

***FIRST DAY FOR  
ORGANIZATION AND SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON  
Pursuant to Resolution 395 of 2013, adopted November 25, 2013***

Johnstown, NY

January 2, 2014

Roll Call – Quorum Present

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

TOTAL: Present: 20 Absent: 0

The Organizational Meeting was called to order by Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board Jon R. Stead, at 10:05 a.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Mr. Stead welcomed everyone and wished everyone a very happy New Year. 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, our country and around the world. There are still men and women at war defending our County's system as a free republic and our rights. He requested that everyone bow their heads in prayer or a moment of silence to honor and remember all the military working on our behalf to keep America safe and a free country.

Supervisor Handy then moved for a Republican Caucus. The Board recessed for the Caucus at 10:11 a.m. and reconvened into Regular Session at 10:20 a.m.

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

The Temporary Chairman then asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2014. Supervisor Fagan placed the name of Richard Argotsinger in nomination for Chairman of the Board.

Supervisor Fagan stated that Mr. Argotsinger is a unique individual in that he originally came to this Board through an appointment by the Town Board, not an election. He stated as a result, Rick had to decide to be a Supervisor in a short time period. He also stated that he is the first supervisor in many, many years to become Chairman without being Vice-Chairman. He stated that Rick will be a great fit as Chairman. He recognizes when things don't work and makes the necessary changes. He sticks to the principles that he started and that will make him successful to move forward.

Supervisor Fagan also stated that Rick was a big part of the changes that have occurred in Fulton County over the last few years. A positive attribute is Rick's demeanor. He is calm, low key, has measured responses and doesn't overreact. The perfect candidate for Chairman of the Board is Rick Argotsinger.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gendron. Supervisor Gendron stated that Supervisor Argotsinger has been a life-long resident of Fulton County and his past experience on the Finance Committee makes him fully prepared to be Chairman and lead Fulton County for 2014. The Temporary Chairman then asked if there were other nominations. The polls were closed upon a motion by Supervisor Callery, seconded by Supervisor Kinowski. The motion carried unanimously in the form of Resolution No. 1.

Supervisors Fagan and Gendron escorted Chairman Argotsinger to the dais.

Chairman Argotsinger welcomed the four new Supervisors. He stated that this job "will seem tough at first but it will be very enjoyable in the end". He then thanked Supervisor Waldron for serving as Chairman in 2013. He also thanked Supervisors Callery, Fagan, Howard and Gendron for their support and guidance during his five years on the Board. He stated that these individuals have put Fulton County in the position it is in today. Fulton County has no debt and is in stable financial condition, which speaks for itself. He further stated that 2014 is probably going to be a transition year for the County. Economic development will be the key for the County to maintain its revenue source. He stated that there are a number of projects started - Branding Project, Thruway Connector, Tryon Technology Center, and SMART Waters initiative, just to name a few. To get these projects completed, it will take cooperation between the cities, towns and villages and this will be key. Chairman Argotsinger stated that he hopes to move forward to a successful 2014.

Chairman Argotsinger then called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for 2014. Supervisor Bradt nominated Supervisor Capek. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Howard. Chairman Argotsinger then asked if there were other nominations. Supervisor Johnson moved that the polls be closed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Waldron 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 13. Chairman Argotsinger then distributed the 2014 Standing Committee assignments.

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

There being no other business, Supervisor Christopher moved that the Board adjourn until January 13, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Greene and unanimously carried. The Board adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

*Certified by:*

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

**Resolution No. 1**

Supervisor FAGAN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NAMING CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF FULTON FOR THE YEAR 2014

RESOLVED, That Richard Argotsinger of Mayfield, NY, be and hereby is named Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2014.

Seconded by Supervisor GENDRON and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

**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 2014

RESOLVED, That George Capek of Oppenheim, NY, be and hereby is named Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2014.

Seconded by Supervisor HOWARD and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

**Resolution No. 3**

Supervisor GENDRON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE YEAR 2014

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 2014.

Seconded by Supervisor CALLERY and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

**Resolution No. 4**

Supervisor FAGAN 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, 2014 through December 31, 2015, 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, 2014; 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, 2014; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the salaries for the Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board and Deputy Clerk of the Board shall be provided from Appropriation Account A-015-1010.100 BOS-P/R; and the salary for the Deputy Purchasing Agent shall be provided from Appropriation Account A-115-1345.100 Purch. Agent-P/R; 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 GENDRON and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

**Resolution No. 5**

Supervisor FAGAN 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, 2014 through December 31, 2015; 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, 2014 through December 31, 2015; 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 \$12.50 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 LAURIA and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0



**Resolution No. 6**

Supervisor FAGAN 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, Alice Kuntzsch, of Town 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, 2014 through December 31, 2015; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That pursuant to the provisions of Article 16, Section 625 of County Law, Alice Kuntzsch be and hereby is further assigned the duties and responsibilities of County Auditor, as prescribed in said statute, effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015; 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 and Administrative Officer/ Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor BORN and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

**Resolution No. 7**

Supervisor FAGAN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF  
INFORMATION SERVICES/PRINTING

RESOLVED, That Perry Lovell, of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is appointed Director of Information Services/Printing, for a term beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2015; 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 Services/Printing Director, Budget Director/ County Auditor and Administrative Officer/ Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor WALDRON and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

**Resolution No. 8**

Supervisor GENDRON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF SOLID WASTE**

RESOLVED, That Jeffrey Bouchard, of the Town of Ephratah, NY, be and hereby is appointed Solid Waste Director for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2015; 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 OTTUSO and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

**Resolution No. 9**

Supervisor HOWARD 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, 2014 and ending December 31, 2015; 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 KINOWSKI and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

**Resolution No. 10**

Supervisor WALDRON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

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

RESOLVED, That Allan Polmateer, of Town of Ephratah, NY, be and hereby is appointed Civil Defense Director/Fire Coordinator/Code Enforcement Officer for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2015; 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, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor JOHNSON and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

**Resolution No. 11**

Supervisor WALDRON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC DEFENDER**

RESOLVED, That J. Gerard McAuliffe, Jr., of Town of Perth, NY, be and hereby is appointed Public Defender for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2015; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 1987 and in accordance with this Resolution, the Public Defender shall be authorized to appoint five (5) Assistant Public Defenders at salaries reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure; such appointees to serve at the pleasure of the Public Defender; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay all salaries as hereinabove stated 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, Public Defender, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor CALLERY and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

**Resolution No. 12**

Supervisor HOWARD offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY DIRECTOR**

RESOLVED, That Frank Ruggiero, of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is appointed Veterans Service Agency Director for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2015; 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 Agency Director, Budget Director/County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor HANDY and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0

**Resolution No. 13**

Supervisor FAGAN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MORTGAGE TAX CLERK**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 262 of the Tax Law, the County Clerk be and hereby is authorized to appoint a Mortgage Tax Clerk in his office, for a term beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2015; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay such Clerk a salary 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, NYS Tax Commission, Budget Director/ County Auditor and Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board.

Seconded by Supervisor CALLERY and adopted by the following vote:

Total: Ayes: 20 Nays: 0