

CONDENSED MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MAY 1, 2020

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, May 1, 2020.

The Board of Supervisors convened in special session at 10:05 AM via teleconference.

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, Losaw, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Hogan, Wilson, Clary, Griffith, Rozell

The Clerk read the notice of the Special Meeting.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked that the resolution be introduced.

Resolution No. 140 May 1, 2020 By Supervisor Clary – TITLE: To Appoint Amie E. Gonzales to the SUNY Adirondack Board of Trustees.

Resolution No. 140, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Shaw, Ferguson, Henke, Rozell and adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

AYES: 4,260

UPDATE ON COUNTY OPERATIONS

- Tim Hardy updated the Board on current COVID-19 statistics in Washington County and website information.
- Al Nolette, Treasurer reported that the Annual Report has been filed. He will email the balance sheets to the Supervisors. He added that the Road Machinery and Car Pool funds have issues and will require further discussion.

- Laura Chadwick, Real Property Director reported that the tax rolls have been distributed and the posted on the website. Everything is on schedule.
- Chris DeBolt, County Administrator reported the following:
 - As part of the CARES Act, Washington County will receive about \$70,000 for elections.
 - Operational Update – Not much has changed. County Clerk is bringing in two DMV Clerks two days a week to process the backlog of mail-ins and dealer work.
 - FEMA funding – The portal has been created. It was asked if we will be eligible for FEMA funds for the hazard pay. The Administrator was told that as long as we had a policy in place prior to March 20th, we are eligible.
 - The planning process for reopening is complicated. Items need to be purchased such as thermometers, gloves, plexiglass. Also have to come up with procedure to be able to social distance employees and members of the public.
- Deb Donohue, DPW Superintendent reported that there is a plan for DPW to come back to work at 50%. A lot of protocols and procedures would need to be worked out. Deb will check what the state is doing as far as protocols.
- Chairman Hall announced that the Public Works and Public Safety Committees will meet via teleconference on May 8th. Government Operations and Finance Committees will meet on May 12th.

Chairman Hall asked for Supervisors' comments. Mr. Shaw asked if we know whether the state will be distributing CHIPs funds. The Administrator state we don't really know. The state Budget Director has control and it could be reduced as much as 50%. Chairman Hall stated that the Governor has directed that each county set up a back to work task force. The Governor has also announced that construction and manufacturing can start May 15th. Mr. Campbell asked if the AIM funding would be coming from the state. The Administrator stated not likely, adding that the State would be taking \$176,000 of our sales tax for the hospital fund. Mrs. Fedler stated that this county is hugely supported by Agriculture and vegetable and plant farmers are having to decide whether to plant, not knowing if they will be able to market them. Roger Wickes stated that the County can't go into full operation prior to May 15th.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 A.M.