

FIRST DAY
FOR ORGANIZATION AND SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON
Pursuant to Resolution 430 of 2015, adopted November 23, 2015

Johnstown, NY

January 4, 2016

Roll Call – Quorum Present

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

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

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 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 Country'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 and government officers working on our behalf to keep America safe and a free country, including our policemen, and our emergency responders.

County Clerk Ann Nickloy was present and asked the Supervisors to rise for administration of the Oath of Office.

Mr. Stead, then acknowledged special guests in attendance: Sheriff Richard Giardino, Assemblyman Marc Butler, Acting District Attorney Chad Brown, Ms. Jennifer Donovan, representing Senator Farley, Matthew Scullin representing Congresswomen Elise Stefanik and Gloversville Mayor Dayton King.

Supervisor Handy then moved for a Republican Caucus. The Board recessed for the Caucus at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened into Regular Session at 10:17 a.m.

Nominations were then made for Temporary Chairman, with Supervisor Waldron nominating Supervisor Kinowski. Supervisor Fagan 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 Breh and members voted to support the nomination.

Temporary Chairman Kinowski then asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2016. Supervisor Howard placed the name of Charles Potter, of Gloversville, in nomination for Chairman of the Board.

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

Supervisors Howard and Greene escorted Chairman Potter to the dais.

Chairman Potter said “Thank you” and that he “appreciated and respected the Board’s decision” to install him as the 2016 Chairman of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors. Chairman Potter said “Good News is Good News” as he recounted some County initiatives that are underway. “Also, a great deal of thanks to my constituents, Representing the 4th Ward of Gloversville, NY has been rewarding. This past November, I had a record amount of support, truly humbling, these friends of mine really care about the area, I will continue to strive for our goals that we have set. That way everybody wins!”

Chairman Potter took a moment to acknowledge former Chairman of the Board Ralph Ottuso for his “brim and firestone regarding economic initiatives”.

Chairman Potter next acknowledged the invited guests in attendance: his fiancé Kayla, “No words can describe the support I receive from her.”

He continued by recognizing Matthew Scullin, representing Congresswomen Stefanik. He stated that “all it took was one phone call in 2013 and a bond was formed between the Congresswomen’s Office and Fulton County and that bond is unbreakable.”

He continued, “Ms. Donovan is from the Northampton area, I believe that’s Farley Country! Senator Farley is a great advocate for Fulton County. His experience and saviness works. It works for the Gloversville Library and it works for getting things done. Proven results from a true energetic leader!”

Assemblyman Butler “is a great guy with an unwavering passion for Fulton County residents. Marc stands with us and is very approachable, is very attentive to our needs and very much the kind of leadership we need in a dysfunctional legislature. I know that Marc has never worked in a deli, because he doesn’t stand for the bologna that represents the current management in Albany!”

He noted that Judge Louise Sira could not be here because she was in “Judge School”. “Louise wishes us well and has been a great District Attorney”.

Chairman Potter advised that he is looking forward to working with Sheriff Giardino and his “ideology” and that “he will be great to work with.”

Chairman Potter acknowledged his mom, Beth Potter, and followed up by saying “Who doesn’t love mom? “Mom’s are very important and encouraging.”

Chairman Potter then announced “The Chairman’s Initiatives as his Compass Point Strategy”; Sherman’s Performing Arts Center in the Town of Caroga to promote townships to get sales tax up. In the Town of Mayfield, the Vails Mills Route 30 corridor with the SMART Waters initiatives. The Town of Mayfield will become a “staycation” point. The Town of Northampton will become a vacation destination with the impact of the Northville Placid trailhead there.

Chairman Potter also advised that he would like to see a comprehensive plan for all of Fulton County's Senior Centers.

He further advised that he will be bringing in people and/or businesses that promote our County and have a positive effect on Fulton County.

Lastly, Chairman Potter thanked everyone and advised that "We are leaders moving forward and that it is our time to promote the positive effect for Fulton County".

Chairman Potter then called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for 2016. Supervisor Waldron nominated Supervisor Kinowski noting that he was community-minded and a leader that was fiscally conservative. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Fagan. Chairman Potter then asked if there were other nominations. Supervisor Groff moved that the polls be closed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Breh 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 1 through 12. Chairman Potter distributed the 2016 Standing Committee assignments.

Mr. Stead advised that his office researched that 100 years ago today, on January 4, 1916, Supervisor Harry Steele of the City of Gloversville was elected as Chairman of the Board and today we elected another Chairman from the City of Gloversville.

There being no other business, Supervisor Sullivan moved that the Board adjourn until January 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Blackmon and unanimously carried. The Board adjourned at 10:34 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 2016

RESOLVED, That Charles Potter of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is named Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2016.

Seconded by Supervisor HOWARD and adopted by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 2

Supervisor WALDRON 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 2016

RESOLVED, That Michael Kinowski of Johnstown, NY, be and hereby is named Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fulton for the year 2016.

Seconded by Supervisor FAGAN and adopted by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 3

Supervisor WALDRON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE YEAR 2016

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 2016.

Seconded by Supervisor GREENE and adopted by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 4

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER 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, 2016 through December 31, 2017, 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, 2016; 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, 2016; 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.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 HANDY and adopted by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 5

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER 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, 2016 through December 31, 2017; 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, 2016 through December 31, 2017; 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 LAURIA and adopted by the following vote:

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

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, Alice Kuntzsch, of Town of Broadalbin, 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, 2016 through December 31, 2017; 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, 2016 through December 31, 2017; 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 BREH and adopted by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 7

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER 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, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017; 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 CHRISTOPHER and adopted by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 8

Supervisor WALDRON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY HISTORIAN

RESOLVED, That Samantha Hall-Saladino of Gloversville, NY, be and hereby is appointed County Historian for Fulton County, for a term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017; 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 YOUNG and adopted by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 9

Supervisor GREENE 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, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017; 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 BORN and adopted by the following vote:

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

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, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017; 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 WALDRON and adopted by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 11

Supervisor GROFF 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, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017; 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 six (6) 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 the Public Defender be and hereby is further authorized to hire secretarial services to assist him in his duties and responsibilities at a rate of \$2,583.33 per month; 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 WILSON and adopted by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 12

Supervisor ARGOTSINGER 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 her office, for a term beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017; 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 BRADT and adopted by the following vote:

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