

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018
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. Clerk to the Board, Cheryl Ketchum, called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

Clerk Ketchum invited Supervisors Tallman, T/Gainesville and Leuer, T/Middlebury to escort newly elected Town of Java Supervisor, Angela Brunner to her seat.

The Veteran leading the Pledge of Allegiance for the January 3, 2018 Organizational Board Meeting is:

Ronald H. Ashworth

Mr. Ashworth served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He answered the call to serve his country when he joined the United States Army in June of 1965 and completed Basic and Advance Individual Training at Fort Dix, N.J. He became qualified as an 11B Infantryman.

Mr. Ashworth completed "Jump School" at Ft. Benning, Georgia and was assigned duties with the 101st Airborne at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. There he completed "*Search and Destroy*" training before being assigned duties overseas. Mr. Ashworth spent the next year in Vietnam, still with the 101st Airborne and assigned to the 1st of the 12th under the "*Big Red One*," the 1st Cavalry Division. He spent the year working in the Province of Ankey in Vietnam completing "*Search and Destroy*" missions. Mr. Ashworth's unit became the famous "*Anderson Platoon*" which became a documentary and training film. This documentary was used as the basis for the movie "*Platoon*" which won an Academy Award in 1967.

Mr. Ashworth returned to the United States in the spring of 1967 and was honorably discharged in Oakland, California on April 18th. For his valor and courageous service to his country, Mr. Ashworth was awarded the:

- **National Defense Service Medal;**
- **Air Medal;**
- **Parachutist Badge;**
- **Vietnam Service Medal; and the**
- **Vietnam Campaign Medal**

Mr. Ashworth returned to the area and operated the Gulf Station in Arcade for two years. He then worked at the Borden Milk Plant in maintenance and steam heating until its closing and then as a machinist and lathe operator at Aronson's. He spent the next eight years working for Monroe Games as a warehouse supervisor before making a change in vocation to become a truck driver. He spent ten-years driving for R. Conley Trucking in Elma, thirteen- years driving for Pioneer

Transport and two-years with Nathan's Delivery in Springville before retiring from the Teamsters Union Truck Drivers Local 375 with twenty-five years of experience.

Mr. Ashworth's service to his community includes being the Town Supervisor for the Town of Freedom, a member of VFW Post 374 in Arcade for 50 years, which included being its commander for many years. He's been a member of the Eagle Memorial Post in Bliss and a longtime member of the Arcade Overseas Veterans Club where he serves on its Board of Directors.

Mr. Ashworth has been married to his wife Sandy for over **50** years and they live in Sandusky.

The pledge was said by all.

Clerk Ketchum thanked Mr. Ashworth for his service and presented the customary Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Ashworth and offered him an opportunity to address the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Ashworth provided a very gracious thank you to the Board for the invitation to lead in the pledge.

Father Joe Gullo of St. Mary's Church in East Arcade provided the invocation.

Judge M. Griffith administered the oath of office to the 2018 Board of Supervisors.

Clerk Ketchum then called for nominations for Temporary Chairman over today's proceedings. Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw nominated Supervisor Brick, T/Perry. Seconded by Supervisor May, T/Orangeville. As there were no other nominations Supervisor Hastings, T/Eagle moved that the nominations be closed, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Granger, T/Castile. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

Supervisor Brick was declared Temporary Chairman over today's proceedings.

Judge M. Griffith 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 2018. Supervisor Hastings, T/Eagle nominated Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade; seconded by Supervisor May, T/Orangeville. As there were no further nominations Supervisor Davis, T/Covington moved that the nominations be closed; the motion was seconded by Supervisor Tallman, T/Gainesville. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

Temporary Chairman Brick declared Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade as Chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors for the year 2018.

Judge M. Griffith administered the oath of Office to Chairman Berwanger.

Chairman Berwanger thanked Mr. Ashworth for his friendship and support over the years. Before moving on Chairman Berwanger called for a moment of silence in memory of Gary Van Slyke, a man he's known for 20 years and a longtime Dairy Farmer from Pike and friend of agriculture in Wyoming County who passed away suddenly last week. He described Mr. Van Slyke as the fabric of our existence we like to be cut from.

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Supervisor Grant, T/Bennington nominated Supervisor Leuer, T/Middlebury. As there were no further nominations Supervisor Davis, T/Covington 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: (1599); Noes: (0); Absent: (0) Abstain: (0);

Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw was declared Vice-Chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors for the year 2018.

Judge M. Griffith administered the oath of Office to Vice Chairman Ryan.

Chairman Berwanger called for nominations for Clerk to the Board for 2018. Supervisor May, T/Orangeville nominated Cheryl J. Ketchum. Seconded by Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw. As there were no further nominations, Supervisor Hastings, T/Eagle moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Leuer, T/Middlebury. 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 2018.

Judge M. Griffith administered the oath of Office to Board Clerk, Cheryl Ketchum.

Chairman Berwanger invited re-elected County Sheriff, Greg Rudolph to come forward and take his oath of office.

Judge M. Griffith administered the oath of Office to Sheriff, Greg Rudolph.

Chairman Berwanger invited re-elected County Treasurer, Cheryl Mayer to come forward and take her oath of office.

Judge M. Griffith administered the oath of Office to County Treasurer, Cheryl Mayer.

Chairman Berwanger invited re-elected County Clerk, Rhonda Pierce to come forward and take her oath of office.

Judge M. Griffith administered the oath of Office to County Clerk, Rhonda Pierce.

Chairman Berwanger invited re-elected County Coroner, Michael Smith to come forward and take his oath of office.

Judge M. Griffith administered the oath of Office to County Coroner, Michael Smith.

Chairman Berwanger invited re-appointed County Attorney, James Wujcik to come forward and take his oath of office.

Judge M. Griffith administered the oath of Office to County Attorney, James Wujcik.

Chairman Berwanger invited re-appointed County Public Defender, Norman Effman to come forward and take his oath of office.

Judge M. Griffith administered the oath of Office to County Public Defender, Norman Effman.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS ~

- Mark Rieman, representing New York State Senator, Patrick Gallivan's office.

2018 COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED ~

*2/3 Majority
#1*

RESOLUTION NO. 18-001 (January 2, 2018)

By the 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 May 11, 1999, as amended.

Carried: XXX Ayes: 1471 Noes: Absent: Abstain:

*Simple Majority
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RESOLUTION NO. 18-002

(January 2, 2018)

By the 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: 1599 Noes: Absent: 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 2018:

<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 3rd day of January 2018:

s/ A.D. Berwanger
s/ Bryan Kehl
s/ Ellen Grant
s/ Keith Granger
s/ Jerry Davis
s/ Brett Hastings
s/ David Tallman

s/ Daniel Leuer
s/ Susan May
s/ James Brick
s/ Sandra King
s/ Brian Becker
s/ Rebecca Ryan
s/ John Copeland

s/ Michael Vasile

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 2018:

<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 3rd day of January 2018:

s/ Angela Brunner

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**RESOLUTION NO. 18-003
(January 2, 2018)**

By the Chairman of the Finance Committee:

3 COPIES OF ANNUAL REPORTS REQUESTED

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Public Officials of this County present at least three (3) copies of their annual report, in writing, to the Clerk of this Board not later than March 31, 2018, 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: 1599 Noes: Absent: Abstain:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 18-004
(January 2, 2018)**

By the Chairman of the Finance Committee:

HIPAA OFFICERS REAPPOINTED

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following persons are hereby appointed/reappointed to the following HIPAA Officer Positions, for a term of one (1) year; effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Corporate Compliance Officer

- **David Tallman**, (T/Gainesville), 16 Beardsley Avenue, P.O. Box 177, Silver Springs, NY 14550

Privacy Officer

- **Joan Kibler** (Probation Director), 143 North Main Street, Warsaw, NY 14569

IT Security Officer

- **Todd MacConnell** (Information Technology Director), 66 Mount View Avenue, Warsaw, NY 14569

Carried: XXX Ayes: 1599 Noes: Absent: Abstain:

Judge Griffith confirmed the validity of the oaths of office for the County Attorney and the Public Defender in light of the fact that the oaths were given prior to the approval of the following resolutions.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 18-005
(January 2, 2018)**

By the Chairman of the Human Resource Committee:

JAMES WUJCIK REAPPOINTED COUNTY ATTORNEY

BE IT RESOLVED, That James Wujcik, 11 Exchange St., Attica, NY 14011 be hereby reappointed County Attorney for the County of Wyoming for a term of two (2) years; effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

Carried: XXX Ayes: 1599 Noes: Absent: Abstain:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 18-006
(January 2, 2018)**

By the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee:

NORMAN EFFMAN REAPPOINTED PUBLIC DEFENDER

BE IT RESOLVED, That Norman Effman, 18 Linwood Ave., Warsaw, NY 14569 be hereby reappointed Public Defender for the County of Wyoming for a term of two (2) years; effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

Carried: XXX Ayes: 1599 Noes: Absent: Abstain:

*2018 Chairman's
State of the County Address
January 02, 2018*

Fellow Supervisors, Judge Griffith, Judge Mohun, District Attorney O'Geen, Sheriff Rudolph, Treasurer Mayer, County Clerk Pierce, Father Joe Gullo, Department Heads, family and friends who are joining us today for the annual organizational meeting of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors, welcome!!

Congratulations to the Supervisors who have been re-elected and to the newly elected Supervisor from the Town of Java, Angela Brunner. Welcome back Angela!!

The state of the county address, today, will focus on the good things that have occurred in Wyoming County Government in 2017 and what we are looking forward to in 2018.

First, after much discussion, questioning and hope, the \$20 million dollar grant, which was to be used to defease the debt incurred by the construction and renovations at the Wyoming County Community Health System complex finally arrived!! What a sweet day for Wyoming County! I want to thank WCCH CEO Don Eichenauer, WCCH CFO, Jack Ormond and County Treasurer Mayer. These three (3) individuals worked diligently to make sure the funding arrived. I want to also thank Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul and New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan for their help and assistance on making this grant opportunity a reality.

Next, Wyoming County finally was able to develop a budget which was under the State imposed Tax Cap. Many thanks to Budget Officer, Janis Cook, and her staff for their tireless efforts in monitoring and preparing the county budget all through the year. This year, of course, negotiations were settled with three (3) of the four (4) unions who comprise the county workforce. Agreements were reached and fair settlements were attained. CSEA, the largest membership in County Government, the Sheriff's Employees Association, which encompasses the County Jail Correction Officers, Dispatchers and Control Room Operators and the Deputy Sheriff's Association representing the Deputy Sheriff's assigned to road patrol. The 4th bargaining unit, a small group of Hospital Supervisory staff is scheduled to begin negotiations early this year.

I want to thank Dixie Perkins for her assistance and knowledge in negotiating these contracts. Her help is invaluable. I would also like to thank the employees who negotiated these contracts in good faith. It was a pleasure to work with all of you!

In the Sheriff's Office, the new control system has been installed in the county jail. The old system which was 25 years old has outlasted its time! The new system will allow for greater safety for Corrections Officers as well as inmates. Also in 2018, new kitchen equipment will be installed in the jail. The equipment is used to prepare meals for the 60-70 inmates and approximately 300 home delivered meals for our county senior citizens. This program is administered by the Wyoming County Office for the Aging. The kitchen equipment, as well as, the control room equipment have served this county well but have finally aged out. The kitchen equipment procurement was made possible through a grant sponsored by New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan.

To be included in the category of new equipment, the Wyoming County Buildings & Grounds department, working with the Budget Office and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors has entered into an energy performance contract with JW Danforth to upgrade "*everything that turns a meter,*" which includes cooling towers, boilers, electrical and lighting, in the Government Center, Courthouse, Public Safety Building and Public Health. These upgrades are expected to pay for themselves over a number of years based on greater efficiencies.

Another project being introduced at the hospital outlines lighting upgrades which were not included in the original renovations and reconstruction project and new MRI equipment complete with a new building is planned to be operational by April 1st.

Also in 2017, the Wyoming County Highway Superintendent worked diligently on rebuilding two (2) more county roads, Telegraph Road in the Towns of Eagle and Pike and Bixby Hill Road which is new from Route 39 to the Cattaraugus County line in the Town of Arcade. These two (2) projects were funded through the \$12 million local bond last year which included Perry Road located in the Towns of Java and Sheldon and Exchange Street located in the Towns of Orangeville and Attica and Simmons Road in the Town of Perry in 2018. County Highway also had to attend to a major reconstruction project on French Road in the Town of Bennington where a large culvert washed out in an early summer rain event, along with the reconstruction of the bridge on Royce Road.

2017 marked the resignation of 10 year Commissioner of Social Services Department, David Rumsey who decided to take the Commissioner position in his home county of Genesee, 5 minutes from home as opposed to 30 minutes from home to Warsaw. We certainly wish him great success in his new position and thank him for an excellent find from Wyoming County, his successor, Kim Barber, a 30 year employee with the department in getting up to speed in her new responsibilities and wish her every bit of success, as well.

2017 also saw economic development success in Wyoming County with the Wyoming County Arts Initiative beginning to show signs of life. Originally targeted for the Village of Warsaw, the Arts initiative with the assistance from the Wyoming County Arts Council, Wyoming County Industrial Development Agency and the Wyoming County Chamber of

Commerce and Tourism Agency has flourished in Perry coinciding with the art initiative and the opening of the Silver Lake Brewing Project, the East Hill Creamery and the renovation of the long vacant block of buildings which is being repurposed by Developer, Greg O'Connell.

In Warsaw the construction of the Grand View apartment complex is one of the largest private developments in Wyoming County.

Moving on to 2018, let us start with the hospital. In 2017, Wyoming County signed an affiliation agreement with Erie County Medical Center, "ECMC." This agreement provided our rural hospital with big city services beginning with emergency room doctors from UBMD, cardiac specialists, ear, nose and throat specialists, a new Medical Director, Dr. Mandip Panasar, who is also planning on opening a nephrology "kidney" clinic. We are also in the process of recruiting a neurologist and a surgeon to join Doctor Weisenberg. The Buffalo Bone and Joint Surgery, LLP practice led by Doctors Paul Mason and his associate Jim O'May who have begun full time hours at Wyoming County Community Hospital. Joining them is Wyoming County native, Dr. Lindsey Clark from Bennington, who also provides orthopedic services at the hospital! Under contract from ECMC is Chief Finance Officer, Jack Ormond, and soon to be hired a Human Resource Director from ECMC. The Human Resource Director will be contracted to provide Human Resource services to the hospital as well as the other departments in the County! CEO Don Eichenauer, Board of Managers President Rich Kosmerl and myself have spent a great deal of time working out the details of this affiliation!

As I mentioned before a new MRI department is scheduled to open April 1st. The Board of Supervisors has approved borrowing in the amount of \$3.5 million for equipment upgrades which have been put on hold for the past 5 years due to the poor financial condition of the hospital. Certainly the \$20 million grant helped with improving the bottom line.

Again, looking ahead, agriculture leads the economy in our county, our farmers continue to lead the state in agriculture productivity. We have residents who are fulfilling leadership positions in several agencies which promote agriculture in our state. As a former Commissioner of Ag. & Markets shared with me, Wyoming County is cutting edge agriculture. Cornell Cooperative Extension welcomed a new Executive Director last year, Laura Fuller. We must recognize the success of the greatest youth program in the nation, 4-H. We continue to be impressed with the commitment and abilities of our youth as they work on their projects throughout the year and let's not forget to recognize the staff at Extension for doing such a great job with our youth.

Economic Development, the Industrial Development Agency has been planning and working with the with the Marquart family for close to three (3) years on the Wyoming County Rail Initiative to construct a transloading facility in Gainesville after negotiating with the railroad and state agency. Construction is set to begin this spring.

There is speculation that two (2) separate developers are going to build hotels in Warsaw and Arcade. I know that Jim Pierce and Bill Daly are working tirelessly on those projects.

As a county it is important that we continue to support all businesses, large and small, for they make up a major section of employment in Wyoming County. We are fortunate to have a great team located in the Wyoming County Ag & Business Center for one stop to provide assistance from the Industrial Development Agency, Planning, Fire and Building Code Enforcement, Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Business Education Council and the Agriculture Department of the USDA, Cornell's Quality Milk, Wyoming County Soil and Water and of course, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wyoming County itself!

The Ag Center has worked out as this Board of Supervisors had envisioned. Also retiring late in 2017 is Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District's District Manager, Greg McKurth, after 30 years of service. Greg has always been very helpful to the farmers and land owners alike. We wish him well in retirement and wish his successor, Alan Fagan, great success, as well!!

In 2017, at the direction of Governor Cuomo Wyoming County began a discussion with all of the Towns and Villages in the County over shared municipal services. After several meetings what we learned was that we already share several services throughout the county and we work very well together. Two (2) new initiatives that began in the county, starting in 2016, were Countywide Assessing and Countywide Zoning. Moving into 2018 we hope to plan another round of shared services meetings with our colleagues to explore additional opportunities to provide more shared services.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize a couple of one man departments, James Marley, Director of Weights and Measures and Justa Goodell, our Animal Control Officer who do a terrific job and provide specialized services that are often times unnoticed but are crucial to the success of county government.

The Board of Supervisors' Planning Committee has scheduled a planning session scheduled early in 2018 to explore the potential for a countywide electronics pickup day for early this spring. The objective is to provide county residents with a free opportunity to dispose of their tired electronic devices. Watch the local papers for more details...

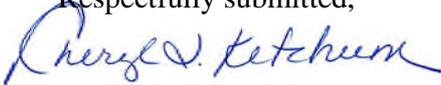
The Board of Supervisors has appointed a new Veteran Services Director. Her name is Lisa Siemer-Harvey. She has been charged with providing whatever assistance our veterans in and around Wyoming County need. We wish Lisa well as she embarks upon her new responsibilities. Also many thanks to former Director Rick Perez for his help in the transition for Ms. Harvey from Assistant Director to Director!

In closing, working together this Board has accomplished much in 2017 and more to be done in 2018. Over the past 25 years, the Board of Supervisors have been responsible for renovating or building new 23 county buildings, reconstructing 250 lane miles of county highway. Maintained and operated, one of the last county owned hospitals in New York State. Many of the borrowings were not popular but the Board showed courage and moved forward and today we have something to show for it. This Board is fortunate to have very hard working and competent department heads who operate their respective departments very efficiently giving the

taxpayers their money's worth. I want to thank the board for electing me Chairman. I am humbled by your support. Thank you all for joining us today and God bless Wyoming County!

There being no further business to come before this Board, Senior Supervisor Davis, T/Covington, adjourned the meeting at 2:51 PM with a rap on his desk.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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J. Wujcik, Res. #18-0057

HIPAA

D. Tallman, J. Kibler, T. MacConnell, Res. #18-0047

Public Defender

N. Effman, Res. #18-0067

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