

CONDENSED MINUTES
ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2021

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 2:03 P.M. on Monday, January 4, 2021 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:	15	Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell
ABSENT:	2	Skellie, Hogan

The first order of business was the election of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2021. At this time the Clerk accepted nominations. Mr. O'Brien nominated Samuel J. Hall of the Town of Fort Ann and was seconded by Supervisors Hicks, Campbell, Clary, Rozell, Griffith, Henke. There were no other nominations. A motion to close the nominations, was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted. Mr. Hall was elected Chairman for 2021 by a voice vote. Mr. Haff opposed. 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 2021. 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, Campbell, Griffith, Ferguson, Rozell, Wilson, Fedler, Ward. There were no other nominations. A motion to close the nominations was moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors O'Brien, Wilson, Fedler and adopted. Mr. Henke was elected Vice Chairman for 2021 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 4, 2021 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: To Fix Bond of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Resolution No. 2 January 4, 2021 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: To Pay Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

Resolution No. 3 January 4, 2021 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: Appropriation – Washington County Extension Service.

Resolution No. 4 January 4, 2021 By Supervisor Campbell – TITLE: To Designate Depositories.

Resolution No. 5 January 4, 2021 By Supervisors O'Brien, Hicks, Shaw, Ferguson, Losaw – TITLE: Amend the Rules of the Board of Supervisors – Personnel Committee and Codify Their Responsibilities.

Resolution No. 6 January 4, 2021 By Supervisors O'Brien, Hicks, Shaw, Ferguson, Losaw – TITLE: To Adopt the Rules of the Board of Supervisors for 2021.

Resolution No. 7 January 4, 2021 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Skellie – TITLE: To Appoint Daniel Boucher Probation Director (Group A).

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 1, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Campbell, Henke and adopted.

Resolution No. 2, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Losaw, O'Brien, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 3, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Ward, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 4, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Ward, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 5, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Clary. Discussion. Mrs. Fedler asked if this means that the Personnel Committee will do all interviews of department heads rather than the oversight committee. Chairman Hall stated that no, it says working in conjunction with the oversight committee. Mr. Shaw stated he supports adding more people to this committee but by adding two more Chairmen, you are creating almost a subcommittee of the Finance Committee. He suggested the additional two members be at large members selected by the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Hicks stated he believes it was set up this way to represent a majority of the employees. A motion to amend Resolution No. 5 to have the two additional members added to the Personnel Committee be at large members, was moved by Mr. Shaw but didn't receive a second. Resolution No. 5, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Clary and adopted by the following $\frac{2}{3}$ roll call vote:

AYES: 14 Henke, Fedler, Ferguson, Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

NOES: 1 Shaw

ABSENT: 2 Skellie, Hogan

AYES: 2,775 NOES: 150 ABSENT: 1,099

Resolution No. 6, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell. Mr. Haff asked if there any other changes and the Chairman stated no other changes. Mr. Henke commented that he doesn't feel #7 in the rules is clear and should be looked at in the future. Resolution No. 6, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell and adopted.

Resolution No. 7, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Ward, O'Brien, Wilson, Shaw, Griffith, Losaw, Campbell, Rozell, Henke. Discussion. Mrs. Fedler stated that in committee it was discussed that this is a temporary appointment and asked if the resolution should indicate that. Chairman Hall stated that is covered by law and is provisional. He has to pass a test. Roger Wickes stated that this is a temporary appointment until the test is given and he would have to score in the top three. Then the Board would make a permanent appointment. Melissa Fitch, Personnel Officer stated provisional is a civil service status and isn't sure an additional resolution would be needed. Resolution No. 7, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Ward, O'Brien, Wilson, Shaw, Griffith, Losaw, Campbell, Rozell, Henke and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked for Supervisors' comments. Chairman Hall choose Dave O'Brien Sergeant of Arm and Sue Clary as Chaplain. He also announced that committee assignments would be sent electronically by the end of the day.

CHAIRMAN HALL adjourned the meeting at 2:34 PM.