

CONDENSED MINUTES
ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2023

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 3, 2023 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. O'Brien.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

ABSENT: 1 Ferguson

The first order of business was the election of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2023. At this time the Clerk accepted nominations. Mr. Hall nominated Robert A. Henke of the Town of Argyle and was seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Shaw, Fisher, Hicks, Campbell, Skellie. There were no other nominations. A motion to close the nominations, was moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Hall, Fisher and adopted. Mr. Henke was elected Chairman for 2023 by a voice vote. Mr. Henke abstained. 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 2023. At this time, Chairman Henke accepted nominations. Chairman Henke offered the nomination of Samuel J. Hall of the Town of Fort Ann for Vice Chairman and was seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Fisher, Hicks, Rozell, Nolan. There were no other nominations. A motion to close the nominations was moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted. Mr. Hall was elected Vice Chairman for 2023 by a voice vote. Mr. Hall abstained. Mr. Hall proceeded to the front of the chambers 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 3, 2023 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: To Fix Bond of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Resolution No. 2 January 3, 2023 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: To Pay Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

Resolution No. 3 January 3, 2023 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: Appropriation – Washington County Extension Service.

Resolution No. 4 January 3, 2023 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: To Designate Depositories.

Resolution No. 5 January 3, 2023 By Supervisors Henke – TITLE: To Reaffirm the Rules of the Board of Supervisors for 2023.

Resolution No. 6 January 3, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Hicks, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend 2023 Budget for Technology Innovation and Election Resource Grant Program.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 1, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Fisher, O'Brien, Campbell, Wilson, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 2, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Hall, Fisher, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 3, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Hall, Fisher, O'Brien and adopted.

Resolution No. 4, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Hall, Fisher, O'Brien, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 5, moved by Chairman Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Hall, Fisher, O'Brien and adopted.

Resolution No. 6, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Hall, Fisher, Clary. Discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 6 changing the appropriation amounts to \$20,210 for equipment and \$37,562 for contractual leaving the same total, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Hall, Wilson, Clary and adopted. Resolution No. 6, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Hall, Fisher, Clary and adopted, as amended.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. Hall stated he appreciated the support of the Supervisors and Department Heads and will deliver a State of the County next month. Mrs. Clary thanked Public Safety and the Sheriff's department for their assistance during the three day power outage in Salem. Mr. Campbell also thanked Public Safety and NYSEG for their help during the outage. Mr. Griffith congratulated Washington County resident Phoebe Ziehm who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at the Governor's Inauguration. Chairman Henke asked Mr. O'Brien to continue serving as Sergeant of Arm and Mrs. Clary as Chaplain. He also announced that there won't be any changes of committee chairs but will make a few member changes.

Mr. Shaw announced the adjournment of the meeting at 2:21 PM.