

CONDENSED MINUTES  
ORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2022

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 Monday, January 3, 2022 in person and via teleconference.

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. O'Brien.

The Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT:             16     Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien,  
  Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT:               1     Haff

The first order of business was the election of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2022. At this time the Clerk accepted nominations. Mr. Skellie nominated Samuel J. Hall of the Town of Fort Ann and was seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Wilson, Fisher, Ferguson, O'Brien. There were no other nominations. A motion to close the nominations, was moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Campbell, Ferguson and adopted. Mr. Hall was elected Chairman for 2022 by a voice vote. Mr. Hall proceeded 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 2022. At this time, CHAIRMAN HALL accepted nominations. Mr. Hicks offered the nomination of Robert Henke of the Town of Argyle for Vice Chairman and was seconded by Supervisors Skellie, Fisher, O'Brien, Fedler, Wilson, Clary, Ferguson. There were no other nominations. A motion to close the nominations was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Griffith and adopted. Mr. Henke was elected Vice Chairman for 2022 by a voice vote. Mr. Henke proceeded to the front of the chambers and Appellate Court Judge Stan Pritzker administered the oath of office.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked that the resolutions be introduced.

Resolution No. 1 January 3, 2022 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: To Fix Bond of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Resolution No. 2 January 3, 2022 By Supervisors O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Ferguson – TITLE: Reappoint Clerk of the Board.

Resolution No. 3 January 3, 2022 By Supervisors O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Ferguson – TITLE: To Reappoint County Attorney.

Resolution No. 4 January 3, 2022 By Supervisors O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Ferguson – TITLE: Reappoint County Administrator.

Resolution No. 5 January 3, 2022 By Supervisors Haff, Hogan, Hicks, O'Brien, Clary – TITLE: To Reappoint Public Defender.

Resolution No. 6 January 3, 2022 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: To Appoint Budget Officer.

Resolution No. 7 January 3, 2022 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: Appoint County Auditor and Deputy County Auditor.

Resolution No. 8 January 3, 2022 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: To Pay Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

Resolution No. 9 January 3, 2022 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: Appropriation – Washington County Extension Service.

Resolution No. 10 January 3, 2022 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: To Designate Depositories.

Resolution No. 11 January 3, 2022 By Supervisors Hicks, O'Brien, Skellie, Clary, Griffith – TITLE: Amend the Staffing Pattern – Sheriff.

Resolution No. 12 January 3, 2022 By Supervisors Hicks, O'Brien, Skellie, Clary, Griffith – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern for DSS.

Resolution No. 13 January 3, 2022 By Supervisors O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Ferguson – TITLE: To Adopt Weighted Voting Plan Pursuant to 2020 Census.

Resolution No. 14 January 3, 2022 By Supervisors O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Ferguson – TITLE: To Reaffirm the Rules of the Board of Supervisors for 2022.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 1, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Ferguson, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 2, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded unanimously 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. Hogan, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Fisher, Nolan, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 6, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Fisher, Nolan, O'Brien, Skellie, Wilson and adopted.

Resolution No. 7, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Nolan, Wilson, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 8, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Skellie, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 9, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Skellie, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 10, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 11, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fisher, Nolan, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 12, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Fisher, Nolan, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 13, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Fisher, Campbell and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 16 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 1 Haff

AYES: 4,094 ABSENT: 166

Resolution No. 14, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Campbell, Wilson and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. O'Brien recognized the passing of Hampton resident Sue Perry. Chairman Hall thanked the Board for the privilege to serve as Chairman. He asked Mr. O'Brien to serve as Sergeant of Arm and Mrs. Clary to serve as Chaplain. He also announced that he is working on the committee assignments and would finalize them by Friday at the latest. Deputy Public Safety Director Tim Hardy updated the Board on covid-19 test kits expected to be delivered to the county, a majority of which will be distributed to schools. Each town will receive a small number of tests.

CHAIRMAN HALL adjourned the meeting at 2:34 PM.