

Board Meeting Transcript 1/5/2022

SPEAKERS

Ed Kinowski, Mo Wright, Mike Smith, Matt Veitch, Therese Connolly, Bridget Rider, Jean Raymond, Scott Ostrander, Tara Gaston, Eric Butler, Phil Barrett, Diana Edwards, Jonathan Schopf, Kevin Veitch, Kevin Tollisen, Eric Connolly, Theodore Kusnierz, Tom Wood, John Lant, Sandra Winney, Joe Grasso, Several Supervisors, Tom Richardson, Mark Hammond, Jack Lawler

Therese Connolly

Good afternoon and welcome to the 2022 organizational meeting of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. Bridget please call the roll.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Here.

Bridget Rider

Butler.

Eric Butler

Here.

Bridget Rider

Connolly.

Eric Connolly

Here.

Bridget Rider

Edwards.

Diana Edwards

Here.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Here.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Here.

Bridget Rider

Hammond.

Mark Hammond

Here.

Bridget Rider

Kinowski.

Ed Kinowski

Here.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Here.

Bridget Rider

Lant.

John Lant

Here.

Bridget Rider

Lawler.

Jack Lawler

Here.

Bridget Rider

Ostrander.

Scott Ostrander

Here.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Peck is excused. Raymond.

Jean Raymond

Here.

Bridget Rider

Richardson.

Tom Richardson

Here.

Bridget Rider

Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf

Here.

Bridget Rider

Smith.

Mike Smith

Here.

Bridget Rider

Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen

Here.

Bridget Rider

Kevin Veitch.

Kevin Veitch

Here.

Bridget Rider

Matthew Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Here.

Bridget Rider

Winney.

Sandra Winney

Here.

Bridget Rider

Wood.

Tom Wood

Here.

Bridget Rider

Wright.

Mo Wright

Here.

Bridget Rider

Quorum is present.

Several Supervisors

Thank you. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for the Chaplain.

Several Supervisors

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Tom Wood

Let us pray, Our heavenly father today we write the first page of the first chapter in the 2022 proceedings book. As we begin the new year let us resolve to be better people, to work harder, to always try to help others who are in need, and to always do the right thing. Let us always recognize how fortunate we are to be supervisors in the best county in New York State with dedicated, hardworking employees and how generous you have been in providing us the bountiful life that we enjoy. Over the course of the coming year we know we will have to deal with many difficult and challenging issues. Let us act with caution and thoughtfulness knowing that we are prepared to deal with any and all issues that will come before us. Grant us all humility and give us the skills needed so that we can all work together in a spirit of cooperation. May we always be understanding of each other and act with dignity in a courteous and supportive manner. Today we extend a warm welcome to our new supervisors and look forward to working together. Let us believe in a better 2022. May we always have hope and see the beauty around us, enjoy the little things, take nothing for granted, and enjoy the journey of life. And let us remember we still live in America, the greatest country in the world the land of opportunity where everything is possible. With hard work and God's help we will make our destination and achieve our goals. We ask this in your name, Amen.

Therese Connolly

Thank you Supervisor Wood. Now I'll entertain a motion for the naming of a temporary Chair.

Theodore Kusnierz

In view of the fact that today is Supervisor Tollisen's birthday. It is my distinct honor to nominate him as temporary chair.

Therese Connolly

Do we have a second?

Joe Grasso

I'll second that.

Eric Connolly

Second.

Therese Connolly

We have a motion and a second for the naming of Supervisor Tollisen as temporary Chair. Supervisor Tollisen, do you accept this nomination?

Kevin Tollisen

Because it's my birthday, yes.

Therese Connolly

Are there any other nominations? Can you call the roll Bridget?

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Butler.

Eric Butler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Connolly.

Eric Connolly

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Edwards.

Diana Edwards

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Hammond.

Mark Hammond

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kinowski.

Ed Kinowski

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lant.

John Lant

Yes and happy birthday.

Bridget Rider

Lawler.

Jack Lawler

Yes. But only because it's his birthday.

Bridget Rider
Ostrander.

Scott Ostrander
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Raymond.

Jean Raymond
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Richardson.

Tom Richardson
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Smith.

Mike Smith
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Kevin Veitch.

Kevin Veitch
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Matthew Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Winney.

Sandra Winney

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wood.

Tom Wood

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wright.

Mo Wright

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Motion passes.

Therese Connolly

If I could just remind Supervisors, for the benefit of those on the phone, if you can use your microphone when you speak, otherwise they can't hear you on the phone. Thank you.

Kevin Tollisen

All right. Good afternoon. Welcome to this organizational meeting. And my sole role is for nomination of Chairman. But I'll first welcome the Supervisors who are returning with us and welcome to the new Supervisors. We all look forward to working together. To our county staff who are here, our county team, thank you for the great work that you do. And we look forward to another great year for 2022 for Saratoga County. At this point, I'll ask for nominations from the floor for Chairman of the Board for 2022.

Jonathan Schopf

Mr. Chairman, I would be my distinct honor to nominate Todd Kusnierz from the Town of Moreau as Chairman for 2022.

Kevin Tollisen

Supervisor Schopf we will note your nomination for Supervisor Kusnierz as Chairman of the Board. Is there a second?

John Lant

Chairman I'd like to second that.

Kevin Tollisen

Supervisor Lant.

Joe Grasso

And I'd also like to second that.

Kevin Tollisen

Supervisor Grasso another second. Are there any other nominations? Last call for nominations. Any other nominations? All right, hearing none, I'll close the nomination of Chairman and I'll need a roll call vote.

Therese Connolly

You should ask the Chairman if he would like to accept the nomination.

Kevin Tollisen

Mr. Kusnierz, Supervisor Kusnierz?

Theodore Kusnierz

I accept the nomination.

Kevin Tollisen

Thank you, sir. Roll call vote please.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Butler.

Eric Butler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Connolly.

Eric Connolly

Yes.

Bridget Rider
Edwards.

Diana Edwards
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Gaston.

Tara Gaston
No.

Bridget Rider
Grasso.

Joe Grasso
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Hammond.

Mark Hammond
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Kinowski.

Ed Kinowski
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Lant.

John Lant
Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lawler.

Jack Lawler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Ostrander.

Scott Ostrander

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Raymond.

Jean Raymond

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Richardson.

Tom Richardson

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Smith.

Mike Smith

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kevin Veitch.

Kevin Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Matthew Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Winney.

Sandra Winney

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wood.

Tom Wood

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wright.

Mo Wright

Yes.

Bridget Rider

motion passes.

Kevin Tollisen

Congratulations, Supervisor Kusnierz. Our Chairman again. Mr. Chairman come on forward. Let's give a round of applause to our Chairman.

Several Supervisors

Applause.

Kevin Tollisen

I'll ask the County Clerk to come forward to administer the oath please.

Theodore Kusnierz

I, Theodore Kusnierz Jr. do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in and for Saratoga County to the best of my abilities so help me God.

Theodore Kusnierz

Well, first of all good afternoon and Happy New Year to everyone. I'd like to welcome our returning Supervisors back to the Board of Supervisors and looking forward to working with each and every one of you. I'd also like to welcome our newly elected Supervisors and congratulate each of you on your victories. We have Supervisor Eric Butler from the Town of Corinth. Would you like to stand so everybody knows who you are in the audience? We have a Supervisor Diana Edwards from the Town of Day. We have Supervisor Mark Hammond who's on the phone from the Town of Wilton I'm sorry, Milton, No, Malta. All these M's.

Mark Hammond

Thank you Mr. Chair.

Theodore Kusnierz

You're welcome. We have Scott Ostrander from Town of Milton. And finally, but not least, we have Kevin Veitch from the Town of Greenfield.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much, and we look forward to collaborating with you as we work to meet the needs of our county residents. I first off want to start by thanking our Clerk of the board, Therese Connolly for opening the meeting and Supervisor Tollisen for accepting the role of temporary Chairman. And also I'd like to thank Supervisor Wood for offering the prayer at the beginning of the organizational meeting. I'd also like to especially thank Supervisor Schopf and Lant for their nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Thank you to my colleagues for the opportunity to continue to serve as your Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. It's a distinct honor and pleasure and a responsibility that I do not take lightly. I also want to thank the residents of the Town of Moreau who re-elected me to the Town Board for the seventh time, third time as Supervisor. And most importantly, I would like to thank my family, I have my mom, Ann in the back of the room, I have my wife, Mary Ellen, and our daughter, Jacqueline, and our son Ted, unfortunately could not be with us today. And I also have two sisters. I have my sister Adele Kurtz, and my sister Rachel Zimmerman, who is here with her son, my nephew, Will Zimmerman who is also my campaign chair. So all my victories are credit to Will. At this time, I'd also like to recognize our County elected officials that are with us. We have our County Sheriff Michael Zurlo. We have our District Attorney Karen Heggen. And we have our County Clerk Craig Hayner. And County Treasurer, Drew Jarosh. So thank you for being with us this afternoon. Last year at this time, I stood before you and committed to ensuring that we would hone our focus on the COVID 19 pandemic crisis and put forth an action plan that would mobilize all aspects of county government. Not only did we do that, our employees rose to the occasion, and they have done an incredible job under the leadership of our County Administrator Steve Bulger. So thank you for that, Steve. We also affirm to Commissioner, Dr. Dan Kuhles, I believe he's on the line as we speak, that he would receive whatever manpower, financial assistance, or tools he would need to best protect the residents and meet whatever new public health challenges may arise in 2021. True to form, Saratoga County became a leader in the public health arena in New York State. With Dr. Kuhles knowledge, his skills and tireless efforts as a trained epidemiologist, over the past year, Saratoga County has held 262 vaccine clinics across the county, and we have provided over 40,000 vaccines to our county residents. And that doesn't take into account our public private partnerships that we have throughout the county. As a

result, we are now one of the top three counties in New York State for the highest percentage of individuals that are fully vaccinated and have received the booster vaccine. So I think they all deserve a round of applause for that.

Several Supervisors

Applause.

Theodore Kusnierz

We also partnered with the Syracuse based Quadrant Biosciences to open the large scale COVID testing site for symptomatic individuals that is centrally located in the county off of Exit 12 of the Northway in the Town of Malta. And our Public Health Department led the State in other initiatives to slow the transmission of COVID-19. We were the first county to vaccinate 90% of our teachers. Were the first county to provide in-home vaccinations to homebound individuals throughout Saratoga County. We were also the first county to create a high risk sports protocol so our students would get back to playing sports. And we're also the first county to offer a science based option to reduce the length of quarantine by partnering with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to offer a test to stay program for K through 12, to keep healthy children in our schools learning. All these initiatives are those which became templates across New York State, and I'd like to thank Dr. Kuhles for his hand in that. He's a leader in public health in our State and we're fortunate to have him on our staff. So a round of applause for Dr. Kuhles.

Several Supervisors

Applause.

Theodore Kusnierz

With the release of the 2020 census figures the numbers confirmed what we already know here in this room, Saratoga County is a great place to live and raise a family. We're the fastest growing County in upstate New York. Since 1980 our population has increased by 53%. As a matter of fact, in the last Newsday rankings, Saratoga County is rated number one for social and economic indicators out of every county in New York State. And these include factors such as education, employment, income, family and social support, and community safety. And with that, I have to give a shout out to our Sheriff Michael Zurlo. We are one of the safest counties in New York State. And just as an aside, we talk about all of our departments that are playing a role in ensuring that our residents are protected especially with COVID-19. The Sheriff's Department, County Administrator Steve Bulger, and Carl Zeilman's Office, Office of Emergency Services. When we received our individual screening tests yesterday at noon, within an hour they were being distributed to all the Towns in the county. They got it done by three o'clock. So our hats are off to you and like to applaud the Sheriff and everything for that.

Several Supervisors

Applause.

Theodore Kusnierz

We also have the lowest property tax rate of any other county in New York State and the lowest county sales tax rate. What this translates to is that the work of this legislative body is critically important to

ensuring that Saratoga County's business friendly climate that creates jobs continues and that our county remains a great place to live and raise our families. However, this phenomenal success comes with greater needs. In working with my colleagues, the County adopted a \$381 million budget this fall for 2022 that not only meets the needs of our residents, but also plans for the future here in Saratoga County. Some of the highlights of that budget include a slight decrease in the property tax rate, we did not exceed the State's property tax cap. The budget includes nearly \$5 million dollars in community support grants, of which \$2 million is earmarked for nonprofit grant program. We will be making \$4 million in new investments in the Sheriff's office and the District Attorney's office for body cameras to meet the requirements of the judicial discovery laws that include funding for officer training and mandated jail programs. And we have earmarked \$3 million to support key health and human services initiatives to assist the County's Public Health Departments transition to a full service Department of Health office. And that is another State mandate that we don't receive funding for, but they expect us to get it done. And it's going to be an arduous task, it's gonna take several millions of dollars to get it done. They want us to do it in a year, we're gonna try and do it maybe a couple years, two or three years. In addition, the budget includes a Capital Facilities Bond, with approximately \$11.4 million in proposed capital investments to spread the county's cost of long term capital projects over a 10 year span. We've also made allocations for infrastructure investments, including needed upgrades to Saratoga County's first responders' communication network, residential broadband expansion, and other facilities improvements. Also included in the budget, we made investments in open space preservation and conservation, including increased outlays for open space preservation and trail and forestland maintenance, as well as the next extension of the Zim Smith Trail. And finally, the 2022 budget provides for \$1.1 million in economic development funding, as well as funding for tourism. All this was accomplished by the incredible team that we have assembled here, and all of our departments at the County, with direct input from the elected officials whom they work for. And we all have the common goal of serving our residents in the best ability that we have. So with an immense sense of gratitude, I like to thank each of you, and every one of you, and I look forward to working with you and the upcoming year. Thank you very much.

Theodore Kusnierz

So at this time, I'll entertain nominations for Vice Chair.

Kevin Tollisen

Chairman.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen

I nominate John Schopf as Vice Chairman.

Theodore Kusnierz

And is there a second?

Joe Grasso

I'll second.

Theodore Kusnierz

Seconded by Supervisor Grasso. And roll call vote. I'm sorry. Any other nominations for Vice Chair? Hearing none. Supervisor Schopf do you accept the nomination?

Jonathan Schopf

Yes, I do. Mr. Chairman.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much. This time we'll call the roll.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Butler.

Eric Butler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Connolly.

Eric Connolly

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Edwards.

Diana Edwards

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Hammond.

Mark Hammond

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kinowski.

Ed Kinowski

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lant.

John Lant

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lawler.

Jack Lawler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Ostrander.

Scott Ostrander

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Raymond.

Jean Raymond

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Richardson.

Tom Richardson

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Smith.

Mike Smith

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kevin Veitch.

Kevin Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Matthew Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Winney.

Sandra Winney

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wood.

Tom Wood

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wright.

Mo Wright

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Motion passes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Congratulations, Supervisor Schopf and if you would come forward and I've asked the Clerk of the County to administer the oath of office.

Jonathan Schopf

I Jonathan Schopf do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New York, and I will faithfully discharge the duties of Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in and for Saratoga County to the best of my abilities so help me God.

Theodore Kusnierz

Okay, at this time, we're going to take up Resolutions 1 through 27. I believe that there is a request to table Resolution 13.

Matt Veitch

I'll move to table.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Veitch, is there a second?

Joe Grasso

I'll second.

Theodore Kusnierz

And seconded by Supervisor Grasso. And we're getting a little ahead of ourselves, I'm gonna ask the Clerk of the Board to read the resolutions before we take action.

Therese Connolly

Resolution 1. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Rescinding Resolution 1-2021 and adopting the 2022 Rules Of The Saratoga County Board Of Supervisors. Budget Impact Statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 2. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Adopting a schedule of 2022 regular meetings of the Saratoga County Board Of Supervisors. Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 3. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Authorizing blanket official undertaking for County officers required by law to execute and file official undertakings.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 4. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Designating official county newspapers.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 5. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Appointing a County Attorney.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 6. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Appointing a County Auditor.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 7. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Appointing a Director Of Purchasing.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 8. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Appointing a County Historian.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 9. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Appointing a Public Defender.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 10. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Appointing a Conflict Defender.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 11. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Appointing a Workers' Compensation Administrator.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 12. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Appointing a Records Management Officer.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 13. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Appointing Commissioners of Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 14. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Appointing members to the NYRA Local Advisory Board For Saratoga Racetrack.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Resolution 15. Introduced by Chair of the Board

Appointing members to the County Jury Board.

Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 16. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing a member to the Fish And Wildlife Management Board – Region 5.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 17. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing Directors of the Soil And Water Conservation District.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 18. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing members to the Capital District Regional Planning Commission.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 19. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing members to the Community Services Board.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 20. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing members to the Board Of Ethics.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 21. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing members of the Ethics Advisory Council.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 22. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing members of the Industrial Development Agency.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 23. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing Commissioners of the Saratoga Lake Protection And Improvement District.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 24. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing members to the Tourism Advisory Committee.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 25. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing Directors of the Saratoga County Capital Resource Corporation.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 26. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing directors of the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership, Inc. Local Development Corporation.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.
Resolution 27. Introduced by Chair of the Board
Appointing members to the Saratoga County Water Authority Board.
Budget impact statement: No budget impact.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much. And so we have a motion a second to table Resolution 13 in relation to appointing Commissioners of Saratoga County Sewer District number one. Would you like to call the roll on that?

Bridget Rider
Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Butler.

Eric Butler
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Connolly.

Eric Connolly
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Edwards.

Diana Edwards
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Gaston.

Tara Gaston
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Grasso.

Joe Grasso
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Hammond.

Mark Hammond
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Kinowski.

Ed Kinowski

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lant.

John Lant

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lawler.

Jack Lawler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Ostrander.

Scott Ostrander

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Raymond.

Jean Raymond

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Richardson.

Tom Richardson

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Smith.

Mike Smith

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kevin Veitch.

Kevin Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Matthew Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Winney.

Sandra Winney

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wood.

Tom Wood

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wright.

Mo Wright

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Motion passes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much. And at this time, are there any requests for separate votes on Resolutions 1 through 27 with the exception of 13.

Tara Gaston

Chair?

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Gaston.

Tara Gaston

I would request a separate vote on Resolution 1 please.

Theodore Kusnierz

Resolution 1. Are there any other requests for separate votes? If not, I'll entertain a motion to adopt Resolutions 2 through 27 with the exception of Resolution 13.

Matt Veitch

So moved.

Mike Smith

Second.

Theodore Kusnierz

Motion by Supervisor Veitch seconded by Supervisor Smith. Roll Call.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Butler.

Eric Butler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Connolly.

Eric Connolly

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Edwards.

Diana Edwards

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Hammond.

Mark Hammond

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kinowski.

Ed Kinowski

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lant.

John Lant

Yes.

Bridget Rider
Lawler.

Jack Lawler
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Ostrander.

Scott Ostrander
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Raymond.

Jean Raymond
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Richardson.

Tom Richardson
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Smith.

Mike Smith
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen
Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kevin Veitch.

Kevin Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Matthew Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Winney.

Sandra Winney

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wood.

Tom Wood

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wright.

Mo Wright

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Motion passes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you. And at this time, I'll entertain a motion to move Resolution number 1 for discussion.

Kevin Tollisen

So moved.

Theodore Kusnierz

Moved by Supervisor Tollisen. Is there a second.

Matt Veitch

Second.

Theodore Kusnierz

Seconded by Supervisor Veitch. Discussion. This is in relation to rescinding Resolution 1 of 2021 and adopting the 2022 Rules of a Saratoga County Board of Supervisors.

Tara Gaston

Chairman.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Yes, there are a couple of interesting changes. But my primary operational concern is in the standing committee list as it is there are several committees that have different numbers of members that is, in my understanding, not something that we tend to do. I would appreciate understanding why it's written that way. What those committees have or do not have, and why we're doing it a different number of members for each committee.

Theodore Kusnierz

Sure. So the line of thinking and dropping the numbers from seven to five for some of those committees, was an effort to foster government efficiency and to make better use of our colleague's time. And we believe that having a five member board is adequate to carry out the business of those assigned committees.

Tara Gaston

But why not for all of them? I don't I don't disagree that five Supervisors from this Board are perfectly capable of doing it. It's just unclear to me why some would have seven and some would have five.

Theodore Kusnierz

My belief is that some of our committees have a higher level of standing as far as what they're charged with for duties. And therefore there should be a larger number of supervisors that constitute the body of that committee.

Theodore Kusnierz

Any other comments? Hearing none, roll call.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Butler.

Eric Butler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Connolly.

Eric Connolly

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Edwards.

Diana Edwards

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

No.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Hammond.

Mark Hammond

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kinowski.

Ed Kinowski

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Yes.

Bridget Rider
Lant.

John Lant
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Lawler.

Jack Lawler
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Ostrander.

Scott Ostrander
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Raymond.

Jean Raymond
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Richardson.

Tom Richardson
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Smith.

Mike Smith
Yes.

Bridget Rider

Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kevin Veitch.

Kevin Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Matthew Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Winney.

Sandra Winney

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wood.

Tom Wood

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wright.

Mo Wright

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Motion passes.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much. And at this time, I have constituted the Law and Finance Committee, and we will be providing that to the members. Are you going to be prepared to do that?

Therese Connolly

Sure.

Theodore Kusnierz

Alright, so we'll be handing that out and want to let my colleagues know that prior to the next Board meeting I'll be handing up a list of the rest of the committee's as established by the rules of the Board with the membership. So that will be out shortly. While that's being handed out, I'll entertain any other business before the Board today.

Tara Gaston

Chair?

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Apologies. So the committees have not been, could be, isn't that our normal process?

Theodore Kusnierz

It's the Chairman's prerogative to constitute the committees and to announce them when they are so constituted.

Tara Gaston

Okay, so there will be no Committee meetings this month.

Theodore Kusnierz

The Committee meeting schedule will not be interfered with. Appointments will be made prior to the schedule. So, at this time, I'd ask the Clerk to read into the record the membership of the Law and Finance Committee.

Therese Connolly

Law & Finance Committee, Supervisor John Schopf as Chairman, Phil Barrett, Joe Grasso, John Lant, Jean Raymond, Kevin Tollisen and Matt Veitch.

Theodore Kusnierz

Thank you very much. Again, Happy New Year to everyone and looking forward to working with you to the 2022 year and I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Tom Richardson

You got it.

Theodore Kusnierz

Supervisor Richardson.

Theodore Kusnierz

Is there a second.

Kevin Tollisen

Second.

Theodore Kusnierz

Second by Supervisor Tollisen and roll call.

Bridget Rider

Supervisor Barrett.

Phil Barrett

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Butler.

Eric Butler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Connolly.

Eric Connolly

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Edwards.

Diana Edwards

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Gaston.

Tara Gaston

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Grasso.

Joe Grasso

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Hammond.

Mark Hammond

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kinowski.

Ed Kinowski

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kusnierz.

Theodore Kusnierz

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lant.

John Lant

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Lawler.

Jack Lawler

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Ostrander.

Scott Ostrander

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Raymond.

Jean Raymond

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Richardson.

Tom Richardson

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Schopf.

Jonathan Schopf

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Smith.

Mike Smith

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Tollisen.

Kevin Tollisen

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Kevin Veitch.

Kevin Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Matthew Veitch.

Matt Veitch

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Winney.

Sandra Winney

Yes.

Bridget Rider

Wood.

Tom Wood

Yes.

Bridget Rider
Wright.

Mo Wright
Yes.

Bridget Rider
Motion passes.

Theodore Kusnierz
Thank you very much, everyone.