

**FIRST DAY FOR  
ORGANIZATION AND SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON  
Pursuant to Resolution 436 of 2014, adopted November 24, 2014**

Johnstown, NY

January 2, 2015

Roll Call – Quorum Present

Supervisors: Argotsinger, Born, Bradt, Breh, Callery, Christopher, Fagan, Gendron, Greene, Groff, Handy, Johnson, Kinowski, Lauria, Ottuso, Potter, Waldron, Young

TOTAL: Present: 18 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Howard and MacVean)

The Organizational Meeting was called to order by Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board Jon R. Stead, at 10:02 a.m. Mr. Stead welcomed everyone and wished them a very happy New Year. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Mr. Stead stated that the occasion of the Organizational Meeting is a time to reflect on what is going on in our community, our state, Country and around the world. He stated that today marks the 176<sup>th</sup> Session of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors. He stated that this Board has been excellent in accomplishing a lot of important work in the past few years and he is looking forward to a very ambitious year ahead.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Stead offered condolences to Governor Andrew Cuomo and his family upon the passing of former Governor Mario Cuomo who passed away January 1, 2015. He requested a Moment of Silence in recognition of the loss. He also stated that in kicking off the New Year it is important to remember the work that everyone is involved in. He asked for a Moment of Silence for members of the armed services and diplomatic corps throughout the world representing us to make sure that we are safe from threats. He also requested a Moment of Silence for all public employees and first responders who are out there every day providing vital services to the community. Lastly, Mr. Stead requested a Moment of Silence for members of police forces around the country. He stated that they are going through a difficult time due to poor leadership from State and federal administrators. He stated that we all need to support and understand the hard work and dedication that police officers provide in Fulton County and throughout the country. A Moment of Silence was then held for all those groups mentioned.

Mr. Stead stated that this is a very important meeting to get organized and start out the New Year. Mr. Stead then asked Honorable Judge Richard Giardino to come to the dais with words of welcome. Judge Giardino stated that he was here to personally thank the Board not only for the resolution it passed a few months ago, but for its support over his tenure, particularly Drug Court. He stated that he has history with many of the Supervisors here today. He also thanked Mr. Stead for his support over the years. He stated that anytime he went to Jon for support, he was always honest and direct.

Judge Giardino stated that he has been fortunate to be able to travel across the country multiple times and sometimes you have to go away to appreciate what this county has to offer. He again thanked the Board for its support as a Judge and District Attorney and the support of the community.

Supervisor Handy then moved for a Republican Caucus. The Board recessed for the Caucus at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened into Regular Session at 10:22 a.m.

Nominations were then made for Temporary Chairman, with Supervisor Kinowski nominating Supervisor Potter. Supervisor Bradt seconded the nomination. The Clerk then called for other nominations. There being no other nominations, the polls were closed upon a motion by Supervisor Greene, seconded by Supervisor Argotsinger and members voted to support the nomination. Supervisor Potter was escorted to the dais by Supervisors Kinowski and Bradt.

Temporary Chairman Potter then asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2015. Supervisor Waldron placed the name of Ralph Ottuso in nomination for Chairman of the Board.

Supervisor Waldron stated that Mr. Ottuso has done a good job as Supervisor of the Town of Caroga. He goes beyond his Supervisor responsibilities and participates in community events to promote the Town of Caroga. He stated that he believes that Ralph will do a great job as Chairman of the Board.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Fagan. The Temporary Chairman then asked if there were other nominations. The polls were closed upon a motion by Supervisor Callery, seconded by Supervisor Christopher. The motion for Chairman of the Board carried unanimously in the form of Resolution No. 1.

Supervisors Waldron and Fagan escorted Chairman Ottuso to the dais.

Chairman Ottuso stated that he “didn’t actually think this was going to happen”. He stated, “It is a real honor to be in this position by my peers who sit in front of me”. He stated that he is completely impressed with how the Board of Supervisors operates. He stated that a lot of people look at politics and they are not happy with the way politicians are. However, this group is “second to none” and he is very proud to be Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. He stated that he is dedicated to continuing the hard work started by his predecessors in the best interest of county residents. “Thank you all for putting me in this position.”

Chairman Ottuso then called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for 2015. Supervisor Kinowski nominated Supervisor Potter. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bradt. Chairman Ottuso then asked if there were other nominations. Supervisor Greene moved that the polls be closed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Argotsinger and members voted to close the polls.

A vote was held and unanimously approved in the form of Resolution No. 2.

Action was then taken on Resolutions 3 through 5. Chairman Ottuso distributed the 2015 Standing Committee assignments. Chairman Ottuso wished everyone a happy new year.

Mr. Stead invited everyone and their family and friends to stay and have some coffee and refreshments.

There being no other business, Supervisor Breh moved that the Board adjourn until January 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Johnson and unanimously carried. The Board adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

*Certified by:*

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*Jon R. Stead, Administrative DATE  
Officer/Clerk of the Board*

**Resolution No. 1**

Supervisor WALDRON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NAMING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLVED, That Ralph Ottuso of Caroga Lake, NY, be and hereby is named Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2015.

Seconded by Supervisor FAGAN and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Howard and MacVean)

*STATE OF NEW YORK }  
COUNTY OF FULTON } ss:*

I, Jon R. Stead, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County, at a duly called and held meeting of said Board on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of JANUARY 2015, and the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of JANUARY 2015

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County

**Resolution No. 2**

Supervisor KINOWSKI offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION NAMING VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON FOR THE YEAR 2015**

RESOLVED, That Charles Potter of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is named Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2015.

Seconded by Supervisor BRADT and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Howard and MacVean)

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**Resolution No. 3**

Supervisor FAGAN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE YEAR 2015

RESOLVED, That the Rules of Order, as adopted January 8, 1990, and any and all amendments made thereto (last revised December 29, 2012) be and hereby are adopted as the Rules of Order of the Board for the year 2015.

Seconded by Supervisor CHRISTOPHER and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Howard and MacVean)

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**Resolution No. 4**

Supervisor YOUNG offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING LYNN M. RUBSCHA DEMOCRAT BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
COMMISSIONER**

WHEREAS, the term of Democrat Board of Elections Commissioner expired on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 662 of 2008 fixed a two-year term for Board of Elections Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Democrat Committee has filed with the Board of Supervisors a recommendation that Lynn Rubscha be appointed Board of Elections Commissioner; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Fulton County Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Fulton County Democrat Committee, hereby appoints Lynn Rubscha, of Johnstown, NY, as Board of Elections Commissioner of Fulton County, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Lynn Rubscha, Fulton County Democratic Committee, Fulton County Clerk, as provided by Section 30, Subdivision 3 of the Election Law, Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board, and to each and every other person, institution or agency which will further the purport of this Resolution.

Seconded by Supervisor LAURIA and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Howard and MacVean)

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COUNTY OF FULTON } <sup>ss:</sup>

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**Resolution No. 5**

Supervisor CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LEE HOLLENBECK REPUBLICAN  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, the term of Republican Board of Elections Commissioner expired on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 662 of 2008 fixed a two-year term for Board of Elections Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Republican Committee has filed with the Board of Supervisors a recommendation that Lee Hollenbeck be appointed Board of Elections Commissioner; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Fulton County Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Fulton County Republican Committee, hereby appoints Lee Hollenbeck, of Broadalbin, NY, as Board of Elections Commissioner of Fulton County, effective immediately, for the balance of the term January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Lee Hollenbeck, Fulton County Republican Committee, Fulton County Clerk, as provided by Section 30, Subdivision 3 of the Election Law, Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board, and to each and every other person, institution or agency which will further the purport of this Resolution.

Seconded by Supervisor GENDRON and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Howard and MacVean)

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