

CONDENSED MINUTES  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2023

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, April 21, 2023.

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 HENKE called the meeting to order and presided.

Mrs. Clary asked for a moment of silence for the family and friends of Kaylin Gillis.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

PRESENT: 15 Henke, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Fedler, Wilson

CHAIRMAN HENKE announced that the FEMA meeting for towns scheduled for today has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 2:30 PM.

After the reading of the public hearing notice by the Clerk, CHAIRMAN HENKE opened the public hearing on Introductory Local Law "A" of 2023 at 10:05 AM. After calling for public comment three times and none being offered, the public hearing was closed at 10:06 AM.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked Public Safety Director Glen Gosnell and Communications Supervisor Walt Stimpson and Communications Officer Krystal Morey to the front of the chambers. CHAIRMAN HENKE read the Proclamation proclaiming April 9 – 15, 2023 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Retirement plaques were issued to the following retirees: Corrections – Walter Lascar; County Attorney – Karen Pratt; Public Health – Leigh Cenate; DPW – Michael Appler, Lucas Gimmler; DSS – Catherine McMurry, Michele Smith, Judith Taylor.

The condensed minutes of the March 17, 2023 meeting were accepted as mailed.

The Clerk read the communications.

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

CHAIRMAN HENKE announced a proclamation issued in recognition of National Crime Victims'

Rights Week April 23 – 29, 2023.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked if any Supervisor had any request for Supervisors' Privilege of the Floor. Chairman Henke introduced Merle Nichols of the Town of Argyle who spoke.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked that the resolutions be introduced.

Resolution No. 114 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Griffith, Campbell, Hicks, O'Brien, Shaw, Skellie – TITLE: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Washington County Establishing the Board of Supervisors of Washington County as Lead Agency Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act Relative to the Proposed Project of the Application by the Board of Supervisors to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Places Snowmobile Trail Grant-In-Aid Application for the Year 2023-2024.

Resolution No. 115 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Griffith, Campbell, Hicks, O'Brien, Shaw, Skellie – TITLE: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Washington County Issuing a "Negative Declaration" Pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act Relative to the Proposed Project of the Application by the Board of Supervisors to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Places Snowmobile Trail Grant-In-Aid Application for the Year 2023-2024.

Resolution No. 116 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Fedler, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Rozell, Fisher – TITLE: To Adopt Introductory Local Law "A" of 2023.

Resolution No. 117 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Haff, O'Brien, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson, Fisher – TITLE: Amend DPW Staffing Pattern for the Summer Construction Season.

Resolution No. 118 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Haff, O'Brien, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson, Fisher – TITLE: To Award Mini Bid #12431 – Full Size Transport Van with Wheelchair.

Resolution No. 119 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Haff, O'Brien, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson, Fisher – TITLE: To Award Mini Bid #12697 Class 5 Regular Cab DRW 4x4 Diesel (Chassis Only).

Resolution No. 120 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Wilson, Hogan, Haff, Hicks, O'Brien, Clary, Rozell – TITLE: Authorizing Agreement with Village of Fort Edward for Sheriff's Patrols Within the Village and Surrounding Area.

Resolution No. 121 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Griffith, Campbell, Hicks, O'Brien, Shaw, Skellie – TITLE: To Authorize Execution of a Revised Five County memorandum of Understanding Concerning Operations of the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board.

Resolution No. 122 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Wilson, Hogan, Haff, Hicks, O'Brien, Clary, Rozell – TITLE: To Make Appointment to the Washington County Fire Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 123 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Haff, O'Brien, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson, Fisher – TITLE: To Authorize Memorandum of Agreement with the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRPB) to Administer the Empire State Development (ESD) Grant – Washington County Sewer District #1 Sanitary Sewer Replacement.

Resolution No. 124 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Haff, O'Brien, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson, Fisher – TITLE: To Authorize Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake Champlain Lake George

Regional Planning Board (LCLGRPB) to Administer the Empire State Development (ESD) Grant – Washington County Sewer District #2 Capital Improvement Plan.

Resolution No. 125 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Hicks, Skellie, O'Brien, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: Amend the Staffing Pattern and Title by Grade Schedule for Law Intern – County Attorney.

Resolution No. 126 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Hicks, Skellie, O'Brien, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: Amend the Staffing Pattern and Exempt Salary Schedule for Park Manager.

Resolution No. 127 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Hicks, Skellie, O'Brien, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: To Amend the Staffing Pattern DPW Road Machinery.

Resolution No. 128 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Hicks, Skellie, O'Brien, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – Public Health for Temporary Office Manager.

Resolution No. 129 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Hicks, Skellie, O'Brien, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – Sheriff to Add Four Deputy Sheriff Positions.

Resolution No. 130 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Hicks, Skellie, O'Brien, Clary, Wilson – TITLE: Amend the Staffing Pattern for Reclassified Positions in DSS.

Resolution No. 131 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: To Correct Tax Roll.

Resolution No. 132 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: To Increase Reserve – Technology Projects.

Resolution No. 133 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend the Staffing Pattern to Transfer Title of Cyber Security Officer to Information Technology.

Resolution No. 134 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend 2023 County Road Fund Budget to Carryover Unspent Lake Champlain Basin Program Grant Funds – Brine Maker.

Resolution No. 135 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend 2023 County Road Fund Budget to Carryover Unspent Water Quality Improvement Grant – Erosion Remediation.

Resolution No. 136 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend 2023 Budget to Carryover Unspent Water Quality Improvement Grant – Culvert Replacements.

Resolution No. 137 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend Car Pool Fund – Shortage for Veterans Vans and Sheriff Vehicles.

Resolution No. 138 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: To Authorize Acceptance of Water Quality Improvement Grant Project #121383; Washington County CR 37 Drainage Improvement Project.

Resolution No. 139 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend 2023 Sewer District No. 2 Budget for Route 197 Bridge Sewer Line Project.

Resolution No. 140 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend Budget – Capital Project No. 121 – Sewer District No. 1 Engineering and Rehab.

Resolution No. 141 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend 2023 Budget – Sheriff for Agreement with the Village of Fort Edward for Sheriff Patrols Within the Village and Surrounding Area.

Resolution No. 142 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend 2023 Budget – Huletts Park.

Resolution No. 143 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend Budget – Capital Project No. 113 – Homeland Security Grants for FY2023 Award.

Resolution No. 144 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend 2023 Public Safety Budget to Recognize Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Resolution No. 145 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: Amend 2023 Budget for Small Business Technical Assistance Program and an Electric Sign.

Resolution No. 146 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: To Authorize and Ratify Signature of Agreement for Cleaning and Minor Repairs of Building C (Courthouse) with Office of Court Administration.

Resolution No. 147 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: To Award Mini Bid #12962 for Passenger Mini-Vans (2).

Resolution No. 148 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: To Award Mini Bid #12961 for Class 3, One-Ton Crew Cab 4x4 with Plow (1).

Resolution No. 149 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: To Approve Changing the Health Insurance Plan Design.

Resolution No. 150 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: To Authorize Inter-Fund Loan to Capital Project No. 131 – Batten Duggan Bridge.

Resolution No. 151 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: To Authorize Inter-Fund Loan to Capital Project No. 134 – Gray Lane Bridge Over the Mettawee.

Resolution No. 152 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Wilson – TITLE: To Authorize Inter-Fund Loan to Capital Project No. 135 – County Route 3 Bridge Town of Putnam.

Resolution No. 153 April 21, 2023 By Supervisors Clary, Campbell, Fedler, Skellie, Wilson, Nolan – TITLE: To Make Appointment to the Professional Advisory Board – Public Health.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 114, moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 115, moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Nolan. Discussion. Roger Wickes, County Attorney stated this is maintenance of trails we currently have with a few minor changes. No land characteristics are changing and it is appropriate to issue a negative declaration. Resolution No. 115, moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 116, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Campbell, Rozell, Nolan. Discussion. Mr. Haff believes the policy is too wordy and overcomplicated. Resolution No. 116, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Campbell, Rozell, Nolan and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 15 Henke, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Fedler, Wilson

AYES: 4,482 ABSENT: 208

Resolution No. 117, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Campbell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 118, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, O'Brien, Campbell, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 119, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Campbell, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 120, moved by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Campbell. Discussion. Mr. Haff asked if wording stating that the Village will compensate the County should be in the resolved. Roger Wickes, County Attorney stated it will be in the agreement and the agreement term is one year. Resolution No. 120, moved by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Campbell and adopted.

Resolution No. 121, moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, O'Brien, Campbell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 122, moved by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 123, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Campbell, Nolan. Discussion. Mr. Haff asked if LCLGRP are being paid \$24,000 quarterly. Mr. O'Brien stated no, they will be paid \$24,000 in total to administer this grant. Resolution No. 123, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Campbell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 124, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, O'Brien, Campbell, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 125, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Nolan and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 15 Henke, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Fedler, Wilson

AYES: 4,482 ABSENT: 208

Resolution No. 126, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Nolan and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 15 Henke, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Nolan, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Fedler, Wilson

AYES: 4,482 ABSENT: 208

Resolution No. 127, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, O'Brien and adopted.

Resolution No. 128, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, O'Brien, Campbell, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 129, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, O'Brien, Campbell, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 130, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 131, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 132, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Clary, Nolan. Discussion. Mr. Haff asked if the IT reserve funds were paying for the new monitors in the chambers. Mr. Campbell stated no, paid for from DSS HEAP ARPA administration funds. Resolution No. 132, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 133, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 134, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 135, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 136, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 137, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Campbell, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 138, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 139, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Campbell, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 140, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Campbell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 141, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Fisher, Campbell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 142, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 143, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 144, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 145, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Nolan and adopted. Mr. Hogan opposed.

Resolution No. 146, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 147, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 148, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Clary, Nolan. Discussion. Mr. Haff asked if this new vehicle replaces a vehicle with a plow. Deb Donohue, DPW Superintendent stated yes and the older vehicle will go into spare status. Resolution No. 148, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 149, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Campbell, Clary, Nolan. Discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 149 to add "and retirees" to the first whereas, was moved

by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Clary, Nolan and adopted. Resolution No. 149, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Hall, Campbell, Clary, Nolan and adopted, as amended.

Resolution No. 150, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Clary, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 151, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Skellie, Rozell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 152, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Hall, Campbell, Nolan and adopted.

Resolution No. 153, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Campbell, Nolan and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HENKE asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. Shaw asked if interest is charged on interfund loans to capital projects. Al Nolette, Treasurer stated no, only interfund loans to the Sewer District. Mr. Hall stated that the Town of Fort Ann passed a Local Law on short term rentals and offered to share this law with any town interested.

Mr. Shaw announced the adjournment of the meeting at 11:00 AM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk*