

CONDENSED MINUTES
ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2020

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 Thursday, January 2, 2020 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, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, 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 2020. At this time the Clerk accepted nominations. Mr. Shaw nominated Samuel J. Hall of the Town of Fort Ann and was seconded by Mr. Hogan. There were no other nominations. A motion to close the nominations, was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and adopted. Mr. Hall was elected Chairman for 2020 by a voice vote. Mr. Shaw escorted Mr. Hall 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 2020. 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 O'Brien, Haff, Clary, Rozell. A motion to close the nominations was moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Mr. Hogan and adopted. Mr. Henke abstained. Mr. Henke was elected Vice Chairman for 2020 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 Introductory Local Law "A" of 2020, A Local Law Imposing a Local Mortgage Tax on Obligations Secured by a Mortgage on Real Property Situated Within the County of Washington, be introduced. The Clerk read the title.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked that the resolutions be introduced. A motion to set aside the rules to present Resolution No. 14, was moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Mrs. Fedler and adopted.

Resolution No. 1 January 2, 2020 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: To Fix Bond of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Resolution No. 2 January 2, 2020 By Supervisors Hogan, O'Brien, Shaw, Ferguson – TITLE: Reappoint Clerk of the Board.

Resolution No. 3 January 2, 2020 By Supervisors Hogan, O'Brien, Shaw, Ferguson – TITLE: Reappoint County Attorney.

Resolution No. 4 January 2, 2020 By Supervisors Hogan, O'Brien, Shaw, Ferguson – TITLE: Reappoint County Administrator.

Resolution No. 5 January 2, 2020 By Supervisor Hogan – TITLE: Reappoint Public Defender.

Resolution No. 6 January 2, 2020 By Supervisor Haff – TITLE: To Appoint Budget Officer.

Resolution No. 7 January 2, 2020 By Supervisor Hogan – TITLE: To Appoint Budget Officer.

Resolution No. 8 January 2, 2020 By Supervisor Shaw – TITLE: Appoint County Auditor and Deputy County Auditor.

Resolution No. 9 January 2, 2020 By Supervisor Shaw - TITLE: To Pay Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

Resolution No. 10 January 2, 2020 By Supervisor Shaw – TITLE: Appropriation – Washington County Extension Service.

Resolution No. 11 January 2, 2020 By Supervisor Shaw – TITLE: To Designate Depositories.

Resolution No. 12 January 2, 2020 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: Set Time and Place for a Public Hearing on Introductory Local Law “A” of 2020.

Resolution No. 13 January 2, 2020 By Supervisor Henke – TITLE: To Reaffirm Rules of the Board of Supervisors for 2020.

Resolution No. 14 January 2, 2020 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: To Appoint and Reappoint Members to the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 1, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors Campbell, Skellie, Griffith, Fedler and adopted.

Resolution No. 2, moved by Mr. Hogan, seconded unanimously and adopted.

Resolution No. 3, moved by Mr. Hogan, seconded unanimously and adopted.

Resolution No. 4, moved by Mr. Hogan, seconded unanimously and adopted.

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

Resolution No. 6, moved by Mr. Haff, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Hicks, O'Brien, Clary and defeated by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 9 Henke, Fedler, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Griffith

NOES: 7 Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Ward, Hogan, Wilson, Rozell

ABSENT: 1 Ferguson

AYES: 1,844 NOES: 2,368 ABSENT: 48

Resolution No. 7, moved by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Supervisors Ward, Wilson, Rozell and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 7 Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Ward, Hogan, Wilson, Rozell

NOES: 9 Henke, Fedler, Hicks, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Griffith

ABSENT: 1 Ferguson

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

Resolution No. 9, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Henke, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 10, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Henke, Ward, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 11, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Henke, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 12, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Campbell, O'Brien, Clary, Griffith, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 13, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Shaw, Losaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Rozell. CHAIRMAN HALL asked for discussion. Mr. Haff asked if the rules should include that Supervisors have to do their oath of office prior to this meeting. Roger Wickes, County Attorney stated that Town Supervisors serve on the County Board by their election by their towns. His opinion is that they have to file their oath of office with their town clerk prior to this meeting. Resolution No. 13, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Shaw, Losaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 14, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell and adopted. Supervisors Henke, O'Brien abstained.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. Haff stated that he requested roll call votes on the Budget Officer position to show that it isn't a mandate. Mr. Henke announced that an interim Highway Superintendent has been appointed in Argyle and that he appreciates the help from Town Highway Superintendents, especially Fort Edward and Salem. Chairman Hall stated it will be a smooth transition with Mr. Henke. He also announced Committee Chairs for 2020: Ag/Planning – Mrs. Fedler; Audit – Mr. Losaw; Community College – Mrs. Clary; Government Operations – Mr. Hogan; Health & Human Services – Mrs. Clary; IT – Mr. O'Brien; Public Safety – Mr. Ward and Public Works – Mr. Skellie.

On motion by Mrs. Fedler, seconded by Mr. Henke, CHAIRMAN HALL adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.