

FIRST DAY
FOR ORGANIZATION AND SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
Pursuant to Resolution 416 of 2016, adopted November 28, 2016

Johnstown, NY

January 3, 2017

Roll Call – Quorum Present

Supervisors: Argotsinger, Blackmon, Born, Bradt, Breh, Callery, Christopher, Fagan, Greene, Groff, Handy, Kinowski, Lauria, Morris, Potter, Rice, Waldron, Wilson, Young

TOTAL: Present: 19 Absent: 1 (Supervisor Howard)

The Organizational Meeting was called to order by Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board Jon R. Stead, at 10:00 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 good time to recognize our military personnel and foreign services workers protecting our country. He requested that everyone bow their heads in prayer or a moment of silence to honor and remember all the military and government officers working on our behalf to keep America safe and a free country. He asked that we dedicate today's meeting to spouses and significant others of all County and local officials, because their support is crucial to all of us doing our jobs well.

Mr. Stead, then acknowledged a special guest in attendance: Mayor Vern Jackson from the City of Johnstown.

Supervisor Handy then moved for a Republican Caucus. The Board recessed for the Caucus at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened into Regular Session at 10:13 a.m.

Nominations were then made for Temporary Chairman, with Supervisor Fagan nominating Supervisor Groff. Supervisor Potter seconded the nomination. The Clerk then called for other nominations. There being no other nominations, the polls were closed upon a motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Argotsinger and members voted to support the nomination.

Temporary Chairman Groff then asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2017. Supervisor Waldron placed the name of G. Michael Kinowski, of Johnstown, in nomination for Chairman of the Board, noting that he has known him for over 35 years and he would do a great job as Chairman.

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

Supervisors Waldron and Bradt escorted Chairman Kinowski to the dais.

Chairman Kinowski thanked everyone and especially thanked his wife, Pam. He thanked 2016 Chairman Charles Potter for “a great year”, adding that he would be “a tough act to follow”.

Chairman Kinowski acknowledged that there were many challenges and unknowns with being nominated Chairman of the Board. He thanked the Board for looking into the future and creating a state of the art landfill and converting the Tryon Facility into a shovel-ready site for future businesses. Industrial parks were built and businesses came into the area. He advised that he would continue strong support for the Smart Waters Initiative and other infrastructure projects that County government has underway. The Board needed to continue with the changes and the County will continue to be “*Fulton County Posi+ive*”.

Chairman Kinowski then called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for 2017. Supervisor Fagan nominated Supervisor Groff, noting that he has known him for a long time and he was quite capable of being Vice-Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Potter. Chairman Kinowski then asked if there were other nominations. Supervisor Wilson moved that the polls be closed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Callery 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. At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Kinowski distributed the 2017 Standing Committee and Special Committee assignments.

There being no other business, Supervisor Morris moved that the Board adjourn until January 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Blackmon and unanimously carried. The Board adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Certified by:

Jon R. Stead, Administrative Officer/ DATE
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 2017

RESOLVED, That G. Michael Kinowski of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is named Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2017.

Seconded by Supervisor BRADT and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 19 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Supervisor Howard)

Resolution No. 2

Supervisor FAGAN 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 2017**

RESOLVED, That James Groff of Town of Northampton, NY, be and hereby is named Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2017.

Seconded by Supervisor POTTER and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 19 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Supervisor Howard)

Resolution No. 3

Supervisor FAGAN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE YEAR 2017

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 2017.

Seconded by Supervisor GREENE and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 19 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Supervisor Howard)

Resolution No. 4

Supervisor LAURIA offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING LYNNE M. RUBSCHA DEMOCRAT BOARD OF
ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, the term of Democrat Board of Elections Commissioner expired on December 31, 2016; 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 Lynne M. 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 Lynne M. Rubscha, of Gloversville, NY, as Board of Elections Commissioner of Fulton County, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Lynne M. 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 YOUNG and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 19 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Supervisor Howard)

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, 2016; 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 January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018; 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 BLACKMON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 19 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Supervisor Howard)

