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SUPERVISORS CELEBRATES COURTHOUSE 250TH ANNIVERSARY

On August 8, the Fulton County Board of Supervisors held its monthly meeting in the Historic Fulton County Court House to commemorate the building's 250th Anniversary. The memorializing meeting was one of several events planned to highlight the fascinating history of the Court House as it approaches its Semiquincentennial on 8 September 2022.

The Court House, which dates back to pre-Revolutionary War times, is the oldest operating court house in the state of New York, and one of the oldest in the nation. Since its construction in 1772, it has served as the central edifice and county seat for three counties-Tryon County (1772-1784), original Montgomery County (1789-1838) and Fulton County (1839-present). The Court House and colonial jail played an important role in Revolutionary War events in upstate New York and women's rights pioneer Elizabeth Cady Stanton spent her childhood learning about law and political activism within its walls.

The Board of Supervisors session possessed a special aura in the courtroom's hallowed halls as County Administrative Officer Jon R. Stead described a number of Court House historical milestones related to Fulton County government's legislative and judicial branches over the last two centuries. Chairman of the Board Gregory Fagan introduced County Department Heads who were present for the day's proceedings. A special highlight was the ringing of the original Triangle "Bell" hanging in the Court House bell tower and the unveiling of a full-scale replica that will be on public display at key anniversary events closer to 8 September.

Four (4) digital photos associated with the ceremonies are attached for reference.

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