

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020
2:00 PM**

The annual organizational meeting of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors was held in the Supervisor's Chamber, Government Center, 143 North Main Street, Warsaw, NY with all members present except Supervisor Roberts, T/Genesee Falls. Clerk to the Board, Cheryl Ketchum, called the 179th organizational meeting session of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors to order at 2:00 pm.

Clerk Ketchum invited Supervisor Davis, T/Covington and Supervisor Brunner, T/Java to escort the newly elected Supervisor from Eagle, Supervisor Elect, M. Roche and Supervisor Elect D. Granger from the Town of Gainesville to their seats.

Supervisor Elect LuAnne Roberts will be seated and sworn in during the January 14, 2020 regular monthly Board of Supervisors' meeting...

The Veteran leading the Pledge of Allegiance for this meeting is:

Ron Bell

Mr. Bell enlisted in the United States Army on May 9, 1967 and served until December 26, 1969. He continued serving his country by joining the National Guard in 1974. He retired in August of 2008.

For his valor and courageous service to his country, Mr. Bell was awarded the:

- Vietnam Combat Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Marksmen M-14
- National Defense Service Medal
- One (1) Overseas Bar

Mr. Bell's life began when he married Patsyann in 1974 and together, they have two children, Jim and Heather. Currently, they enjoy six grandchildren named Carley, Devin, Ethan, Austin, Sydney and Quintin.

Mr. Bell was a civilian technician for the Army Depot for thirty years and retired to spend time with his wife, children and grandchildren. He enjoys driving bus for Warsaw where he takes great pride in knowing all the children on his bus route.

Mr. Bell is very active in the veteran community and volunteers whenever he can. He recently assisted in delivering Christmas bags to veterans in the East Side Nursing Home, the Cloisters

and the Wyoming County Skilled Nursing Facility. He took time to say hello to each veteran and chat for a minute.

Mr. Bell cares deeply about his family, his country and his fellow veterans.

The pledge was said by all.

Clerk Ketchum presented Mr. Bell with the customary certificate of appreciation and an opportunity to address the Board. At which time, Mr. Bell simply asked the Board to lower his taxes!!

Clerk Ketchum welcomed Judge Mohun who administered the Oath of Office to the Board of Supervisors.

Clerk Ketchum then called for nominations for Temporary Chairman. Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw nominated Supervisor Brick, T/Perry. Seconded by Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade. As there were no other nominations Supervisor Kehl, T/Attica moved that the nominations be closed, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Becker, T/Sheldon. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: (1580); **Noes:** (0); **Absent:** (19) Genesee Falls **Abstain:** (0)

Supervisor Brick was declared Temporary Chairman.

Judge Mohun administered the Oath of Office to Temporary Chairman Brick.

Temporary Chairman Brick thanked his fellow Supervisors for the honor of presiding over today's proceedings as Temporary Chair. He then called for nominations for Chairman of the Board for the year 2020.

Supervisor Becker, T/Sheldon nominated Supervisor Davis, T/Covington; seconded by Supervisor Kehl, T/Attica.

Temporary Chairman Brick called for further nominations.

Supervisor Leuer, T/Middlebury nominated Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw. Not hearing a second the nomination was not recognized.

Supervisor May, T/Orangeville nominated Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade as Chairman of the Board; the nomination was seconded by Supervisor Leuer, T/Middlebury.

Temporary Chairman Brick again called for further nominations three (3) times.

Hearing none, Supervisor King, T/Pike moved that the nominations be closed; the motion was seconded by Supervisor Copeland, T/Wethersfield.

Temporary Chairman Brick, T/Perry instructed Supervisors to answer either Davis or Berwanger.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Davis: (164) Attica	Berwanger: (172) Arcade	Absent: (19) Genesee Falls
(140) Bennington	(51) Eagle	
(123) Castile	(93) Gainesville	
(53) Covington	(62) Middlebury	
(88) Java	(58) Orangeville	
(48) Pike	(187) Perry	
(102) Sheldon	<u>(38)</u> Wethersfield	
<u>(201)</u> Warsaw	661	
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Temporary Chairman Brick declared Supervisor Davis, T/Covington as Chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors for the year 2020 and personally thanked Supervisor Berwanger for his service to Wyoming County over the last 20 plus years.

Judge Mohun administered the Oath of Office to Chairman Davis.

Chairman Davis thanked the Board for his nomination and pledged to do his best.

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board for 2020.

Supervisor King, T/Pike nominated Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw; seconded by Supervisor Granger, T/Castile.

Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade nominated Supervisor Brick, T/Perry; seconded by Supervisor Leuer, T/Middlebury.

Hearing no further nominations Supervisor Grant, T/Bennington moved that the nominations be closed; the motion was seconded by Supervisor Ryan T/Warsaw.

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Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw was declared Vice-Chairwoman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors for the year 2020.

Judge Mohun administered the Oath of Office to Vice Chairwoman Ryan.

Chairman Davis invited Vice Chairwoman Ryan to the podium to offer a few comments.

Board of Supervisors Organizational Meeting
Vice-Chair Address (Jan. 2, 2020)

Thank you Supervisor King for your nomination; Supervisor Granger for your kind second to that nomination. And, to my husband, Pat, and my family for your constant support and patience. Thank you, Jean and Deanna for your assistance as well.

Chairman Davis, fellow Supervisors, please know how much I appreciate your continued support.

Thank you Supervisor Berwanger for your dedication and service as Chairman to Wyoming County Board of Supervisors the last two decades and going forward on the Board.

We have just begun a new transition for Wyoming County. 2020 looks to be filled with challenges as well as opportunities. Many changes are coming down from Albany that will affect us here as NYS deals with financial difficulties. Chairman Davis and I have great faith in our fellow supervisors as we rise to meet these challenges together. We believe that each and every one of us possesses our own unique attributes to collectively make us the strong force needed to best serve all our Wyoming County families, friends and neighbors.

Over the past weeks I have had many discussions with business, government, and community leaders. I would like to take this opportunity to assure each and every one of them that this Board of Supervisors is committed to work diligently for the best of Wyoming County, it is our HOME. As I look around this room, I see the strength, knowledge, experience and leadership to accomplish all that 2020 may bring. It may not always be apparent, but all 16 supervisors are constantly working for Wyoming County. In the past ten years I have seen firsthand, the sacrifices each one of them has made while making difficult decisions on behalf of Wyoming County. **Thank you, TOGETHER** we are up to the challenges ahead.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that we, supervisors, don't work alone, but **along-side** our dedicated employees and department leaders. They, too, have faced challenges over the years. They overcame those challenges through team effort as well.

I would like to give just one example; (if I tried to mention all we would be here a long time). That example regards our Building and Grounds Department, and Mike Adamzak, Jeff Ferris and Kristin Wiedeman. This particular challenge arose due to a position vacancy. Jeff, Mike, and Kristin proposed working as a team sharing responsibilities instead of filling that vacancy. To date it has proven to be a success story. They do and should take great pride in their achievements as they continue to save taxpayers' dollars.

Each one of our departments has their own story that can be told regarding consolidation and collaboration as they seek to cut costs while still providing the best services to our county. I would like to thank them for their past and continued effort, we can do nothing without them.

I am excited and look forward to working with all my fellow supervisors, Wyoming County department leaders and employees in 2020. Thank you and Happy New Year!

Chairman Davis called for nominations for Clerk to the Board for 2020. Supervisor Brick, T/Perry nominated Cheryl J. Ketchum. Seconded by Supervisor May, T/Orangeville. As there were no further nominations, Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Roche, T/Eagle. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: (1599); Noes: (0); Absent: (0) Abstain: (0).

Cheryl J. Ketchum was declared Clerk to the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors for the year 2020.

Judge Mohun administered the Oath of Office to Board Clerk, Cheryl Ketchum.

Chairman Davis invited newly elected County Court Judge Keith Kibler to come forward and take his Oath of office.

Judge Mohun administered the Oath of Office to Judge Kibler.

Judge Kibler offered a few words of appreciation upon being included.

Chairman Davis invited Judge Mohun to remain as there are two more oaths to be administered later in the agenda...

2020 Committees Announced ~

*2/3 Majority
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**RESOLUTION NO. 20-001
(January 2, 2020)**

By Mr. Kehl, Chairman of the Finance Committee:

RULES OF PROCEDURE ADOPTED

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors hereby adopts, as its temporary Rules of Procedure, the Rules of this Board as adopted June 9, 2009, as amended.

Carried: XXX Ayes: 1454 Noes: Absent: 17 (Genesee Falls) Abstain:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-002
(January 2, 2020)**

By Mr. Kehl, Chairman of the Finance Committee:

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS DESIGNATED

BE IT RESOLVED, That, pursuant to Section 214 (2) of the county law of this state, the Arcade Herald, Arcade, New York; Country Courier, Warsaw, New York; The Daily News, Batavia, New York; and the Perry Herald, Perry, New York are hereby designated for the publication of local laws and all other notices and matters required by law to be published, for which no other specific designation has heretofore been made.

Carried: XXX Ayes: 1580 Noes: Absent: 19 (Genesee Falls) Abstain:

REPUBLICAN DESIGNATION TO PUBLISH

We, the undersigned Republican members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wyoming, State of New York, do hereby designate as follows for the year 2020:

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Village of</u>
Election Notice	Daily News	Batavia, New York
Sheriff's Proclamation	Daily News	Batavia, New York
Local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published and for which NO OTHER specific designation has been made.	Daily News	Batavia, New York
Official Canvass	Country Courier	Warsaw, New York
Constitutional amendments and concurrent resolutions (including tax sales and redemptions).	Country Courier	Warsaw, New York

Signed this 2nd day of January 2020:

s/ <u>A.D. Berwanger</u>	s/ <u>Daniel Leuer</u>	s/ <u>Bryan Kehl</u>
s/ <u>Susan May</u>	s/ <u>Ellen Grant</u>	s/ <u>James Brick</u>
s/ <u>Keith Granger</u>	s/ <u>Sandra King</u>	s/ <u>Jerry Davis</u>

s/ Brian Becker s/ Luanne Roberts s/ Rebecca Ryan s/ John Copeland

DEMOCRATIC DESIGNATION TO PUBLISH

We, the undersigned Democratic members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wyoming, State of New York, do hereby designate as follows for the year 2020:

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Publication</u>	<u>Village of</u>
Election Notices	Perry Herald	Perry, New York
Sheriff's Proclamations	Perry Herald	Perry, New York
Local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published and for which NO OTHER specific designation has been made.	Perry Herald	Perry, New York
Official Canvass	Arcade Herald	Arcade, New York
Constitutional amendments and concurrent resolutions (including tax sales and redemptions).	Arcade Herald	Arcade, New York

Signed this 2nd day of January 2020:

s/ Michael Roche s/ David Granger s/ Angela Brunner

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**RESOLUTION NO. 20-003
(January 2, 2020)**

By Mr. Kehl, Chairman of the Finance Committee:

THREE (3) COPIES OF ANNUAL REPORTS REQUESTED

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Public Officials of this County present at least three (3) hard copies, in writing, and one (1) electronic copy of their annual report to the Clerk of this Board not later than March 31, 2020, said annual reports to contain a financial summary of the department; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any supervisor may request any official to present an oral report in addition to a written report.

Carried: XXX Ayes: 1580 Noes: Absent: 19 (Genesee Falls) Abstain:

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-004
(January 2, 2020)**

By Mrs. King, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee:

JAMES WUJCIK, ESQ. REAPPOINTED COUNTY ATTORNEY

BE IT RESOLVED, That *James Wujcik, Esq.*, 11 Exchange Street, Attica, NY 14011 be hereby reappointed County Attorney for the County of Wyoming for a term of two (2) years; effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Carried: XXX Ayes: 1580 Noes: Absent: 19 (Genesee Falls) Abstain:

Chairman Davis invited newly reappointed County Attorney Wujcik to come forward and take his Oath of office.

Judge Mohun administered the Oath of Office to County Attorney Wujcik. Mr. Wujcik was joined by his wife and children.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-005
(January 2, 2020)**

By Mr. Copeland, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee:

NORMAN EFFMAN REAPPOINTED PUBLIC DEFENDER

BE IT RESOLVED, That *Norman Effman*, 18 Linwood Avenue, Warsaw, NY 14569 be hereby reappointed Public Defender for the County of Wyoming for a term of two (2) years; effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

Carried: XXX Ayes: 1580 Noes: Absent: 19 (Genesee Falls) Abstain:

Chairman Davis invited newly reappointed County Public Defender Effman to come forward and take his Oath of office.

Judge Mohun administered the Oath of Office to County Public Defender Effman.

2020 Chairman's State of the County Address

January 02, 2020

Back in time to 12-31-1999 Y2K

- 8 new supervisors
- No previous Chair or Vice Chair
- Ann and Doug take the reins but different time as we had a County adms.
- A couple years later Administrator leaves and the Chairman assumed those duties
- Animal control building
- Records Retention
- Dss building
- Caplin building
- Thomson hall
- Storage building at the fire training center along with a training tower
- Ag center
- TASC
- Better pavement program
- Hospital, 30 million, 20 million grant
- NYSAC They now know where Wyoming County is located and we are involved in
Todd Gadd is President of NYS Highway Supt. As well as Jim Kersch is Past
President Real Property Director Supervisor Berwanger is Chair of the State Blue
Ribbon Task Force on Ag.

Thank Doug for his leadership and dedication to Wyoming County

This past year

- Grandview Terrace and Taco Bell opened
- Hotel broke ground and started construction (April or May opening)
- Solar Array at highway (energy smart community) \$150000 grant
- Todd Gadd received his Engineering Lic. In May so he will be able to help the Health dept. by reviewing and stamping septic systems prints which saves us from outsourcing.
- Highway has moved one and are in the process of moving another bigger one which will be used to store equipment that previously sat in the weather
- AIM
- Shared services the major item is the planned dialysis center in Mr. Morris with Livingston county. The Wyoming County water resource agency continues to expand their services.
- Don Eichenauer retires and Joe McTernan is hired to fill the CEO position, Don started as a consultant with the Bonadio Group of Rochester and a year later he took over as CEO. He oversaw a series of major renovations including a new lobby and emergency department with a cost of over 20 million dollars. Eventually we received a grant for 20 million which paid most of this debt. Recruiting specialist was a major challenge as we had retirements in surgery, OB/GYN, and orthopedics. Don came through with Dr. Mason in orthopedics who eventually moved his practice to WCCH. Several other specialist were hired so that today we have a modern health care system which meets the needs of Wyoming County residents. Upgrades have continued with the most recent a new orthopedic clinic which opened 3 months ago in the old emergency department. We have added two family practices, podiatry service, a hand surgeon as well as growing the volume of births and emergency department visits.

The new year 2020

- I wish I could say that the new year looks rosy but unfortunately I can not. We are facing some major financial challenges.
- Greenlight law
- Farm Labor law
- Bail Reform
- Census
- Congressional election for the 27th, if on primary day it would require two different election machines for each polling place.
- Another crisis that is looming in the not to distant future is the lack of Volunteer Fire and EMS personnel.
- We need to address the substance abuse and Mental health issues in the County.
- The State has a 6.1 billion hole in their budget and it's my understanding that 4 million is Medicaid so the hospital will see reimbursement cuts from the State as well as Federal cuts for the uninsured. The impact of these changes will cost the hospital several million, so there will be hard decisions to reduce cost and yet we must continue to invest in the future. We will continue with plans for further expansion of primary care and family medicines sites in Perry, Attica, and Warsaw by doing so it will provide us with a strong foundation for the future.
- Looking ahead to the State budget message I hear the Governor will be proposing single payer health care to make NY the first State to have this, also talking High speed rail from NY city to Albany and then Albany to Buffalo, no idea how it will be paid for but rest assured there will be more cuts of aid and unfunded mandates to the Counties.
- One thing I've learned in life is that I still have a lot to learn
- God bless Wyoming County and God bless the US of America

There being no further business to come before this Board, Senior Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade, adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM with a rap on his desk.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl J. Ketchum, ^{CMC}
Clerk to the Board

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