

CONDENSED MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2022

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, February 18, 2022 and via teleconference.

The Board of Supervisors convened in regular session at 10:00 AM at the County Office Building, Fort Edward, New York pursuant to Rule 1 of Rules of said Board.

CHAIRMAN HALL called the meeting to order and presided.

Mrs. Clary offered the prayer.

Mr. O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and read the Fire Safety Notice.

The Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: 17 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

Following the reading of the public hearing notice by the Clerk, CHAIRMAN HALL opened the public hearing on Introductory Local Law "A" of 2022, a Local Law providing for the salaries of the County Administrator, County Attorney, Commissioner of Social Services, Superintendent of Public Works, Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Director of Real Property Tax Services, Crooners, Election Commissioners and Personnel Office, at 10:05 AM. There were no comments from the public. CHAIRMAN HALL closed the public hearing at 10:06 AM.

Following the reading of the public hearing notice by the Clerk, CHAIRMAN HALL opened the public hearing on Introductory Local Law "B" of 2022, a Local Law amending a portion of Section E of Local Law No. 5 of 2020 providing for the amount of a reserve in the Washington County Worker's Compensation Self Insurance Plan, at 10:06 AM. There were no comments from the public. CHAIRMAN HALL closed the public hearing at 10:07 AM.

The condensed minutes of the January 21, 2022 meeting were accepted as mailed.

The Clerk read the communications.

Tim Hardy, Deputy Director of Public Safety gave a COVID-19 response update.

A motion to accept the February Audit Report, was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Griffith, Nolan, Clary, Ferguson and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HALL announced a Proclamation issued in Recognition of Carl T. Baker, 33rd Annual J. Walter Juckett Award recipient.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked if any Supervisor had any request for Supervisors' Privilege of the Floor.

There were no requests.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked that the resolutions be introduced.

Resolution No. 45 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Clary, Campbell, Fedler, Shaw, Skellie, Ferguson, Wilson – TITLE: To Appoint and Reappoint Members – Office for the Aging Advisory Council.

Resolution No. 46 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Haff, O'Brien, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson, Fisher – TITLE: A Resolution Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore; Church Street Over the Mettawee River PIN 1760.55.

Resolution No. 47 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Adopt Introductory Local Law "A" of 2022.

Resolution No. 48 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Wilson, Hogan, Hicks, O'Brien, Clary, Rozell – TITLE: To Adopt District Attorney's 2022 Crime Forfeiture Spending Plan.

Resolution No. 49 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Wilson, Hogan, Hicks, O'Brien, Clary, Rozell – TITLE: To Make Appointment to the Washington County EMS Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 50 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Adopt Introductory Local Law "B" of 2022.

Resolution No. 51 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Wilson, Hogan, Haff, Hicks, O'Brien, Clary, Rozell – TITLE: To Set Fee for Septic Permit Renewal – Code Enforcement.

Resolution No. 52 February 18, 2022 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: Appoint Member of the Counties of Warren and Washington Industrial Development Agency and Civic Development Corporation.

Resolution No. 53 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Griffith, Campbell, Hicks, O'Brien, Shaw, Skellie, Ferguson – TITLE: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Washington County Establishing Washington County as Municipal Partner to the Proposed Fairgrounds Broadband Infrastructure Upgrade Project of the Application by Washington County Fairgrounds to the US Economic Development Administration (EDA or the Agency), US Department of Commerce (DOC) 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Competitive Construction Grant.

Resolution No. 54 February 18, 2022 by Supervisors Griffith, Campbell, Hicks, O'Brien, Shaw, Skellie, Ferguson – TITLE: Authorize Agreement with Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC).

Resolution No. 55 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Fedler, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Rozell, Wilson, Fisher – TITLE: To Amend the Washington County Travel Policy.

Resolution No. 56 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Cancel Interest and Penalties – Town of Hebron 152.-2-33.7.

Resolution No. 57 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Correct Tax Role – Town of Jackson.

Resolution No. 58 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Public Health Budget to Carryover Unspent COVID-19 Vaccine Response Funds.

Resolution No. 59 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Public Health Budget to Carryover Unspent School Testing Program Funds.

Resolution No. 60 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Public Health Budget to Carryover Unspent COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Funds.

Resolution No. 61 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Public Health Budget to Carryover Unspent Preparedness Grant Funds.

Resolution No. 62 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Public Health Budget to Carryover Unspent Early Intervention Administration Grant.

Resolution No. 63 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Public Health Budget to Carryover Unspent DSRIP Funds.

Resolution No. 64 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Public Health Budget to Carryover Unspent Child Passenger Safety Grant.

Resolution No. 65 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Public Health Budget for Public Health Corps Fellowship Program.

Resolution No. 66 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Budget to Carryover Unspent Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Funds.

Resolution No. 67 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 IT Budget for Website Upgrade.

Resolution No. 68 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2021 Budge for Psychiatric Expense.

Resolution No. 69 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Mental Health Budget for Jail Based Transition Release Services.

Resolution No. 70 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Sewer District No. 2 Budget for Office Furniture.

Resolution No. 71 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend Budget – Capital Project No. 113 – Homeland Security Grants for FY2021 Award.

Resolution No. 72 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend 2022 Public Safety Budget to Carryover Unspent Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Resolution No. 73 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend Capital Project No. 126 – County Route 61 Bridge Over the Battenkill (Shushan).

Resolution No. 74 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Amend Capital Project No. 127 – Church Street #2.

Resolution No. 75 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Authorize Acceptance of Water Quality Improvement Grant Project Number 109788; Washington County Roadside Erosion Remediation Program and Amend Budget.

Resolution No. 76 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Authorize Acceptance of Water Quality Improvement Grant Project Number 109293; Washington County Culvert Replacement Program and Amend Budget.

Resolution No. 77 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore; CR 37 Burgoyne Avenue Pavement Preservation.

Resolution No. 78 February 18, 2022 By Supervisor Hicks, Skellie, Campbell, O'Brien, Fedler, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – Sewer District No. 2.

Resolution No. 79 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Hicks, Skellie, Campbell, O'Brien, Fedler, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: Amend the Staffing Pattern – Treasurer.

Resolution No. 80 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Hicks, Skellie, Campbell, O'Brien, Fedler, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern DPW: Road Fund.

Resolution No. 81 February 18, 2022 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson, Griffith – TITLE: To Award Min Bid #9082 for One Ton (350-3500) Crew Cab 4X4 Truck.

Resolution No. 82 February 18, 2022 By Supervisor Haff – TITLE: Rescind Resolution No. 55 Dated May 15, 2020 Titled: To Adopt County-Wide Mask Policy.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 45, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Shaw, Campbell, Wilson and adopted.

Resolution No. 46, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Shaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 47, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Nolan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell 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

NOES: 1 Haff

AYES: 4,507 NOES: 183

Resolution No. 48, moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Campbell, Clary, Rozell and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed.

Resolution No. 49, moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Campbell and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed.

Resolution No. 50, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Skellie and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 17 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

AYES: 4,690

Resolution No. 51, moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 52, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Campbell, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 53, moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Fisher, Nolan, Campbell, Skellie and adopted.

Resolution No. 54, moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Nolan, Campbell and adopted.

Resolution No. 55, moved by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Fisher, Nolan, O'Brien, Wilson and adopted.

Resolution No. 56, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 57, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Skellie, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 58, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, Clary, Griffith, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 59, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 60, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Clary Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 61, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 62, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 63, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 64, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 65, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 66, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 67, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 68, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 69, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 70, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Fisher, Nolan, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 71, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 72, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 73, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, Skellie, Clary, Rozell and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed.

Resolution No. 74, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 75, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Fisher, Nolan, O'Brien, Skellie and adopted.

Resolution No. 76, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, O'Brien, Skellie, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 77, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, Skellie, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 78, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Fisher, Nolan, O'Brien, Campbell, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 79, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Fisher, Nolan, O'Brien, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 80, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Nolan, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 81, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 82, moved by Mr. Haff, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Shaw, Fisher, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary. Discussion. Mr. Haff distributed a handout and read into the record statements from Congresswoman Stefanik, State Senators Stec and Jordan, Assemblypeople Woerner, Simpson and Ashby, all supportive of removing mask mandates. Mrs. Clary stated she supports this and allowing employees and the public to choose whether or not to wear a mask and be respected either way. Mr. Griffith asked if temperature checks would still be in place. Chairman Hall stated this resolution only addresses masks. Mr. Haff urged that policies like these have a sunset date. Mr. Haff asked Chairman Hall if he would like to co-sponsor this resolution and he agreed to. Resolution No. 82, moved by Mr. Haff, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Shaw, Fisher, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 17 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

AYES: 4,690

CHAIRMAN HALL asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. Shaw asked about the temperature checks and having all in person meetings. Chairman Hall stated that internal review has already begun in conjunction with Public Health and Public Safety. Mr. O'Brien stated that the Governor has extended allowing video conferencing of public meetings until March 16th. Chairman Hall asked that this topic be addressed at the next Government Operations meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk