

CONDENSED MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 18, 2020

Fort Edward, New York, Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

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: 15 Henke, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Fedler, Hogan

The condensed minutes of the February 21 and 28, 2020 meetings were accepted as mailed.

Communications. The Chairman asked Tim Hardy to update the Board. Tim Hardy, Deputy Director of Public Safety stated that as of this morning, they are monitoring a total of 33 persons under investigation. Also confirmed the first positive case this morning.

A motion to adopt the March Audit Report, was moved by Mr. Losaw, seconded by Supervisors Ward, Ferguson, Griffith and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HALL announced two proclamations issued: March 2020 is Agriculture Month in Washington County and April 2020 is Donate Life Month in Washington County.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked if any Supervisor had any request for Supervisors' Privilege of the Floor. There were no requests. CHAIRMAN HALL asked Judge Kelly McKeighan to address the Board on County Court operations. Judge McKeighan stated that they have met with OCA who informed them that they are to be as closed as they can be while still providing the services that they can. He will be in charge as the Supreme and County Court Judge on duty and Judge Michelini will be for Family Court. The Clerks will be at a skeleton staff. They are to conduct only the business determined to be a necessity.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked that the resolutions be introduced. A motion to set aside the rules to present Resolution No. 131, moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Ward, Wilson, Clary and adopted. A motion to waive the reading of the resolutions, was moved by Mr. Henke, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Ward, Clary, Rozell, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 99 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Clary, Campbell, Skellie, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Wilson – TITLE: To Appoint and Reappoint Members – Office for the Aging Advisory Council.

Resolution No. 100 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Fedler, Hicks, Skellie, Rozell, Griffith – TITLE: Authorize Agreement with Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC) for 2020.

Resolution No. 101 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – County Attorney for Secretary to the County Attorney.

Resolution No. 102 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: To Approve Domestic Violence Policy.

Resolution No. 103 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: To Approve Non-Discrimination Based on Reproductive Health Decision Making Policy.

Resolution No. 104 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Campbell, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: To Amend the Employee Handbook Regarding Employees in Arrears for Sick Time.

Resolution No. 105 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Campbell, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: To Authorize Remote Work for Employees at the Discretion of the Department Head.

Resolution No. 106 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Campbell, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: To Temporarily Suspend the Staffing Pattern and Standard Personnel Committee Procedures for the Hiring of Temporary Per Diem Employees in Response to COVID-19.

Resolution No. 107 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Authorize the Cancellation and Exemption of a Certain Parcel Located in the Town of Fort Ann from Taxation Pursuant to RPTL Article 11.

Resolution No. 108 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Authorize the Cancellation and Exemption of a Certain Parcel Located in the Town of Greenwich from Taxation Pursuant to RPTL Article 11.

Resolution No. 109 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Authorize the Cancellation and Exemption of a Certain Parcel Located in the Town of Greenwich from Taxation Pursuant to RPTL Article 11.

Resolution No. 110 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – 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 2020-2021.

Resolution No. 111 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – 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 2020-2021.

Resolution No. 112 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O’Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend 2020 Real Property Budget to Recognize Grant Funds for Multijurisdictional Reval Project.

Resolution No. 113 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O’Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend Capital Project 125 for Repair of St. Paul Elevator.

Resolution No. 114 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O’Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend Capital Project 125, 2020 General Fund and 2020 Road Machinery Budget for the Purchase of Additional Road Machinery Equipment.

Resolution No. 115 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O’Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend Capital Project 125 for Burgoyne Avenue Paving Project.

Resolution No. 116 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O’Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend Capital Project 121 – Sewer District No. 1 Engineering & Rehabilitation.

Resolution No. 117 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O’Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend Budget for Unspent Grant Funds for County Route 46 Durkeetown Pavement Preservation in the Town of Fort Edward.

Resolution No. 118 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O’Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend Budget for Unspent Grant Funds for Dr. Johnson & Cemetery Rds. Bridge Preservation in the Towns of Jackson and Salem.

Resolution No. 119 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O’Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend Budget for Unspent Grant Funds for the ESD Pedestrian Bridge Over Slocum Creek, Town of Greenwich.

Resolution No. 120 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O’Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend 2020 DSS Budget for Family First Transition Funds for the Recruitment of Foster Care Homes.

Resolution No. 121 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O’Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend 2020 Code Enforcement Budget to Cover Costs Associated with the Issuance of County Cell Phones to Code Enforcement Officers.

Resolution No. 122 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O’Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend 2020 Code Enforcement Budget to Cover Costs

Associated with the Issuance of New Code Books by New York State.

Resolution No. 123 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend 2020 Code Enforcement Budget to Cover Costs Associated with Training.

Resolution No. 124 March 18, 2020 By Supervisor Clary – TITLE: Resolution Calling on Members of the NYS Senate and Assembly to Reject the Governor's SFY 2020-21 Executive Budget Proposal to Shift 100% of the Cost of 730.20 Competency Restoration Services to the Counties.

Resolution No. 125 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – WIC for Temporary WIC Program Nutritionist.

Resolution No. 126 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: Amend the Title By Grade Schedule, Exempt Salary Schedule and Staffing Pattern – County Attorney for Coordinator to Safety Officer.

Resolution No. 127 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Amend 2020 IT Budget for Camera Upgrade Project.

Resolution No. 128 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Approve Health Insurance Renewal with Empire Blue Cross and Authorize Chairman to Sign Contract.

Resolution No. 129 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Shaw, O'Brien, Campbell, Hicks, Skellie, Hogan, Clary, Rozell, Losaw, Ward – TITLE: To Authorize an Amendment to the Health Insurance Broker Services Contract with Jaeger and Flynn Associates and Authorize the Chairman to Sign Amendment Contract.

Resolution No. 130 March 18, 2020 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Campbell, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: To Approve Washington County Policy on Employee Absences Stemming from Declared Public Health Emergencies.

Resolution No. 131 March 18, 2020 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: To Authorize Employee Compensation Pursuant to Emergency Cessation of County Operations Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 99, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Ferguson, Losaw, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 100, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Griffith, Rozell and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed.

Resolution No. 101, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Campbell, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 102, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Clary. CHAIRMAN HALL asked for discussion. Mr. Henke commented that the state insisted on this wording; however, the county already has a domestic violence policy. Resolution No. 102, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 103, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Campbell, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 104, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 105, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Campbell, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 106, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 107, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 108, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 109, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 110, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Campbell, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 111, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 112, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Skellie, Clary, Griffith, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 113, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Campbell, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 114, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Griffith, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 115, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 116, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 117, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Losaw, Ward. CHAIRMAN HALL asked for discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 117 to change the federal aid amount to \$305,697 and add increase appropriated fund balance county road in the amount of \$76,424, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ward and adopted. Resolution No. 117, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Losaw, Ward and adopted as amended.

Resolution No. 118, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Campbell, Skellie, Clary. CHAIRMAN HALL asked for discussion. A motion to amend Resolution No. 118 to change the federal aid amount to \$353,309 and add increase appropriated fund balance county road in the amount of \$88,327, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Clary and adopted. Resolution No. 118, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Campbell, Skellie, Clary and adopted as amended.

Resolution No. 119, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 120, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 121, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 122, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Clary and adopted. Mr. Henke added that this is cost shifting from the state to the county.

Resolution No. 123, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 124, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Shaw, Losaw, Ward, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 125, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ward, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 126, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Clary and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 15 Henke, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

ABSENT: 2 Fedler, Hogan

AYES: 3,332 ABSENT: 928

Resolution No. 127, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Clary. CHAIRMAN HALL asked for discussion. Mr. Shaw stated that he believed the funds were also to be returned to the general fund along with the IT expense. A motion to amend Resolution No. 127 to transfer the funding for this IT expense from the capital project to the general fund, was moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Losaw, Ferguson and adopted. Resolution No. 127, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Clary and adopted, as amended.

Resolution No. 128, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Campbell, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 129, moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Losaw, Ward, Clary, Rozell and adopted.

Resolution No. 130, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith and adopted.

Resolution No. 131, moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Campbell, Clary, Griffith. CHAIRMAN HALL asked for discussion. Mr. Haff does not like item 3 paying employees who report to work, if there is an emergency closure, time and a half and offered a motion to amend to remove item 3. Mr. O'Brien asked for clarification if this applies to hourly and salaried workers. Chairman Hall stated it is the hourly workers. Mr. Wilson stated that the intent is track these costs and seek reimbursement. Mr. O'Brien asked if we should amend this resolution so that it is clear. The Treasurer would prefer the clarity. A motion to amend Resolution No. 131 item 3 to add "hourly" before employees, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Shaw, Wilson and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed. Resolution No. 131, moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ferguson, Ward, Campbell, Clary, Griffith and adopted as amended by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	14	Henke, Ferguson, Shaw, Hall, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell
NOES:	1	Haff
ABSENT:	2	Fedler, Hogan
AYES:	3,166	NOES: 166 ABSENT: 928

CHAIRMAN HALL asked for Supervisors' comments. Chairman Hall explained that based on the guidance coming from the Governor's office and the emergency response team, he declared a state of emergency. Mr. Haff stated he is concerned about mass hysteria. He is also concerned about the right of the people to peaceably assemble. Mr. Campbell added that stopping mass gatherings stops mass graves. Mr. Shaw thanked Chairman Hall, the County Administrator and department heads. Mr. Ward praised and the dispatchers who are here 24 hours a day every day of the year and the Department of Public Safety adding that the preparation they have done has paid off. Mr. Wilson also thanked Tim Hardy and Glen Gosnell and the emergency response team for a job well done and for the informational phone calls updating the Supervisors. Mrs. Clary thanked Public Health for their work during this pandemic. She also announced that the memorial service planned for Jim Tomasi, who was the County

Attorney for many years, was cancelled. Mr. Henke also thanked Public Safety and Public Health. Chairman Hall also praised Patty Hunt, Kathy Jo McIntyre, Roger Wickes, Chris DeBolt, Glen Gosnell, Tim Hardy who have done an excellent job, adding that all decisions he makes are coordinated with them. He also announced that all committee meetings for the rest of this month are cancelled.

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

Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk