

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JANUARY 6, 2021

The Organizational Meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supervisors’ Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York.

The Clerk of the Board, Christa M. Schafer, called the meeting to order and read the Notice of Meeting:

TO ALL SUPERVISORS:

Pursuant to County Law §151 and Board Rule 1, the Organizational Meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors will be held in the Supervisors’ Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York, on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting is called for the purpose of organizing for the year 2021, including election of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk of the Board, and Budget Director.

Any other business that may properly be brought before the Board will be conducted.

Christa M. Schafer, Clerk
Delaware County Board of Supervisors

The Clerk called the roll by towns and the following Supervisors were present with Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Vernold attending via Zoom:

Wayland Gladstone	PO Box 125	Andes
Tina Molé	PO Box 6, Bovina Center	Bovina
Arthur Merrill	PO Box 321, Downsville	Colchester
Dennis J. Valente	11790 State Highway 23, Davenport Center	Davenport
Mark Tuthill	5 Elm Street	Delhi
Thomas Axtell	3 Elm Street	Deposit
Jeffrey Taggart	511 Heathen Hill Road	Franklin
Wayne E. Marshfield	6754 Basin Clove Road	Hamden
Jerry Vernold	140 East Main Street	Hancock
James E. Eisel, Sr.	22 Wilcox Road	Harpersfield
George Haynes, Jr.	51971 State Hwy 10, Bloomville	Kortright
Betty L. Scott	PO Box 313	Masonville
James G. Ellis	4187 Turnpike Road, Delhi	Meredith
Carl Patrick Davis	PO Box 577, Margaretville	Middletown
Allen R. Hinkley	PO Box 189	Roxbury

R. Eugene Pigford	44 Grand Street	Sidney
John S. Kosier	PO Box M, Hobart	Stamford
William Layton	PO Box 139, Trout Creek	Tompkins
Joseph Cetta	129 North Street	Walton

Mr. Marshfield offered the invocation.

Mr. Valente led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Clerk requested nominations for Chairman. Mr. Merrill nominated Tina Molé. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Eisel and unanimously approved.

County Clerk Debra Goodrich administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Molé.

Chairman Molé thanked her colleagues on the Board and said she sincerely appreciates their support. She took a moment to reflect on 2020 and to speak about goals for 2021. She stated that 2020 proved to be a memorable year with challenges we could never have anticipated. When we started the year, we were expecting to address three major capital improvement projects, the continued negotiations with New York City DEP regarding land acquisition, the ongoing state unfunded mandates, and of course a highly anticipated federal election. What we could not anticipate was a world-wide pandemic, a state-wide shutdown, the long duration of this health crisis, and the impacts of the economic crisis that followed. The social unrest felt throughout the country as well as the demand for police reform has further highlighted the challenges we have and are continuing to face right here in our own County.

When we met for that special session last March, she could not have imagined we would still be dealing with the pandemic and the lasting impacts that it has had on both our County and local towns. She is proud of the way that as a Board they have come together to support the County residents, our County employees and our local town and village officials. We have all had to learn a new way of doing business while addressing the most difficult crisis of our lifetime. Whether it was learning to use Zoom and social media or finding ways to address daily changes, we have all found a way to communicate, legislate, and support the County residents through it all.

We, of course, have not done this alone. We are blessed with County employees who have risen to the challenges and provided the expertise we needed throughout the year. The pandemic forced many County services to go remote, meetings to be moved or cancelled, and priorities to be changed. We saw an unprecedented shutdown of our communities including services and support provided to our local families through County agencies, school districts, and local not-for-profit organizations. Our staff here at Delaware County found new ways to meet these local needs by changing basic programs like senior meals, in-school services, mental health counseling, County Clerk filings, DMV transactions, court proceedings, local town and village board meetings, business engagements, and so much more.

This difficult year brought out the best in Delaware County and reaffirms the reasons why we have chosen to make this community our home. She is very honored to be part of this

community and to be Chairman of the Board of Supervisors which is committed to serving each and every County resident.

Ms. Molé commended the efforts of the Delaware County Public Health Office and all of the departments that have supported them in addressing the pandemic. The staff has been working seven days a week and has had to adjust daily to mandates from the state to address the needs of our residents. Their efforts to educate and support all of us through the pandemic is profound.

Ms. Molé highlighted several great accomplishments of 2020 despite the pandemic including the consolidation of Delaware County Mental Health and affiliated behavioral services into one location in a facility at their new site on Delaware Street in Walton which is scheduled to open in 2021 and the Delaware County DPW complex sites being selected to build a highway patrol at Bloomville, an equipment mechanics shop on Route 10 in Walton, and a new administrative building on Bridge Street in Delhi with anticipated completion of a full build out by the end of 2023.

Delaware County worked tirelessly for more than 25 years to develop, manage, and provide clean water programs within the New York City watershed. The efforts of our local team resulted in a favorable report from the National Academy of Sciences and Engineering to reduce large-scale land acquisition within the New York City watershed and reallocate those funds to other more direct water quality programs that support our agricultural community and programs at the Soil and Water Conservation District. This was the direct result of work from our Delaware County staff and all of our CORE group partners.

The Delaware County Board of Elections worked throughout the year to provide for a safe, fair, and accurate election in 2020. These efforts included extended early voting options as well as processing additional mail-in votes. All of this was accomplished while maintaining social distancing and working to relocate offices to a new space on Main Street in Delhi.

Delaware County Economic Development along with the IDA was able to assist our local businesses through the shutdown and the onerous reopening strategies mandated by the state. The loss of millions of dollars in grant funds in 2020 due to the pandemic made this task even more challenging, yet Delaware County businesses were able to get support and guidance throughout.

As if a pandemic, an economic crisis, and a contentious national election were not enough, 2020 was the year of the census. County staff with the support of Delaware Opportunities successfully completed the 2020 census including a complete address count and county-wide canvassing.

Social unrest throughout the country highlighted the need to evaluate and reform public safety and police services through a mandate by Governor Cuomo. Delaware County has participated in this process and is working diligently to provide the best police services to our residents. The development of a public committee to address these needs and develop a strategy that allows for appropriate reform and change is only a first step in a process that will evolve as

needs evolve.

Delaware County developed the new Delaware County Government Facebook page that will continue to provide information to all residents through social media into the future. This is a first step in providing information to our public quickly and provide for a more transparent government.

These are some of the highlights of 2020 and I can say that as a Board, we were able to accomplish these things while continuing to keep our 2021 tax increase below the tax cap. I am optimistic as I look forward to a successful year in 2021 in spite of the pandemic. We will certainly need to continue to grapple with the challenges of the pandemic and the long-term impacts of this economic crisis. However, I believe 2020 proved we have the staff, the commitment, and the drive to continue to make Delaware County a great place. I am enthusiastic as we move into this new year and I look forward to a productive and successful 2021.

Upon a nomination by Mr. Taggart, seconded by Mr. Eisel, Mark Tuthill was unanimously re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Upon a nomination by Mr. Eisel, seconded by Mr. Ellis, Christa M. Schafer was unanimously re-elected as Clerk of the Board.

Upon a nomination by Mr. Taggart, seconded by Mr. Cetta, Arthur Merrill was unanimously re-elected as Budget Officer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

The Clerk noted that all communications received have been referred to their respective committees for review.

Ms. Molé announced Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond who introduced New York State Sheriff's Association Executive Director Peter Kehoe. Mr. Kehoe thanked Sheriff DuMond and Chairman Molé and he congratulated Ms. Molé and other officers in today's election.

Mr. Kehoe said it was his great pleasure to attend on behalf of all the sheriffs in New York State to recognize and honor Sheriff Craig DuMond and all of the men and women of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office on the occasion of accreditation of the Sheriff's Civil Division. Only 26 counties in New York State out of 62 have qualified for Civil accreditation so obviously this is no easy accomplishment. The Sheriff's Office also maintains accreditation of their law enforcement division through the New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council. Both of these accomplishments are testaments to Sheriff DuMond and the entire staff in the Sheriff's Office showing their dedication to the pursuit of excellence in the services that they provide to the citizens of Delaware County. You have an outstanding Sheriff and an outstanding Sheriff's Office and they are well respected across the state. Sheriff DuMond's insights and his contributions to the discussions on law enforcement issues are

respected and appreciated by his law enforcement colleagues across New York. The citizens of Delaware County and this Board should be very proud of that office. Today they want to honor particularly the employees of the Sheriff's Civil Office. They are true unsung heroes. While everyone knows the dangers and difficulties the road patrol deputies face every day, not everyone knows that the work of civil deputy can be just as dangerous and just as stressful as that of a criminal law enforcement deputy. Too often, angry litigants take out their frustrations with the civil court system on the deputy sheriff who is just doing his or her job serving and enforcing the orders of the court. Without the dedication and good work of these civil officers enforcing these orders and judgements, those orders and judgements would be mere pieces of paper and our courts and civil justice simply could not function.

Earning civil accreditation is not an easy task. To gain accreditation requires the Sheriff's Office to submit itself to scrutiny by an outside independent board of assessors which reviews the agency's operation in detail to assure it meets a very stringent set of standards and best practices developed by experts in the field of civil practice. These standards currently have 121 individual components all of which must be met by the agency before they can be certified for accreditation. Mr. Kehoe stated he was happy to report that the Board of Assessors which reviewed the operations of the Delaware County Sheriff's Civil Office has found that it meets or exceeds every one of the exacting standards. He congratulated Sheriff DuMond and the men and women of the Civil Division and all of the employees in the Sheriff's Office for this outstanding accomplishment which we honor today. Congratulations are also in order for the Delaware County Board of Supervisors and for the citizens of Delaware County who without their moral and financial support, this achievement today and all the outstanding service provided by the Sheriff's Office in all the areas of the Sheriff's responsibility would not be possible.

Mr. Kehoe stated that accreditation does not just happen. It takes a lot of hard work by a lot of people, and the entire staff of the Sheriff's Office deserves to be recognized and applauded for this achievement today. He particularly wanted to recognize two individuals who devoted a great deal of extra time and effort to managing the many details required in order to successfully demonstrate that accreditation was earned and deserved. He called forward and congratulated Corporal Dan McGowan, Civil Division Supervisor and manager of the accreditation project. He also recognized Sergeant Kim Smith who could not attend, who is manager of the Law Enforcement accreditation project because she gave a great deal of assistance to Corporal McGowan in managing this Civil Office project.

Mr. Kehoe thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to publicly acknowledge the good work of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and beckoned Sheriff DuMond to accept a plaque from the Sheriff's Association recognizing this accomplishment.

Sheriff DuMond acknowledged the entire Delaware County Board of Supervisors for their generous support of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office over the years. Without the support of this Board and without the leadership of Chairman Molé, they would not be successful. Every success story has people behind it, and there are nineteen people here plus many others who contribute to that every day. He thanked the Executive Director of the New York State Sheriff's Association, Peter Kehoe for making the trip from Albany today.

Sheriff DuMond said that he challenges every employee of the Sheriff's Office to put Delaware County on the map. Delaware County is a small county in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains but we have a lot to offer and we need to be proud. The staff works for the most historic law enforcement agency in the history of the world—the office of the Sheriff. And that is an honor that every member of the agency is sworn to uphold. He said he is privileged to be able to have the opportunity to sit in the seat of the Sheriff's Office and lead such a fine group of individuals. He stated that Sheriff Mills had previously accredited the Law Enforcement Division and when he was elected into office and became Sheriff, his goal was to have all of the divisions be accredited. The Civil Division is the first division to become accredited and the Corrections Division is prepared for accreditation hopefully by February, and last but not least, through their cooperative agreement with Delaware County Emergency Services, within the next year they are hoping to accredit the 911 Center.

Accreditation is a systematic effort that forces complete professionalism and compliance with standards that are nationally accepted, model policies, and training standards as well. A person who works for the Sheriff's Office, when he says he wants them to rise to the level of the honor of the office and to meet those challenges, accreditation doesn't give them a choice; they have to do it or they do not deserve their accreditation. It keeps you fresh. It keeps you honest. It keeps you on top of the game. He said he is very blessed as the Sheriff to have such a group of dedicated individuals who work at the Sheriff's Office and he appreciates all the support he receives from the New York State Sheriff's Association.

Ms. Molé commented that this is yet another example of Sheriff DuMond's leadership and commitment that he has made to Delaware County and his employees. She thanked Sheriff DuMond.

Chairman Molé granted privilege of the floor to Supervisor Taggart. Mr. Taggart introduced Planning Director Shelly Johnson-Bennett via Zoom.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett wished everyone a Happy New Year and said she wanted to take this opportunity to introduce everyone to the Stream Management Implementation Program which is part of the stream program's contract with New York City to implement infrastructure projects and projects that were done in the Local Flood Analysis (LFA)'s in communities that were able to complete those. A grant program was created through the Soil and Water Conservation District in partnership with the County through a shared services contract in the Planning Department and what they do is look to give funds to the communities to implement projects that improve water quality, improve infrastructure, and work on flood resiliency.

As part of that process, there is a project advisory committee (PAC) and each of the towns should have an appointed representative to attend the PAC meeting. The PAC will ultimately make the decision about which grants get funded so it is important that if you have not appointed a PAC member, that you please do so or come yourself as the representative to that PAC meeting because that is where the funds get distributed. Through your Town Planning Advisory Service (TPAS) grants and through the Planning Office, the staff at the County Planning Office can help you write the grant. They work with your highway superintendent along with Soil & Water to make sure you have solid applications. Ned Brower of Planning will

be assisting Soil & Water going forward so he will be your contact. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the office so they can work through it with you.

Mrs. Johnson-Bennett introduced via Zoom Program Coordinator Graydon Dutcher from Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District to go over the details about what types of projects are eligible for funding, how much funding, and where they go from here.

Mr. Dutcher stated there is approximately just under \$11 million that has to be implemented prior to 2025 for the Stream Management Program. That includes all aspects of the program which is really a lot of work. If you look at the history of the program over the last ten years, they have done roughly 80 projects with all their partners to the tune of about \$14 million. He stated they expect this to be a larger grant round because a lot of need has been identified through each one of our communities. Mr. Dutcher referred to a 42-page bound booklet entitled *Getting to Know Your Streams and Stream Program* that each Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent has received. This booklet is geared for an overall overview of what the program is, what the program does for highway, public utilities, residential, commercial, national stream processes, what riparian buffers are, and why flood plains are being built. The manual ends with a summary table of projects they have completed through the years with help from municipalities, Planning, DPW, Emergency Services and the like. This is meant to be a one-stop shop. They will have it up on their website and he will try to have it published on the County website because it goes through flooding, how they predict flooding, and how they work with Emergency Services and ultimately it will lead to training, implementation location, what's eligible, what programs are available, and how much has been done. The appendices include before and after photos of live projects that have been built through the history of the program so you can look at these and develop your thought process.

Mr. Dutcher explained that the pre-applications are the same as they have done in the past which is three applications per municipality. The applications are open to just municipalities for this round. Applications for not-for-profits organizations will be in the second round. They ask that pre-applications be filed by March 1. They will work with the Planning Department to create your formal applications which will be due by April 9. Then they will convene the Delaware County CORE group which will score and rank the projects and give the Project Advisory Committee a list of ranked projects to be recommended for funding through the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Once this has been done, they will start the implementation process. The implementation process will be a lot shorter as the contract was delayed half of a year so they have less time for the engineering staff to design projects. The workload will consist of three and a half construction seasons. They have a lot to look forward to and he would like to kick off 2021 by getting help to municipalities from the ground up, led by our municipalities. They have not changed much as far as grant rounds and their staff will work with new highway superintendents to get them up to speed and to look at their projects.

Ms. Molé commented she was very concerned with the flood warnings right before Christmas. The warnings indicated the possibility of looking like the 1996 floods and asked Mr. Dutcher to talk a little about flood mitigation that has been done since then and if that assisted in the situation from this storm.

To address Ms. Molé's concern, Mr. Dutcher first thanked Director of Emergency Services Stephen Hood. He stated that Mr. Hood keeps them very informed and they are usually the first call back and forth. Mr. Hood is right on top of what the predictions are going to be. When the National Weather Service started talking in terms of 1996, it got their complete and undivided attention. On Christmas Eve, he and Steve started to figure water content to see what the runoff potential was. With the help of Weather Observer Frank Ward from Walton who gave the total precipitation content in the snow, as well as using the NYS Mesonet system at the head of West Brook, they realized quickly that the ground was not frozen and they had half the soil capacity to absorb part of the storm. That is totally different than 1996. Nineteen ninety-six all came about because the ground was frozen and we had the same basic water content, within two inches, on the ground but it came off very rapidly. So first of all, we are much better prepared and have a much better understanding of what the potentials are before the storm hits. Communities in a lot of places have made some very big advancements since 1996, however, none of our communities are flood proof. We would have had major flooding in most locations if we had received another foot of water. What we are building confidence in, is that we are getting good design data and feedback on mitigation strategies tested without getting big damages which provides much data to show that the designs are working. They are doing what they are expected to do and more importantly, we know what the limitations of those are.

With local flood analyses occurring in Andes, Walton, South Kortright, Stamford, Hamden and other large areas, they have a much better picture now so when they get those forecasted warnings from Mr. Hood and the National Weather Service, they know how to properly respond and they know what the risk areas are better than they ever have. Municipalities who proactively remove trees from their brooks have done a big benefit to reducing the number of coverts that become blocked. The County's bridge replacement program through DPW has done an excellent job sizing structures which has played a large role in the reduction of damages. He believes that collectively as a County, we are in a much better place than we have ever been but cautioned that we still have a long way to go. There is a lot more that can be done to minimize flood damages. But we have come a long way if you look at it from 1996 and we are building confidence in what we can handle but more importantly, what we cannot handle. It is a lot of collective work and all of the perspectives from Planning, Emergency Services, DPW, Cornell Cooperative Extension and all of our partners including DEP have played a large role in this and made this County more secure than it has been.

Ms. Molé thanked Mr. Dutcher and Mrs. Johnson-Bennett for their informative presentation.

Mr. Marshfield offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

**TITLE: RE-APPOINTMENT COMMISSIONER BOARD OF ELECTIONS
DEMOCRAT**

BE IT RESOLVED that Judith Garrison is hereby reappointed as the Democratic Commissioner of Elections for a term of two years effective January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022 at the salary contained in the budget.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Valente and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Pigford offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2

TITLE: RE-APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OFFICE FOR THE AGING

BE IT RESOLVED that Terri Whitney is hereby reappointed as Director Office for the Aging for a term of two years effective January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022 at the salary contained in the budget.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Marshfield and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Taggart offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

TITLE: RE-APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR

BE IT RESOLVED that Shelly Johnson-Bennett is hereby reappointed as County Planning Director for a term of three years effective January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023 at the salary contained in the budget.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ellis and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Eisel offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 4

TITLE: RE-APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

BE IT RESOLVED that Joseph Ermeti is hereby reappointed as Public Defender for a term of two years effective January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022 at the salary contained in the budget.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Merrill.

Mr. Eisel stated he believes Mr. Ermeti has done an outstanding job in his first year. He chases down every dollar he can get from the state and we are fortunate for that.

In answer to Ms. Molé, Mr. Ermeti said they have received \$580,000 in state funding.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Gladstone offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 5

TITLE: RE-APPOINTMENT OF STOP DWI COORDINATOR

BE IT RESOLVED that Scott Glueckert is hereby reappointed as Stop DWI Coordinator for a term of two years effective January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022 at the salary contained in the budget.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Marshfield offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 6

TITLE: RE-APPOINTMENT DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 357 of the Executive Law, the re-appointment of Charles Piper by the Chairman of the Board as Director of Veterans Service Agency for a term of office of two years effective January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022 at the salary contained in the budget is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 148 of the General Municipal Law, Charles Piper is hereby designated as the person to oversee the burial of members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their families who do not have sufficient means to defray their funeral expenses.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Marshfield stated that Mr. Piper is highly dedicated to our veterans and does a tremendous job for them. Mr. Marshfield encouraged anyone aware of veterans who may need assistance to contact Mr. Piper. He is quite an asset for the County.

Mr. Marshfield offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 7

TITLE: RE-APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH BUREAU DIRECTOR

BE IT RESOLVED that Sylvia Armanno is hereby reappointed as Youth Bureau Director for a term of one year effective January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Merrill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 8

TITLE: DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY FOR DELAWARE COUNTY FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 212 of the County Law, as amended and now in force, the bank hereinafter specified is hereby designated as a depository for County Funds, together with the maximum amount that may be kept on deposit therein at any one time, and the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit County monies in the bank herein designated.

BE IT RESOLVED, the County Treasurer is authorized to wire funds and use electronic transfer of funds (ACH) from or to each facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one certified copy of the resolution shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk, one in the office of the State Comptroller and two in the office of the County Treasurer by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Wayne Bank	\$95,000,000.00
The Delaware National Bank of Delhi	\$40,000,000.00
The Delaware National Bank of Delhi (Court and Trust Fund Designated by NYS Comptroller)	\$2,000,000.00
The National Bank and Trust Company	\$80,000,000.00
Key Bank	\$250,000.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Valente and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Haynes offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 9

**TITLE: AUTHORIZATION OF FOUR DAY WORK WEEK
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 55 of 1993, as modified, authorizes a four ten-hour-per-day work week in the Public Works Department which is subject to annual approval by the County and Public Works employees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that subject to approval of the Public Works employees, four-day work schedules for 2021 are hereby approved in the Public Works Department as follows:

- 1.) January 1, 2021 to March 20, 2021: Bridge Crews only.
- 2.) March 21, 2021 to October 16, 2021: All Public Works employees, except those employees specifically excluded from the four-day work week by agreement with the union, i.e., landfill employees, certain engineering staff, etc.
- 3.) November 14, 2021 to December 31, 2021: Bridge Crews only.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Valente and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Haynes offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 10

**TITLE: PAYMENT OF MACHINERY RENTALS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, various authorized expenditures from the Machinery Fund are being made, especially for the purchase of new equipment; and

WHEREAS, anticipated rentals earned from the County Road Fund appear insufficient to meet those expenditures during the next several months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay in advance such highway equipment rentals as are necessary to cover the cash needs of the Machinery Fund; and to credit subsequent rental warrants against the amount so advanced, provided that the total advanced and credited shall not exceed the amounts authorized in the budget for 2021.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Davis and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Haynes offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 11

**TITLE: APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE DPW COMPLEX
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, work is proceeding on the DPW Building project; and

WHEREAS, the appropriated contractual funds were exceeded for 2020.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that the following adjustments be made in the 2020 Budget:

FROM:

41-00000-34899000	Restricted Fund Balance	\$1,000,000.00
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TO:

41-15112-54000000	Contractual Expense	\$1,000,000.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Valente and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Haynes offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 12

**TITLE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 PROPOSAL 34-20
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, Resolution 138 of 2020 authorized the award of Proposal No. 34-20, "Delaware County Bridge Structural Steel Preservation Project, PIN 9754.35, LD040117" to Rover Contracting, Inc., 2424 Route 52, Suite 2F, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 for the bid amount of \$411,360.00; and

WHEREAS, the project has been delayed, as a result of delayed on-site steel inspections, delays in submission/resubmission of steel shop drawings, and the onset of winter weather; and

WHEREAS, this caused the Contractor to be unable to complete the project by the contract completion date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works is herewith authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 for Proposal No. 34-20 extending the Contract completion date until January 31, 2021 at no change in the Contract amount of \$411,360.00.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Valente.

In answer to Ms. Molé, Mr. Haynes confirmed this resolution changes the date and no dollar amounts have changed.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Gladstone offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 13

**TITLE: EXCEPTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 269-1990
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 269-1990 prohibited County employees from holding more than one County position simultaneously except if such dual employment is specifically authorized by resolution of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services office, at times, experiences difficulties in filling all open dispatchers shifts; and

WHEREAS, from time to time employees in other County Departments are willing to work on a per-hour, as-needed basis in the Emergency Services Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 269 of 1990 is hereby temporarily waived until December 31, 2021 for County employees who are willing to work on a per-hour, as-needed basis in the Emergency Services Department

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Hinkley and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ellis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 14

**TITLE: EXCEPTION TO RESOLUTION NO. 269-1990
PERSONNEL OFFICE**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 269 of 1990 prohibited County employees from holding more than one County position simultaneously except if such dual employment is specifically authorized by resolution of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Office is experiencing difficulties in recruiting Clerks to serve as exam monitors for exams scheduled on Saturdays; and

WHEREAS, from time to time employees in other County departments may be willing to work on a per-hour, as-needed basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 269 of 1990 is hereby temporarily waived until December 31, 2021 for County employees who are willing to work on a per-hour, as-needed basis in the Personnel Office.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Tuthill and unanimously adopted.

Chairman Molé waived Board Rule 10 to permit the introduction without objection of the following not-prefiled resolutions.

Mr. Pigford offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 15

**TITLE: 2020 BUDGET ADMENDMENT
RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL RURAL LHD COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT FUNDING
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, New York State Health is providing increased funding to support rural health departments providing population health focused interventions on the frontlines of COVID-19 emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Public Health will produce and distribute community messaging to educate the public about how to prevent illness and to avoid being exposed to this virus. Topics would include but not be limited to: handwashing, avoiding close contact with people who are sick, social distancing, wearing masks, care and cleaning of masks, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020 Budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

10-14012-42270603/4012021/906	Grants – Local Sources	\$1,785.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATION:

10-14012-54327000/4012021/906	General Grant Related Exp	\$1,785.00
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The resolution was seconded by Mr. Merrill and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Mr. Gladstone offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 16

TITLE: IN MEMORY OF MARTIN A. DONNELLY

WHEREAS, Martin A. Donnelly passed away on January 4, 2021 having served as

Town of Andes Supervisor from 1998 through 2015 and as Delaware County Republican Committee Chairman for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, he served the County and his community with distinction and will be remembered for his dedication and hard work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors extends its sympathy to the family of Martin A. Donnelly and recognizes with gratitude his contributions to this County, his Town and neighbors.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Eisel and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Eisel said he was very sad to hear of Mr. Donnelly's passing. The news brought a ripple effect of memories. They had spent a lot of time together when Mr. Donnelly was Republican Chair and they attended many events together. Mr. Donnelly always supported him and he always supported Mr. Donnelly.

Mr. Valente shared that the first time he entered this Board Room as Supervisor of the Town of Davenport, Mr. Donnelly came right up to him and congratulated him on being the new supervisor and then talked him through the way business flows through the room and offered his help, which he gave generously. Mr. Valente said he likes to think he carries that on because it made him feel comfortable and he tries to do the same with newly elected supervisors to this day just to say congratulations and offer support. Mr. Donnelly was a very nice man. He jokingly added that Mr. Donnelly also gave him a voter registration application to switch political parties from democratic to republican.

Mr. Marshfield said that he and Mr. Donnelly held high mutual respect for each other. Mr. Donnelly really loved the County, he loved his town, he loved his family and he loved his faith. He was a very religious person. Mr. Donnelly will be missed. He said he too was approached with a voter registration application.

Mr. Davis stated Mr. Donnelly did the same thing for him. Mr. Donnelly and Len Utter spoke with him and convinced him to run for Supervisor. He received a voter registration application from Mr. Donnelly, but he did fill it out!

Mr. Gladstone said that Mr. Donnelly was an individual who worked tirelessly for the Town of Andes and the County. The Town of Andes was able to get a lot of projects completed because of his insight of what was going on and what was needed for the community. It was a great honor to be mentored by Mr. Donnelly. Of course, they were on opposite sides of the track party wise, but they worked well together. He always respected Mr. Donnelly and certainly while they worked together. He appreciates the opportunity when Mrs. Donnelly's wife's health was starting to fail and Mr. Donnelly called him into the office and said he would like him to take over in his position. Mr. Gladstone said he was honored to be asked that by Mr. Donnelly. The Town and the County will greatly miss him. He was a great man. He added that Mr. Donnelly never offered a voter registration application to him.

Mr. Merrill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 17

TITLE: PAYMENT OF AUDIT

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$1,668,237.54 were hereby presented to the Finance Committee for approval for payment on December 23, 2020 prior to presentation to the Board of Supervisors;

THEREFORE, the County Treasurer was directed to pay said expenditures as listed below and this Board now approves of said payment as follows:

General Fund	\$799,084.36
OET	\$27,957.22
Public Safety Comm System	\$2,425.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$0.00
CAP MH	\$555,740.60
Highway Audits, as Follows:	
Weights & Measures	\$2,107.93
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$98,592.54
Road	\$74,960.58
Machinery	\$67,031.51
Capital Road & Bridge	\$36,998.13
Capital Solid Waste	\$0.00
CAP DPW Complex	\$3,339.67

WHEREAS, bills and claims submitted and duly audited by the Clerk of the Board's office in the amount of \$533,709.00 are hereby presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval of payment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer be directed to pay said expenditures as listed below:

General Fund	\$299,198.91
OET	\$0.00
Public Safety Comm System	\$0.00
Insurance Risk	\$0.00
CAP 97 Main	\$0.00
CAP MH	\$70,744.14

Highway Audits, as Follows:

Weights & Measures	\$0.00
Solid Waste/Landfill	\$27,217.32
Road	\$45,327.56
Machinery	\$35,795.03
Capital Road & Bridge	\$22,147.76
Capital Solid Waste	\$33,278.28
CAP DPW Complex	\$0.00

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart and adopted by the following vote: Ayes 4799, Noes 0, Absent 0.

Chairman Molé made the following committee appointments:

AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

4-year term ending December 31, 2024

Reappoint:

Larry Underwood

Adolf Schaefer

James Gray

Frank Bachler

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

4-year term ending December 31, 2024

Reappoint:

Supervisor Arthur Merrill

Dr. Sally George

Jayne Francisco

DELAWARE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

3-year term ending December 31, 2023

Reappoint:

James Thomson

Andrew Matviak

Florida Santana

DELAWARE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

3-year term ending December 31, 2023

Reappoint:

Mark Lee

Travis O'Dell

Dale Downin

James Thomas

HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

2-year term ending December 31, 2022

Reappoint:

Supervisor Wayne Marshfield

Supervisor Arthur Merrill

Supervisor Eugene Pigford

Supervisor Joseph Cetta

Dr. Rohan Jayasena, Medical Director

Dr. Riaz Lone, Medical Advisor

Terri Whitney, Director Office for the Aging

TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

1-year term ending December 31, 2021

Reappoint:

Joyce Barber

3-year term ending December 31, 2023

Appoint:

Supervisor Dennis Valente

YOUTH BUREAU BOARD

3-year term ending December 31, 2023

Reappoint:

Diane Oles

Ms. Molé announced the oversight committees will stay the same for 2021.

Mr. Ellis offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 18

TITLE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors convene in executive session to discuss personnel issues.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Taggart and unanimously adopted.

The meeting convened in regular session with all Supervisors present.

Upon a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.