

**RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
(September 17, 2020)**

Thursday

10:00 AM

The regular session of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors was held at the Wyoming County Government Center in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers located at 143 North Main Street, Warsaw, New York; however closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020, members of the public were invited to observe the meeting via BOS YouTube Channel through the following link: <http://www.wyomingco.net/149/Board-of-Supervisors>.

At 10:04 AM Vice Chairwoman Ryan, T/Warsaw, called the meeting to order.

All members of the Board of Supervisors were present and participated in person except Supervisor Grant, T/Bennington, Supervisor Roche, T/Eagle, Supervisor Leuer, T/Middlebury, Supervisor May, T/Orangeville, all of whom were present via Zoom Conference Call. Also present were County Attorney Jim Wujcik, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, Cheryl Ketchum and Deputy Clerk to the Board, Lisa Perez.

Vice-Chairwoman Ryan welcomed everyone to a special Mid-Term Organizational Meeting of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors. Today's business is for the Board of Supervisors to elect a Chairman of the Board to fill the unexpired vacant term created when Supervisor Davis, from the T/Covington stepped down; effective at the close of business on Sept. 4th for personal reasons.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ~

- *Sheriff Rudolph led the pledge of allegiance, which was said by all.*

Vice-Chair Ryan also welcomed Wyoming County Court Judge, Michael Mohun, as he will be administering the oath of office to the newly elected Chairman.

Vice Chair Ryan then called for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to fill the unexpired vacant term, effective September 17, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Supervisor Davis, T/Covington nominated Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw; seconded by Supervisor King, T/Pike.

Supervisor Klein, T/Castile nominated Supervisor Brick, T/Perry; seconded by Supervisor May, T/Orangeville.

Three times Vice-Chair Ryan called for any further nominations...

Hearing no further nominations Supervisor Becker, T/Sheldon moved that the nominations be closed; the motion was seconded by Supervisor Jacoby, T/Wethersfield.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

| Ryan: | Brick: | Absent: | Abstain: |
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| (164) Attica | (172) Arcade | | |
| (140) Bennington | (123) Castile | | |
| (53) Covington | (51) Eagle | | |
| (88) Java | (93) Gainesville | | |
| (62) Middlebury | (19) Genesee Falls | | |
| (48) Pike | (58) Orangeville | | |
| (102) Sheldon | (187) Perry | | |
| (201) Warsaw | 703 | | |
| (38) Wethersfield | | | |
| 896 | | | |

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

- *Judge Mohun administered the Oath of Office to Chairwoman Ryan.*

Chairwoman Ryan offered the following comments...

Thank you Supervisor Davis for your kind nomination and Supervisor King for seconding that nomination, and fellow supervisors for the support you have given not just today, but over the past years.

I want to thank my husband, Pat, my family; my son Keith, daughter-in-law Ciara, grandson, Mitchell, grand-daughter Miranda, my daughter Kelsey, son-in-law Pete, grand-daughters Ruthie and Molly who are at “in-person” school today, and grandson, Ryan, you all have inspired and encouraged me through the good times and most importantly the not so good times. You are the light, the silver and the gold in my life, thank you.

Supervisor Davis, thank you for serving Wyoming County throughout the years; especially during the last very difficult, stressful 8 months. I am grateful to have participated in the all the discussions and meetings of the past months. Your leadership through that time helped to bring out the best in our department heads, as many transitioned to different roles to meet the new needs our county was faced with. Living through those months has made me even prouder of our county, our department heads, our county employees, and outstanding healthcare team. I am grateful every day that I live in Wyoming County.

In January no one would have guessed that 2020 would go down in the history books as the year of the pandemic COVID-19. No one could have imagined that our way of life would change so dramatically. That our healthcare system would be stretched to the limit trying to cope with an unknown virus, search for new PPE and equipment sources while literally shutting down all normal operations. Schools would be closed, parents and grandparents would have to become teachers. We wouldn't be able to grieve together when we lost loved ones, or celebrate weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, Easter, or the Fourth of July. Social distancing would be the new most repeated phrase.

I believe this has made us stronger and able to face the challenges that lie ahead and there are many. We have to remember that we are all in this together, and that, after all, Wyoming County has been chosen as the most **resilient**.

Supervisors, we have been elected by the people of our respective towns to work together to find solutions to provide the very best quality of life as economically as possible for Wyoming County residents. We need to pull together as we are asking our department heads and employees to do; respecting and utilizing the individual qualities each and every one of us brings to the table.

I look forward to working with you through the remainder of 2020 as Wyoming County **reopens** and **rebounds** better than ever before.

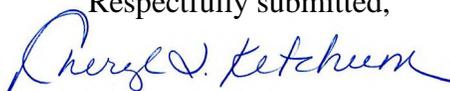
Thank you!

Chairwoman Ryan stated that a review of the current committee schedule will be done later but does not foresee many changes at this point.

Supervisor King, T/Pike questioned when the vote for Vice-Chair for the Board will be. Chairwoman Ryan indicated that this too will be done at a later date.

There being no further business to come before this Board, Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade, adjourned the meeting a 10:16 AM with a rap on his desk.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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