbell, O'Brien, Fedler, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: To Appoint County Attorney.

Resolution No. 2 January 2, 2024 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: To Fix Bond of Chairman and

Vice Chairman.

Resolution No. 3 January 2, 2024 By Supervisors Fedler, O'Brien, Shaw, Fisher – TITLE: To Reappoint Clerk of the Board.

Resolution No. 4 January 2, 2024 By Supervisors Fedler, O'Brien, Shaw, Fisher – TITLE: Reappoint County Administrator.

Resolution No. 5 January 2, 2024 By Supervisors Wilson, Hogan, O'Brien, Clary, Rozell – TITLE: To Reappoint Public Defender.

Resolution No. 6 January 2, 2024 By Supervisor O'Brien – TITLE: To Appoint Budget Officer.

Resolution No. 7 January 2, 2024 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: To Appoint County Auditor and Deputy County Auditor.

Resolution No. 8 January 2, 2024 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: To Designate Depositories.

Resolution No. 9 January 2, 2024 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: To Pay Soil & Water Conservation District Board.

Resolution No. 10 January 2, 2024 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: Appropriation – Washington County Extension Service.

Resolution No. 11 January 2, 2024 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, O'Brien, Fedler, Shaw, Wilson, Fisher – TITLE: To Adopt Introductory Local Law "H" of 2023.

Resolution No. 12 January 2, 2024 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: To Reaffirm the Rules of the Board for 2024.

Resolution No. 13 January 2, 2024 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: Authorization for the Officials Designated to Approve the New York State Real Property Tax Law Correction of Errors Less than \$1,500.

The Board went on to consideration of the resolutions.

Resolution No. 1, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded unanimously and adopted.

Mr. Daniel Martindale, County Attorney was joined by his family in the front of the Chambers and Appellate Court Judge Stan Pritzker administered the oath of office.

After the reading of the public hearing notice, Chairman Henke opened the public hearing on Introductory Local Law "H" of 2023, a Local Law amending Local Law 9 of 2013 and Local Law 4 of 2023 regarding collection of fees, at 2:17 PM. After calling for comments three times and none being offered, Chairman Henke closed the public hearing at 2:18 PM.

Resolution No. 2, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, Baker,

O'Brien, Clary, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 3, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded unanimously and adopted.

Resolution No. 4, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded unanimously and adopted.

Resolution No. 5, moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded unanimously and adopted.

Resolution No. 6, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded unanimously and adopted.

Resolution No. 7, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 8, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, Baker, O'Brien, Clary, Wang, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 9, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, Baker, O'Brien, Wang, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 10, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, Baker, O'Brien, Wang, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 11, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Baker, O'Brien, Wang, Rozell, Nolan and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 15 Henke, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Nolan, O'Brien, Hahn, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Wang, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Fedler, Ferguson

AYES: 4,485 ABSENT: 205

Resolution No. 12, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Fisher, Baker, Wang and adopted.

Resolution No. 13, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Baker, Rozell, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked for Supervisors' comments. Chairman Henke congratulated the new Supervisors. Mr. Campbell welcomed the new Supervisors. Chairman Henke welcomed Dan Martindale as County Attorney. Mr. Martindale thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support. Chairman Henke asked Mr. Wilson to serve as Sergeant of Arm and Mrs. Clary to continue as Chaplain. He also announced that committee assignments were done, and a copy is in the Supervisors' mailboxes.

Mr. Shaw announced the adjournment of the meeting.