

***FIRST DAY
FOR ORGANIZATION AND SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
Pursuant to Resolution 409 of 2021, adopted November 29, 2021***

Johnstown, NY

January 3, 2022

Roll Call – Quorum Present

Supervisors: Argotsinger, Blackmon, Born, Bradt, Callery, Fagan, Fogarty, Greene, Groff, Horton, Howard, Kinowski, Lauria, Potter, Van Genderen, Wilson, Young

TOTAL: Present: 17 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Breh, Bowman and Goderie)

The Organizational Meeting was called to order by Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board Jon R. Stead, at 10:03 a.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Mr. Stead welcomed everyone and wished them a “Happy New Year”. Mr. Stead recognized Assemblyman Robert Smullen, County Treasurer Heather Scribner, Acting District Attorney Amanda Nellis, among other officials. Mr. Stead stated that the occasion of the Organizational Meeting at the commencement of a new year, is a good time to recognize our military personnel and government employees working to protect our country as well as all the law enforcement and EMS personnel we rely on to keep the public safe.

Mr. Stead then introduced County Clerk Leisa D’amore who was present to conduct the Oath of Office for newly elected Supervisors.

Supervisor Potter then moved for a Republican Caucus. The Board recessed for the Caucus at 10:09 a.m. and reconvened into Regular Session at 10:25 a.m.

Mr. Stead then called for nominations for Temporary Chairman, with Supervisor Bradt nominating Supervisor Horton. Supervisor Blackmon seconded the nomination. The Clerk then called for other nominations. There being no other nominations, the polls were closed upon a motion by Supervisor Groff, seconded by Supervisor Wilson and members voted to support the nomination.

Supervisor Horton was escorted to the dais by Supervisors Bradt and Blackmon. Temporary Chairman Horton then asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2022. Supervisor Howard placed the name of Gregory Fagan, of Town of Perth, in nomination for Chairman of the Board, noting that he has had many accomplishments within the community and is sure he will do great things as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Howard advised that both Mr. Fagan and he were elected to Office and started on the Board of Supervisors approximately 18 years ago. Mr. Howard stated that they have become good friends and colleagues. He stated that he was proud to make the motion to nominate Gregory Fagan as Chairman of the Board for the second time in his career.

Supervisor Howard emphasized that Mr. Fagan will do a great job as Chairman.

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

Supervisors Kinowski and Howard escorted Chairman Fagan to the dais.

Chairman Fagan expressed that it is an honor to serve as Chairman of the Board. He stated that it has actually been 19 years since he started serving on the Fulton County Board of Supervisors. He stated he has been holding public office for 29 years and it has been great. He thanked his wife Kelly for all of her support through the years. Mr. Fagan welcomed Town of Broadalbin Supervisor Bruce Van Genderen and Town of Stratford Supervisor Richard Fogarty to the Board. He stated that the future always has some sort of uncertainty. Fortunately, the Board sticks to a committee system that allows us to work through the good and not-so-good things in a measured way.

He named multiple ongoing projects (*Destination: Fulton County* projects) that will be great for the future of Fulton County. He stated that the Vireo Health expansion project at Tryon Technology Park is also going great. He expressed that all of these things will enhance our ability to grow our economy. He stated that, hopefully, these economic development projects will also help grow population in Fulton County. He stated that the County is faced with a lot of uncertainty when dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Fagan stated that there are so many things happening, in the not so distant future, dealing with testing and vaccination status of employees. He expressed that inflation is out of control and will likely impact our revenues and appropriations. Mr. Fagan stated, "Because of our process, we sit here in excellent financial position." He stated "The County will have challenges in the future, but this Board will handle each and every one of them."

Mr. Stead noted that Kelly Fagan is not only a devoted supporter of Mr. Fagan, but also a dedicated healthcare provider who is out on the front lines and he would like to recognize her for that. The Board applauded her with a standing ovation.

Chairman Fagan then called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for 2022. Supervisor Bradt nominated Supervisor Horton. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Blackmon. Chairman Fagan then asked if there were other nominations. Supervisor Groff moved that the polls be closed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wilson and members voted to close the polls. Resolution No. 2 appointing the Vice Chairman was approved unanimously.

Action was then taken on Resolutions 3 through 15.

No. 15 (Resolution Appointing Veterans Service Agency Director): Supervisor Callery requested a roll call vote. Resolution No. 15 was not approved.

In recognition of the failure of Resolution No. 15, Supervisor Argotsinger made a motion authorizing the Chairman of the Board to inform Mr. Daniel Engel that he was not reappointed to Veterans Service Agency Director and to release him from County employment immediately. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wilson and carried. (Supervisor Young was opposed)

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Fagan distributed the 2022 Standing Committee and Special Committee assignments.

There being no other business, Supervisor Callery moved that the Board adjourn until January 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Argotsinger and unanimously carried. The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Certified by:

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

Resolution No. 1

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NAMING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF FULTON FOR THE YEAR 2022

RESOLVED, That Gregory Fagan of Perth, NY, be and hereby is named Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2022.

Seconded by Supervisor KINOWSKI and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 2

Supervisor BRADT 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 2022

RESOLVED, That Scott Horton of Caroga Lake, NY, be and hereby is named Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2022.

Seconded by Supervisor BLACKMON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 3

Supervisor CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE YEAR 2022

RESOLVED, That the Rules of Order, as adopted January 8, 1990, and any and all amendments made thereto (last revised July 9, 2018) be and hereby are adopted as the Rules of Order of the Board for the year 2022.

Seconded by Supervisor GREENE and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 4

Supervisor HORTON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/CLERK OF THE BOARD
AND PROVIDING FOR DEPUTIES THERETO**

RESOLVED, That Jon R. Stead, Town of Northampton, NY, be and hereby is appointed Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board for the County of Fulton, effective from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023, at a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure, to be paid in bi-weekly installments; such appointment to include those duties related to Purchasing Agent, Public Relations Director and Records Access Officer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board be and hereby is authorized to appoint a Deputy Clerk, at an annual sum not to exceed \$6,000.00, to be paid in bi-weekly installments, effective from and as of January 1, 2022; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board be and hereby is authorized to appoint a Deputy Administrative Officer, at an annual sum not to exceed \$6,000.00, to be paid in bi-weekly installments, effective from and as of January 1, 2022; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board be and hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint a Deputy Purchasing Agent, at an annual sum not to exceed \$4,000.00, to be paid in bi-weekly installments, effective from and as of January 1, 2022; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the salaries for the Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board, Deputy Clerk of the Board and Deputy Administrative Officer shall be provided from Appropriation Account A.1010.1010-1000 EXP-Payroll; and the salary for the Deputy Purchasing Agent shall be provided from Appropriation Account A.1010.1345-1000 EXP-Payroll; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor YOUNG and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 5

Supervisor LAURIA offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLVED, That Jason Brott of Town of Mayfield, NY, be and hereby is appointed County Attorney for the County of Fulton for a term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney be and hereby is authorized to appoint an Assistant County Attorney at a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure, to be paid in bi-weekly installments, effective from and as of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney be and hereby is further authorized to hire secretarial services to assist him in his duties and responsibilities at a rate of \$13.50 per hour, at 24 hours per week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, County Attorney, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor KINOWSKI and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 6

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING BUDGET DIRECTOR/COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Article 7, Section 351 of County Law, Alicia Cowan, of Perth, NY, be and hereby is appointed Budget Director of Fulton County, at a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Article 16, Section 625 of County Law, Alicia Cowan be and hereby is further assigned the duties and responsibilities of County Auditor, as prescribed in said statute, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay said salary to such Budget Director/County Auditor in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Budget Director/County Auditor, Deputy Budget Director and Administrative Officer/ Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor HOWARD and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 7

Supervisor WILSON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RESOLVED, That Perry Lovell, of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is appointed Director of Information Technology for a term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Information Technology Director, Budget Director/ County Auditor and Administrative Officer/ Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor BRADT and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 8

Supervisor GREENE offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY HISTORIAN (PART-TIME)

RESOLVED, That Samantha Hall-Saladino of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is appointed County Historian (Part-time, 10 hours per week) for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Samantha Hall-Saladino, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor CALLERY and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 9

Supervisor BORN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICE FOR THE AGING DIRECTOR

RESOLVED, That Andrea Fettinger, of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is appointed Director of the Office for the Aging for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, OFA Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor YOUNG and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 10

Supervisor GROFF offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FIRE COORDINATOR/
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

RESOLVED, That Steven Santa Maria of Gloversville, NY be and hereby is appointed Fire Coordinator/Civil Defense Director/Code Enforcement Officer for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor LAURIA and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 11

Supervisor BRADT offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC DEFENDER

RESOLVED, That Roger Paul, of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is appointed Public Defender for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Public Defender shall be authorized to appoint Assistant Public Defenders, subject to budget appropriations, at salaries reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure; such appointees to serve at the pleasure of said Public Defender; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay all salaries as hereinabove stated in bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Roger Paul is required to complete the Fulton County Board of Ethics' Financial Disclosure Statement and is further directed to sign the Fulton County Oath Book located in the Fulton County Clerk's Office; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Department, Roger Paul, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor POTTER and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 12

Supervisor CALLERY offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ASSIGNED COUNSEL ADMINISTRATOR (PART-TIME)

RESOLVED, That Christopher Stanyon of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is appointed Assigned Counsel Administrator (Part-Time, 17 hours per week with benefits), for a term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023, at a permanent salary rate of \$50,715.00 per year subject to a one-year probationary period; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Christopher Stanyon is required to complete the Fulton County Board of Ethics' Financial Disclosure Statement and is further directed to sign the Fulton County Oath Book located in the Fulton County Clerk's Office; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Assigned Counsel Administrator Office, Public Defender, District Attorney, Probation Director and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor BORN and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 13

Supervisor BLACKMON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING PLANNING DIRECTOR

RESOLVED, That Scott Henze of Northville, NY, be and hereby is appointed Director of Planning for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Scott Henze, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor GREENE and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 14

Supervisor BRADT offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE

RESOLVED, That David B. Rhodes, of the Town of Ephratah, NY, be and hereby is appointed Solid Waste Director for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Solid Waste Director, Budget Director/ County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor YOUNG and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)

Resolution No. 15

Supervisor BORN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY DIRECTOR

RESOLVED, That Daniel Engel of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is appointed Veterans Service Agency Director for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Director a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure in equal bi-weekly installments; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, County Clerk, Personnel Director, Veterans Service Agency Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor LAURIA and DEFEATED by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 74 (3) Nays: 413 (14) (Supervisors Argotsinger, Blackmon, Bradt, Callery, Fagan, Fogarty, Greene, Groff, Horton, Howard, Kinowski, Potter, Van Genderen and Wilson) Absent: 64 (3) (Supervisors Bowman, Breh and Goderie)