

CONDENSED MINUTES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2021

Fort Edward, New York, Friday, August 20, 2021.

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: 14 Henke, Fedler, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith

ABSENT: 3 Ferguson, Hogan, Rozell

CHAIRMAN HALL asked Mr. Ward, Supervisor of the Town of Greenwich and Mrs. Fedler, Chair of the Ag Committee to introduce Katie Larmon, Washington County Dairy Princess who addressed the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Ward read a proclamation in honor of her and her team and Mrs. Fedler presented a county pin to her.

The condensed minutes of the July 16, 2021 meeting were accepted as mailed.

The Clerk read the Communications.

Tim Hardy, Deputy Director of Public Safety gave a COVID-19 response update.

A motion to accept the August Audit Report, was moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Ward, Fisher, Clary and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked if any Supervisor had any request for Supervisors' Privilege of the Floor. There were no requests.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked that the resolutions be introduced. A motion to set aside the rules to present Resolution No. 175, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward and adopted.

Resolution No. 145 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Campbell, Hicks, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson – TITLE: Authorizing Agreement Between the County of Washington and the

County of Warren for the Removal of Snow and Salting/Sanding to Control Ice on Paved Warren County Roads for 2022.

Resolution No. 146 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Clary, Campbell, Hicks, Ward – TITLE: To Make Reappointments to the Workforce Development Board.

Resolution No. 147 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Campbell, O'Brien, Clary – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – County Clerk.

Resolution No. 148 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Clary, Hicks, Ward, Campbell – TITLE: Exercise Option Year for Public Health Transportation Services 2021.

Resolution No. 149 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Skellie, Rozell, Campbell, Hicks, Fedler, Shaw, Ferguson, Wilson – TITLE: Award Mini-Bid for Sheriff Vehicles (4).

Resolution No. 150 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Campbell, O'Brien, Clary – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – Department of Social Services.

Resolution No. 151 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Campbell, O'Brien, Clary – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – Department of Social Services – Foster Care Unit Expansion.

Resolution No. 152 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Campbell, O'Brien, Clary – TITLE: Amend Staffing Patter Sheriff/Jail.

Resolution No. 153 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Clary, Hicks, Ward, Campbell – TITLE: Approve Tri-County Workforce Development Board Budget for PY21.

Resolution No. 154 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Campbell, O'Brien, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern DPW.

Resolution No. 155 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Hicks, Ward, Campbell, O'Brien, Skellie, Clary – TITLE: Amend Staffing Pattern – Public Health for Contact Tracers.

Resolution No. 156 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Fedler – TITLE: To Approve and Adopt Washington County Smoke Free Policy.

Resolution No. 157 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: To Authorize the Cancellation and Exemption of a Certain Parcel Located in the Town of Jackson from Taxation Pursuant to RPTL Article 11.

Resolution No. 158 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: To Cancel Interest and Penalties – Town of Fort Edward – Multiple Parcels.

Resolution No. 159 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: To Write Off Taxes – Town of Granville.

Resolution No. 160 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Amend Budget – Sewer District No. 2 for Purchase of Pumps.

Resolution No. 161 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Amend Budget – Mental Health.

Resolution No. 162 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Amend Budget – Buildings & Grounds to Purchase Amish Sheds.

Resolution No. 163 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Amend Budget – Capital Project No. 125 – Burgoyne Avenue Roof Engineering.

Resolution No. 164 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Amend DSS Budget to Recognize Federal CARES Emergency Solutions Grant Funds.

Resolution No. 165 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Amend DSS Budget for Adult Protective Services Grant.

Resolution No. 166 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Amend 2021 Budget for Increase in Hudson River Black River Assessment.

Resolution No. 167 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Create the Title of Personnel Assistant, Place on the Grade Schedule and Amend the Staffing Pattern – Personnel Department.

Resolution No. 168 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Amend the Title by Grade Schedule to Establish Pay Rates for Special Patrol Officers.

Resolution No. 169 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: To Approve COVID-19 Surcharge Amendment to Washington County Preschool Transportation Contract.

Resolution No. 170 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: To Approve the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board 2022 Budget.

Resolution No. 171 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Resolution in Support of Sharing Agricultural Mitigation Fees Collected by NYSERDA and Department of Agriculture and Markets with Counties to Support Local Agriculture and Farmland Initiatives at the County Level.

Resolution No. 172 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: A Resolution Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-

aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore; CR61 (Shushan), Over Battenkill, Towns of Jackson and Salem PIN 1755.28.

Resolution No. 173 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Authorizing and Approving a Settlement to an Action Relating to the Opioid Crisis (J&J).

Resolution No. 174 August 20, 2021 By Supervisors Campbell, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Skellie, Clary, Ward, Rozell – TITLE: Authorizing and Approving a Settlement Relating to a Lawsuit Against Washington County Index No. 29731.

Resolution No. 175 August 20, 2021 By Supervisor Hall – TITLE: A Resolution Authorizing the Assignment of Pipeline Easements from the County of Washington to the Washington County Land Associates, LLC.

The Board went on to consider the resolutions.

Resolution No. 145, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Shaw, Campbell, Wilson. Discussion. Mr. Haff questioned wording in the resolution regarding sweeping and picking up sand in the spring considering we exclusively use salt. The County Attorney stated that he doesn't believe we bill Warren County for anything we don't do. The Chairman assured Mr. Haff that this question will be resolved before this comes to the Board next year. Resolution No. 145, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Shaw, Campbell, Wilson and adopted.

Resolution No. 146, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ward, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie and adopted.

Resolution No. 147, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ward, Campbell, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 148, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, Campbell, Wilson and adopted.

Resolution No. 149, moved by Mr. Skellie, seconded by Supervisors Fedler, Fisher, Ward, Campbell, Wilson and adopted.

Resolution No. 150, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Ward, O'Brien, Campbell, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 151, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 152, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Campbell, Wilson and adopted.

Resolution No. 153, moved by Mrs. Clary, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien and adopted.

Resolution No. 154, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 155, moved by Mr. Hicks, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Fisher, O'Brien, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 156, moved by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fisher, Ward, Haff, Campbell, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 157, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, Skellie, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 158, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fisher, Ward, O'Brien, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 159, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Fisher, Ward, O'Brien, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 160, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Fisher, Ward, Skellie, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 161, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 162, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Fisher, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 163, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 164, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 165, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 166, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Clary. Discussion. Mr. Henke stated this assessment shouldn't be increasing and we shouldn't be paying it at all. Mr. Shaw asked if they provide a copy of their budget and asked what would happen if we don't pay. The County Attorney stated they provide a budget. He added that the Appellate Court decided five years ago that we are responsible for this assessment and if we didn't pay the court would force us to pay plus court costs. Mr. Campbell stated a legislative solution is needed. Resolution No. 166, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Clary and adopted. Supervisors Henke, Ward, O'Brien opposed.

Resolution No. 167, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Fisher, Ward, O'Brien, Clary and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 14 Henke, Fedler, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith

ABSENT: 3 Ferguson, Hogan, Rozell

AYES: 3,138 ABSENT: 1,122

Resolution No. 168, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, Haff, Clary and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 14 Henke, Fedler, Shaw, Hall, Fisher, Hicks, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Campbell, Skellie, Wilson, Clary, Griffith

ABSENT: 3 Ferguson, Hogan, Rozell

AYES: 3,138 ABSENT: 1,122

Resolution No. 169, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 170, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 171, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Fisher, Ward, Skellie, Clary. Discussion. Mr. Haff stated his gut says this is a trojan horse. He expressed concern regarding solar farms that the state will make it so no local input will be allowed. He questioned how we protect ag land when we put solar panels on it. Mr. Shaw added that this resolution is just asking that the county get a portion of the fees they are going to charge. Mr. Hicks stated that some of these funds should be parsed down to the towns. Resolution No. 171, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Fisher, Ward, Skellie, Clary and adopted. Mr. Haff opposed.

Resolution No. 172, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, Skellie, Wilson, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 173, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Ward, O'Brien, Haff, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 174, moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Supervisors Henke, Fedler, Clary and adopted.

Resolution No. 175, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Campbell, Fisher, Haff, O'Brien, Clary, Ward, Henke. Discussion. Mr. Henke asked if this includes an easement through what is now county property. The County Attorney stated that is not included and we will have to at some point

grant them as easement across county property. Mr. Haff suggested that Mr. Shaw be added as a sponsor because of his persistence in the matter. Resolution No. 175, moved by Chairman Hall, seconded by Supervisors Campbell, Fisher, Haff, O'Brien, Clary, Ward, Henke and adopted.

CHAIRMAN HALL asked for Supervisors' comments. At the request of Laura Chadwick, RPTS Director, the Chairman asked her to address the Board. Mrs. Chadwick distributed a sample letter that would be going out to the residents of the six towns participating in the reval for the Supervisors' information. Mr. Shaw announced the Washington County Fair starts on Monday with the Grand Opening ceremony at 1 PM. Mr. Henke mentioned the second serious aviation crash that happened in Argyle. He also stated that Thistle Days is on in Argyle for September 18, 2021 with a parade at 2 PM. Mr. Ward stated that the small claims assessment cases have been very cumbersome to do by email and feels they should be required to be in person. Mr. Hicks thanked the Treasurer for the contact information for the auditors who can do the lost revenue report, adding that the fee is \$2,000. Mrs. Clary expressed concerned about the census results.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Huffer, Deputy Clerk*