

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021
1:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

The roll was called showing all members present except Mr. Davis (Portage) and Mrs. Babbitt Henry (Springwater).

Chairman LeFeber announced that today's Board of Supervisors meeting will be livestreamed on the County's YouTube channel: [Official Livingston County, NY](#). All livestreams will be accessible directly through the YouTube channel and on the County's website under the [Agendas, Minutes & Broadcasts](#) button. Livestreaming technology allows the online audience to see and hear those in the boardroom via video and audio. To provide the best audio experience possible, please be sure to position yourself close to the microphone when you are speaking.

AND/OR

Per State and Federal bans on large gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020, including all subsequent extensions, "suspending law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar service," the meeting today will be conducted in a hybrid manner both in person and remotely using Zoom teleconferencing. The public has been provided with the ability to hear today's Board of Supervisor meeting through Zoom and a transcript will be provided upon request. This meeting has been duly noticed by the Clerk of the Board and there is a quorum present. We have fulfilled our legal notice requirements by posting Notice on the County's home page of its website. Those in attendance today need to speak directly into their microphones so that they can be heard by the Zoom attendees. I ask that all attendees mute their phones until such time as they are asked to respond or present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lauren and Piper Wadsworth, 7th generation descendants of pioneer James Wadsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Assemblywoman Marjorie Brynes thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak today and congratulated County Administrator Ian Coyle, Board Chair David LeFeber, all of the Supervisors and all of the proud residents of Livingston County. A proclamation will be prepared in the near future memorializing this phenomenal event to Livingston County from New York State.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

AMIE ALDEN, COUNTY HISTORIAN

- LIVINGSTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM

"America the Beautiful"

- ❖ Performed by Felicity Thomas, Granddaughter of the late Honorable J. Robert Houston, County Judge, 1972-1992

Congratulatory Greetings

- ❖ Video Montage

Commemorating our Past

- ❖ Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian-Ms. Alden began by thanking the Board of Supervisors, Chairman LeFeber, County Administrator Coyle and Clerk of the Board Michele Rees for their support and kindness in making this possible today. Ms. Alden also thanked Deputy Historian Holly Watson and Genesee Valley Council on the Arts Executive Director Deborah Bump for their support in putting this program together. Ms. Alden shared several of her memories since her original appointment as Deputy County Historian in 1997 through today. Ms. Alden reviewed many of the historical events that had taken place in Livingston County since its formation. Today is a day to commemorate a milestone in Livingston County history. It is an achievement that we should all be proud of.

Acknowledging our Present

- ❖ "The River Speaks" an original poem created in honor of the County Bicentennial, written and presented by Albert Abanado, poet and SUNY Geneseo professor.

Envisioning our Future

- ❖ "Over the Rainbow" performed by the Genesee Valley Children's Choir

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-67 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING LIVINGSTON COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS BICENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, Livingston County was formed on February 23, 1821 from Ontario and Genesee Counties. The County was named in honor of Chancellor Robert R. Livingston, a man who never resided in Livingston County but who was among the Founding Fathers of the United States of America. Livingston co-authored the Declaration of Independence and was one of the key figures in negotiating the Louisiana Purchase; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County was originally comprised of just twelve (12) towns, specifically the Towns of Avon, Caledonia, Conesus, Geneseo, Groveland, Leicester, Lima, Livonia, Mount Morris, Sparta, Springwater, and York; and

WHEREAS, in 1822 a portion of North Dansville was annexed from Steuben County and became its own separate town in 1846 when Sparta was divided. The 1846 division of Sparta also created the Town of West Sparta. In 1846, the Towns of Nunda and Portage were annexed from Allegany County and the Town of Ossian was eventually annexed in 1857 making it the last town to join the County; and

WHEREAS, while the Town of Avon and the Hamlet of Lakeville competed for the honor of becoming county seat, it was the Town of Geneseo that ultimately won the distinction in 1821 and it has remained the county seat ever since; and

WHEREAS, today, February 23, 2021, marks Livingston County's Bicentennial. Such a monumental milestone is cause for commemoration and celebration throughout the year with historical, educational, artistic, and joyful events; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the importance of honoring the past 200 years of Livingston County's rich history and encourages all County departments, organizations, academic institutions and citizens to be a part of this year-long celebration in observance of this rare and important anniversary.

Dated at Geneseo, New York

February 23, 2021

Committee of the Whole

MOTION TO MOVE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RESOLUTION

There being no further discussion on the foregoing resolution, Chairman LeFeber asked for a motion to present the Committee of the Whole Resolution.

Motion made by Mr. Pangrazio and seconded by Mr. DiPasquale to move Committee of the Whole Resolution. Carried.

The roll was called as follows: Ayes-1,901; Noes-0; Absent-Davis, 29; Babbitt Henry, 79; Total 108; Adopted.

Chairman LeFeber shared some closing remarks on this very important date for Livingston County. "On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Department Heads, County employees and all County residents of Livingston County, I would like to personally thank County Historian Amie Alden and Deputy County Historian Holly Watson on all of the work that they did for this event." Today is a great kickoff for a lot of event planned for this year. Chairman LeFeber encouraged everyone to pull up the County website County Historian page to see all of the information that is available, including the pictorial tour, just around the corner and off the beaten path sections for some excellent reading. Chairman LeFeber shared on a personal note, that this has been such a great chance of a lifetime to be involved with Livingston County as part of the Ag community and representing Livingston County as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. In closing, Chairman LeFeber stated that there are great things to come in the future and wished Livingston County a very Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Pangrazio and seconded by Mr. Mahus to adjourn until Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Carried.

The Board adjourned at 2:22 p.m.