

***FIRST DAY  
FOR ORGANIZATION AND SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON  
Pursuant to Resolution 417 of 2025, adopted November 24, 2025***

Johnstown, NY

January 2, 2026

Roll Call – Quorum Present

Supervisors: Blackmon, Bradt, Clark, DiGiacomo, Fagan, Fogarty, Glenn, Goderie, Groff, Hernigle, Ioele-DeCristofaro, Lehr, Potter, Praught, Roehl, VanValkenburgh, Young

TOTAL: Present: 17 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

The Organizational Meeting was called to order by Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board Jon R. Stead, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Stead welcomed everyone and wished them a “Happy New Year”. He also thanked all visitors, and stated “It is a pleasure to have you all here”.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, he then introduced County Clerk Leisa D’amore who was present to conduct the Oath of Office for newly-elected Supervisors. Mr. Stead then welcomed the newly-elected Supervisors.

Mr. Stead then dedicated this year’s meeting to Border Patrol Officers and other public safety officials that run towards trouble and allow us to work in government as we are today in this ceremony.

Supervisor Blackmon 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.

Mr. Stead then called for nominations for Temporary Chairman, with Supervisor Bradt nominating Supervisor Fogarty. 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 VanValkenburgh, seconded by Supervisor Praught and members voted to support the nomination.

Supervisor Fogarty was escorted to the dais by Supervisors Bradt and Potter. Temporary Chairman Fogarty then asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2026. Supervisor Fagan placed the name of Joseph DiGiacomo, of the Town of Broadalbin, in nomination for Chairman of the Board noting his service to the U.S. Navy and his past and current leadership as Supervisor for the Town of Broadalbin. He stated that along with that experience and his local business expertise, he will serve this Board and the County of Fulton very well and deserves the experience to be Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

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



**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 2026

RESOLVED, That Joseph DiGiacomo of Broadalbin, NY, be and hereby is named Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2026.

Seconded by Supervisor GODERIE and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**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 2026

RESOLVED, That Richard Fogarty of Stratford, NY, be and hereby is named Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2026.

Seconded by Supervisor POTTER and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**Resolution No. 3**

Supervisor FAGAN offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE YEAR 2026

RESOLVED, That the Rules of Order, as adopted January 8, 1990, and any and all amendments made thereto (last revised June 12, 2023) be and hereby are adopted as the Rules of Order of the Board for the year 2026.

Seconded by Supervisor GROFF and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**Resolution No. 4**

Supervisor POTTER 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, 2026 through December 31, 2027, 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 and empowered to appoint a Deputy Purchasing Agent, at an annual sum not to exceed \$6,000.00, to be paid in bi-weekly installments, effective from and as of January 1, 2026; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the salaries for the Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board 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 FOGARTY and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**Resolution No. 5**

Supervisor YOUNG 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, 2026 through December 31, 2027; 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, 2026 through December 31, 2027; 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 BLACKMON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)



**Resolution No. 6**

Supervisor GROFF offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RESOLVED, That Gregory Oliver, of Town of Perth, NY, be and hereby is appointed Director of Information Technology for a term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027; 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 FOGARTY and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**Resolution No. 7**

Supervisor PRAUGHT 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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027; 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 VANVALKENBURGH and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**Resolution No. 8**

Supervisor YOUNG 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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027; 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 FOGARTY and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 408 (16) Nays: 64 (1) (Supervisor VanValkenburgh)  
Absent: 57 (3) (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**Resolution No. 9**

Supervisor LEHR 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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027; 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 VANVALKENBURGH and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**Resolution No. 10**

Supervisor GODERIE 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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Public Defender shall be authorized to appoint Assistant Public Defenders, subject to budget appropriations, at a salary 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 GROFF and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**Resolution No. 11**

Supervisor VANVALKENBURGH 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, 2026 through December 31, 2027, at a salary reflected in the annual Non-Union Salary Structure; 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 BLACKMON and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**Resolution No. 12**

Supervisor FAGAN 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, 2026 through December 31, 2027; 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 ROEHL and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**Resolution No. 13**

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, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027; 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 Howard, Isabella and Orfan)

**Resolution No. 14**

Supervisor GODERIE offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY DIRECTOR

RESOLVED, That Ian Pitcavage of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is appointed Veterans Service Agency Director for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027; 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 POTTER and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 17 Nays: 0 Absent: 3 (Supervisors Howard, Isabella and Orfan)