

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

Johnstown, NY

January 4, 2021

[Held via Zoom video-teleconference]

Roll Call – Quorum Present

Supervisors: Argotsinger, Born, Bowman, Bradt, Breh, Callery, Fagan, Goderie, Greene, Groff, Horton, Howard, Kinowski, Lauria, Perry, Wilson, Young

TOTAL: Present: 17 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Blackmon, Potter, Vandenburg)

After some minor delays related to registering meeting participants for the teleconference, the 2021 Organizational Meeting, being held via Zoom video-teleconference, was called to order by Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board Jon R. Stead, at 10:18 a.m. Mr. Stead noted that he believed that the major political parties had already caucused prior to today's meeting.

Mr. Stead welcomed everyone saying, "Happy New Year. We are gathered for an "unusual Organizational Meeting" in a very unusual time period in our history. Mr. Stead then went over ground rules for the meeting, asking participants to announce their name to be recognized by the Chairperson, then make their statement, motion, second or otherwise.

Mr. Stead wanted dedicated today's meeting to "all Fulton County government employees at all levels". He explained that Department Heads, employees and contractors pulled together for all of 2020. Employees have done a great job with everything they have faced, and our county departments have continued to function through the whole entire COVID-19 process. Mr. Stead thanked Chairman Greene for his fantastic leadership through 2020 and for his service.

Mr. Stead then called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

*(Supervisor Potter joined the meeting via telephone at 10:20 a.m.)*

As the first order of business, Mr. Stead called for nominations for Temporary Chairman, with Supervisor Howard nominating Supervisor Fagan. Supervisor Groff seconded the nomination. The Clerk then called for other nominations. There being no other nominations, the polls were closed upon a motion by Supervisor Argotsinger, seconded by Supervisor Bowman and members voted to support the nomination. Supervisor Fagan then took over as Temporary Chairman.

Temporary Chairman Fagan then asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2021. Supervisor Kinowski placed the name of Jack Callery in nomination for Chairman of the Board. Mr. Kinowski noted Supervisor Callery's long-standing experience on the Board and his strong attention to budget and financial matters as great attributes for a Chairman to have. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wilson. The Temporary Chairman then asked if there were other nominations. The polls were closed upon a motion by Supervisor Argotsinger, seconded by Supervisor Groff. The motion for Chairman of the Board carried unanimously in the form of Resolution No. 1.

Supervisor Callery assumed the Chairmanship to conduct the balance of the meeting. Supervisor Callery thanked immediate past Chairman Greene for his “wonderful job” as Chairman and said what a difficult year it had to have been.

Chairman Callery advised that he was committed to promoting economic development in the county and said that he would like to see more water and sewer services up Route 30 north of Gloversville. He continued by stating that the Great Sacandaga Lake is a really great asset and he would like to see more businesses in that area to increase the tax base. He stated that Fulton County department heads have been very conservative with their budgets and that he was proud to be a resident of Fulton County.

Chairman Callery then called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for 2021. Supervisor Howard nominated Supervisor Fagan. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Horton. Chairman Callery then asked if there were other nominations. Supervisor Argotsinger moved that the polls be closed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Groff 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 Resolution No. 3.

Mr. Stead advised that Mr. Callery had compiled his Standing and Special Committee Assignments and they would be emailed to Supervisors before the end of the day.

Chairman Callery then asked honored guest Assemblyman Robert Smullen to say a few words. Assemblyman Smullen said, “Happy New Year” to all and thanked immediate past Chairman Greene for his “even keel” leadership in 2020.

Mr. Smullen advised that he was into his second term representing Fulton County as Assemblyman and said that there was a serious looming budget crisis in Albany that he will continue to work on. Mr. Smullen further advised that one of his priorities was to improve broadband service for his district particularly with many children having to do their school work remotely. He finished by stating that he appreciates the honor to represent Fulton County and thanked the Board for their continued support.

Mr. Stead noted that the next scheduled Board Meeting was on January 11 and would be held via Zoom video-conference.

There being no other business, Supervisor Groff moved that the Board adjourn until January 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bowman and unanimously carried. The Board adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

*Certified by:*

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

**Resolution No. 1**

Supervisor KINOWSKI offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NAMING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF FULTON FOR THE YEAR 2021

RESOLVED, That John Callery of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is named Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2021.

Seconded by Supervisor WILSON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Blackmon and VanDenburgh)

**Resolution No. 2**

Supervisor HOWARD 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 2021

RESOLVED, That Gregory Fagan of Perth, NY, be and hereby is named Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2021.

Seconded by Supervisor HORTON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Blackmon and VanDenburgh)

**Resolution No. 3**

Supervisor FAGAN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE YEAR 2021

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 2021.

Seconded by Supervisor GREENE and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Blackmon and VanDenburgh)