

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATURE
OF THE
COUNTY OF NIAGARA
STATE OF NEW YORK
OFFICIAL RECORD

Lockport, New York
January 5, 2021

The Legislature of the County of Niagara, State of New York, convened in annual session in the Legislature Chambers, Courthouse, Lockport, New York on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

County Clerk Joseph Jastrzemski, acting as Chairman pro temp, called the Legislature meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and gave the invocation.

A moment of silence was held for Vanessa Walker and former Legislator Philo J. Brooks.

On roll call the following Legislators were present from the several legislative districts:

First	Irene M. Myers
Second	Rebecca J. Wydysh
Third	Mark J. Grozio
Fourth	Owen T. Steed
Fifth	Christopher A. Robins
Sixth	Dennis F. Virtuoso
Seventh	Jesse P. Gooch
Eighth	Richard L. Andres Jr.
Ninth	Randy R. Bradt
Tenth	David E. Godfrey
Twelfth	William J. Collins
Thirteenth	Anita Mullane
Fourteenth	John Syracuse
Fifteenth	Michael A. Hill

Absent:
Eleventh

Anthony J. Nemi

The Chairman pro temp Joseph Jastrzemski asked for nominations for temporary Chairman.
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Andres, that Legislator Syracuse be nominated for temporary Chairman.
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Andres, that the nominations be closed.
Carried.

Chairman pro temp Jastrzemski declared Legislator Syracuse as the temporary Chairman.

Temporary Chairman Syracuse asked for nominations for permanent Chairman.
Moved by Syracuse, seconded by Andres, that Legislator Wydysh be nominated for permanent Chairman.
Moved by Syracuse, seconded by Andres, that the nominations be closed.
Carried.

Temporary Chairman Syracuse declared Legislator Wydysh as the Chairman.

Chairman Wydysh thanked her fellow Legislators for their vote of confidence in her and thanked the amazing team we have in Niagara County for everything everyone has done this past year.

Moved by Wydysh, seconded by Bradt, to designate Legislator Syracuse to serve as Vice Chairman.
Moved by Wydysh, seconded by Bradt, that nominations be closed.
Carried.

Chairman Wydysh designated Legislator Syracuse to serve as Vice-Chairman.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Collins, to appoint Alysa T. Moran as the Clerk of the Legislature.
Moved by Bradt, seconded by Collins, to close nominations.
Carried.

Alysa T. Moran was declared the Clerk of the Legislature.

Legislator Bradt announced that Legislator Bradt would serve as Majority Leader, Legislator Godfrey as First Deputy and Legislator Hill as Second Deputy Majority Leader.

Legislator Mullane announced that Legislator Virtuoso would serve as Minority Leader, Legislator Steed as First Deputy and Legislator Grozio as Second Deputy Minority Leader.

Moved by Wydysh, seconded by Godfrey, that Vice Chairman John Syracuse is designated to serve on the Niagara County Jury Board.
Carried.

Moved by Gooch, seconded by Hill, to appoint Gary Billingsley as the Attorney for the Aging.
Carried.

Moved by Steed, seconded by Myers, that the two Niagara County newspapers, namely: the Niagara Gazette, Lockport Union Sun & Journal are designated as the official newspapers.
Carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Virtuoso, that the Board will meet on the following dates, or at the call of the Clerk of the Legislature.
Carried.

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

6:00 P.M.

January

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 (Organizational Mtg.)
Tuesday, January 19, 2021

February

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

August

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

September

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

March

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

April

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

May

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

June

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

0 Citizens spoke

Moved by Wydysh, second by Andres to remove ED-001-21 from the Agenda.

Resolution No. CW-001-21

From: Committee of the Whole.

Dated: January 5, 2021

**REGIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN NIAGARA AND ERIE COUNTY
TO PERFORM AUTOPSY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Niagara County and Erie County entered into an agreement in 2002 that allows the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office to perform all of Niagara County's autopsies, which agreement has subsequently been renewed, and

WHEREAS, the current agreement will expire December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, Erie County has offered us a one-year agreement at \$2,100/full autopsy and \$1,350/external exam, along with other associated fees, and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for Niagara County to continue this practice and promote regionalism and shared services between the counties of Niagara and Erie, and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the agreement, the County Attorney will review the agreement for approval as to legal form, language and compliance, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that following the County Attorney's review, the County of Niagara does hereby agree to the terms and conditions in said agreement and authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute the contract with Erie County and the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office.

Moved by Bradt, seconded by Virtuoso.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Nemi.

Resolution No. CW-002-21

From: Committee of the Whole.

Dated: January 5, 2021

October

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

November

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

December

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 (Budget Hearings)

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 (Budget Vote)

**BUDGET MODIFICATION
CREATE AND FILL POSITIONS-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Office of Niagara County provides services, information and training to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 vaccination will be distributed in five phases; based on planning for one year, the county will utilize and open Point of Dispensing (POD) sites in order to administer the vaccine and will utilize Firefighter EMTs and Paramedics from Niagara County to assist existing staff with such operations, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that for phases 1 and 2, the County will create and fill three (3) part time/per diem Firefighter EMTs and ten (10) part time/per diem Paramedic positions to assist with vaccinations at POD sites as well as strike team operations, effective January 11, 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, the following budget modification be effectuated:

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.19.3640.000 71030.00	Part Time	\$ 89,280
A.19.3640.000 78200.00	FICA	6,830
A.19.3640.000 78300.00	Worker's Compensation	2,348
A.19.3640.000 74300.06	Uniforms/Clothing	3,000

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

A.08.1990.000 74500.01	Contingency	\$101,458
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Moved by Hill, seconded by Steed.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent – Nemi.

NIAGARA COUNTY 2021 STANDING COMMITTEES

**REBECCA J. WYDYSH, CHAIRMAN
JOHN SYRACUSE, VICE CHAIRMAN
RANDY R. BRADT, MAJORITY LEADER
DENNIS F. VIRTUOSO, MINORITY LEADER**

ADMINISTRATION

(County Manager, County Attorney, Management & Budget, Treasurer, Audit, Real Property, Legislature, Printing/Mailing, Human Resources, Civil Service, Risk Management, Board of Elections)

NEMI, COLLINS, BRADT, SYRACUSE, GODFREY, GROZIO, VIRTUOSO

Co. Attorney - C. Joerg, J. Ottaviano

Secretary- Lisa Serianni, 439-7005

COMMUNITY SERVICES

(Social Services, Employment & Training, Youth Bureau, Office for the Aging, Public Health, Mental Health, NCCC, County Clerk/DMV, Historian, Veterans Services)

GOOCH, NEMI, BRADT, GODFREY, MYERS, MULLANE, STEED

Co. Attorney – G. Lisowski

Secretary – Jackie Langdon, 439-7435

COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY

(Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, Fire Coordinator/Emergency Services, Coroners, Conflicts and Assigned Council)

GODFREY, HILL, BRADT, GOOCH, NEMI, MULLANE, ROBINS

Co. Attorney -

Secretary - Joan Rocco, 438-3370

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Economic Development, Niagara Co. Industrial Development Agency)

ANDRES, COLLINS, BRADT, GODFREY, MYERS, GROZIO, ROBINS

Co. Attorney - T. Burgasser

Secretary-Cathie Synor, 278-8750

GREENWAY (ad hoc committee-under Economic Development)

ANDRES, BRADT, NEMI, SYRACUSE, STEED

INFRASTRUCTURE & FACILITIES

(Public Works, Parks/Golf Course, Refuse Disposal District, Sewer District, Water District, Weights & Measures, Information Technology, Buildings & Grounds)

COLLINS, MYERS, BRADT, HILL, SYRACUSE, GROZIO, ROBINS

Co. Attorney - T. Burgasser (Parks/Golf Course), D. Koplas

Secretary- Mary Bergman, 439-7242

REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (ad hoc committee-under Infrastructure & Facilities)

HILL, COLLINS, BRADT, GOOCH, GROZIO, NEMI, SYRACUSE, STEED, WYDYSH

Co. Attorney - G. Lisowski

Moved by Hill, seconded by Steed.

Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Nemi.

APPOINTMENTS:

	<u>Appt.</u>	<u>Expires</u>
<u>AD HOC ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION ADVISORY BOARD:</u>		
Rebecca J. Wydysh, Chr., Niagara County Legislature 360 S. 3 rd Street. Lewiston, 14092	01/05/21	12/31/21
David E. Godfrey, Chr. Community Safety/Security Comm. 4821 Lake Rd., Burt 14028	01/05/21	12/31/21
Hon. Caroline Wojtaszek, County Judge Courthouse, Lockport 14094-2740	01/05/21	12/31/21
Brian Seaman, District Attorney Courthouse, Lockport 14094-2740	01/05/21	12/31/21
Nicholas D. Robinson, Public Defender Courthouse, Lockport 14094-2740	01/05/21	12/31/21
John Cicchetti, Probation Director II 111 Main St., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21
Michael Filicetti, Sheriff PO Box 496, Lockport 14095	01/05/21	12/31/21
Daniel N. Greenwald, Chief Jail Administrator PO Box 496, Lockport 14095	01/05/21	12/31/21
Shelley Shear, Pre-Trial Serv. Coord., Probation Dept. 111 Main St., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21
Mark Nettleton (ex-offender), TASC Program 5526 Niagara St. Ext., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21

Laura Kelemen, Dir. of Mental Health 5467 Upper Mountain Rd., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21
Steven Abbott, Chief of Police City of Lockport, Municipal Bldg., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21
Robert J. Botzer, Town Justice Town of Wilson, 375 Lake St., Wilson 14172	01/05/21	12/31/21
Amber Solomon, Crime Victim/Community Representative 5526 Niagara St. Ext., Lockport 14095	01/05/21	12/31/21
Kristen Mack, Crime Victim Advocate PO Box 496, Lockport 14095	01/05/21	12/31/21
Angela Beightol, Supervisor TASC Program PO Box 496, Lockport NY 14095	01/05/21	12/31/21
Hon. James Faso, Chief Justice NF City Court City Hall, 1925 Main St., Niagara Falls 14302	01/05/21	12/31/21
Hon. William Watson, City Court Justice Municipal Bldg., One Locks Pl., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21
Joseph Pasceri, Treatment Provider Rep 5300 Military Rd. Lewiston, NY 14092	01/05/21	12/31/21
Kelly Scinta, ADJ Program PO Box 496, Lockport 14095	01/05/21	12/31/21

BOARD OF ETHICS:

James Spanbauer (Rep) 145 S 7 th St., Lewiston NY	01/05/21	12/31/23
Peter Grinnell (Rep) (replaces Jim Pulito) 565 Chestnut St., North Tonawanda 14120	01/05/21	12/31/23
Mary Brennan-Taylor (Dem) 32 Cottage St., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/23

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Physicians:

Jerome Ulatowski, MD 1123 Escarpment Dr., Lewiston 14092	01/05/21	12/31/26
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Mayors' Recommendations:

Kellie Nickerson 324 Wheatfield Street, North Tonawanda 14120	01/05/21	12/31/26
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Citizens at Large:

Tom Sy 7111 Northledge Dr., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/26
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COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Richard L. Andres, Chair, Chair, Economic Development Committee 448 Goundry Street, North Tonawanda 14120	01/05/21	12/31/21
William J. Collins, Niagara County Legislature 5913 Beattie Ave., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21
Michael A. Casale, Commissioner Economic Development Samuel M. Ferraro Ctr. for Ec. Dev. 6311 Inducon Corp Dr., Sanborn 14132	01/05/21	12/31/21
Andres Klyczek, Assistant Director, NCIDA Samuel M. Ferraro Ctr. for Ec.Dev., 6311 Inducon Corp Dr., Sanborn 14132	01/05/21	12/31/21
Lynn Oswald, Dir., Small Business Development Ctr. NCCC, 3111 Saunders Settlement Rd., Sanborn 14132	01/05/21	12/31/21
Brian Smith, Director, Community Development, City of Lockport One Locks Plaza, Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21

Paul E. Brown 1065 Walck Rd., North Tonawanda 14120	01/05/21	12/31/21
Kory Schuler, Executive Director, Niagara USA Chamber of Comm. Vantage Ctr., 6311 Inducon Corp Dr., Sanborn 14132	01/05/21	12/31/21
Don MacSwan , Supervisor, Town of Wheatfield 2800 Church Rd., North Tonawanda 14120	01/05/21	12/31/21
Cathy Oddo, Ex. Dir., Chamber of Comm. of the Tonawandas 254 Sweeny St, North Tonawanda 14120	01/05/21	12/31/21
Michael Zimmerman, North Tonawanda Community Development City Hall, 216 Payne Ave., No Tonawanda 14120	01/05/21	12/31/21
Donald Jablonski , Employment & Training Trott ACCESS Ctr., 1001 11th St., Niagara Falls 14301	01/05/21	12/31/21
Meghan Lutz, Commissioner of Social Services 20-40 East Ave., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21
Wright Ellis, Supervisor, Town of Cambria 4160 Upper Mountain Rd., Sanborn 14132	01/05/21	12/31/21
Lee Wallace, Supervisor, Town of Niagara 7105 Lockport Rd., Niagara Falls 14305	01/05/21	12/31/21
Justin Rogers (Replaces Cathy Lovejoy Maloney) Cornell Cooperative Extension, 4487 Lake Ave., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21
Jerald Wolfgang, Dir., WNY Regional Education Center 355 Harlem Rd., West Seneca 14224	01/05/21	12/31/21
Thomas Weeks, Grand Island Transit Corp. 5355 Junction Rd., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21
John Butcher, Summit Print & Mail 6042 Old Beattie Rd., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21
Thomas Sy, Coordinator of Economic Development, Town of Lockport 6560 Dysinger Rd., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/21
Tom DeSantis, NFC Development Corp. 1022 Main St., PO Box 69, Niagara Falls 14302-0069	01/05/21	12/31/21
Erik M. Solomon, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. Headquarters 6363 Main St., Williamsville 14221-5887	01/05/21	12/31/21
Robert F. Bilson 9918 Cayuga Dr., Niagara Falls 14304	01/05/21	12/31/21
Scott Bridges (replaces Daryl Bodewes) 5974 Diller Road, Sanborn 14305	01/05/21	12/31/21
Jennifer Pauly, President, Niagara River Region Chamber of Commerce 895 Center St. Lewiston 14092	01/05/21	12/31/21
Joseph Steinmetz, Director of CTE, Orleans –Niagara 3181 Saunders Settlement Rd., Sanborn 14132	01/05/21	12/31/21
John King, President Niagara County Farm Bureau 8999 Ridge Rd., Gasport,	01/05/21	12/31/21
John Percy, President & CEO, Destination Niagara USA 10 Rainbow Blvd., Niagara Falls 14303	01/05/21	12/31/21
Ex-officio:		
Hon. Robert Ortt, State Senator, 175 Walnut St., Suite 6, Lockport 14094		
Hon. Angelo Morinello, Assemblyman, 800 Main St., Suite 2C, Niagara Falls 14301		
Hon. Michael Norris, Assemblyman, 8180 Main St., Clarence 14221		
Hon. William Conrad, Assemblyman, 3514 Delaware Ave., Kenmore 14217		
Hon. Karen McMahan, Assemblywoman, 5500 Main St., Williamsville 14221		
Hon. Chris Jacobs, Congressman 8203 Main St., Suite 2 Williamsville, NY 14221		
Hon. Brian Higgins, Congressman, 800 Main St., Suite 3C, Niagara Falls 14301		

Amanda Mays, WNY Regional Dir. Empire State Development Corp., 95 Perry St., Suite 500, Buffalo 14203
Richard Updegrave, Niagara County Manager, 59 Park Ave., Lockport 14094

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL:

NORTH TONAWANDA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captain Aaron Mohr 495 Zimmerman St., N. T. 14120	01/05/21	12/31/21
ALTERNATE: David Cole	01/05/21	12/31/21
Fire Chief Joseph Sikora 495 Zimmerman St., North Tonawanda 14120	01/05/21	12/31/21

FISHERIES BOARD:

Frank Campbell 914 Morley Ave., Niagara Falls 14305	01/05/21	12/31/23
Robert Cinelli PO Box 1773, Olcott 14126	01/05/21	12/31/23
Connie Adams-Meesig 4786 Lower River Rd., Lewiston 14092	01/05/21	12/31/23
Joseph Oaks 5780 W. Main St., Olcott 14126	01/05/21	12/31/23
Capt. Michael Johannes 3313 Ridge Rd., Ransomville 14131	01/05/21	12/31/23

GREATER BUFFALO NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (GBNRTC):

Rebecca J. Wydysh, Chairman Niagara County Legislature	01/05/21	12/31/21
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Planning & Coordinating Committee

Garret Meal, Commissioner of Public Works	01/05/21	12/31/21
Norman D. Allen, PE, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works-Engineering (Alternate)	01/05/21	12/31/21
Michael Casale, Commissioner (Alternate) Economic Development Department	01/05/21	12/31/21

INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF WNY:

Rebecca J. Wydysh, Niagara County Legislature	01/05/21	12/31/21
Anthony J. Nemi, Legislator	01/05/21	12/31/21
Alysa T. Moran, Clerk	01/05/21	12/31/21
David E. Godfrey, Legislator	01/05/21	12/31/21

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM (AD HOC):

Richard Andres – Chair
Randy R. Bradt
Anthony Nemi
John Syracuse
Owen Steed

PLANNING BOARD:

Walter Garrow 7125 Lakeside Drive, Niagara Falls 14304	01/05/21	12/31/23
Mary Jo Tamburlin (replaces Richard W. Muscatello) 226 Falconer St. North Tonawanda 14120	01/05/21	12/31/23
Norman R. Machelor (replaces Jonathon Welka)	01/05/21	12/31/23

210 North 5th Street, Lewiston, New York 14092
ALTERNATE: Jonathon Welka
7174 Pendale Circle, North Tonawanda 14120

01/05/21 12/31/23

RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD:

Joseph Jastrzemski, Co. Clerk/Records Mgmt Officer-Chr	01/05/21	12/31/21
Matthew Parish, First Deputy County Clerk	01/05/21	12/31/21
Jesse P. Gooch, Chr, Community Services Committee	01/05/21	12/31/21
Irene M. Myers, Legislator	01/05/21	12/31/21
Catherine Emerson, County Historian	01/05/21	12/31/21
William Flynn, Director, Information Technology	01/05/21	12/31/21
Gary Lisowski, Assistant County Attorney	01/05/21	12/31/21
Eric Behm, Records Management Coordinator	01/05/21	12/31/21
Staci L. Henry, Social Services	01/05/21	12/31/21
Meghan Lutz, Social Services	01/05/21	12/31/21
Jeffrey Gaston, Director, Buildings and Grounds	01/05/21	12/31/21
Julie Speer, Registrar, NCCC	01/05/21	12/31/21
Margaret Truax, citizen representative	01/05/21	12/31/21
Justin Rogers Exec. Dir., Cornell Cooperative Ext.	01/05/21	12/31/21

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Scott White (Grange) 8596 Mountain Road, Gasport 14067	01/05/21	12/31/23
David E. Godfrey, Legislator	01/05/21	12/31/23
William J. Collins, Legislator	01/05/21	12/31/23

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD:

Robert Frank, Lt. No. Tonawanda Police 216 Payne Ave., North Tonawanda 14120	01/05/21	12/31/23
Corey Harmon, Zone Sgt., NYS Police 6568 Dysinger Rd., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/23
David E. Godfrey, Niagara County Legislature 4821 Lake Road, Burt 14028	01/05/21	12/31/23
Michael Filicetti, Sheriff 5526 Niagara St. Ext., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/23
Clyde Doty, NYS Parks Police 4578 Ide Rd., Wilson 14172	01/05/21	12/31/23
Angela Munn, Capt. Police Dept., 1925 Main St., Niagara Falls 14305	01/05/21	12/31/23
Steven Abbott, Chief, Lockport Police Dept Police Headquarters, Municipal Bldg., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/23
Chief Thomas Krantz, No. Tonawanda Police Dept. 216 Payne Ave, North Tonawanda 14120	01/05/21	12/31/23
Garret Meal, Commissioner Public Works	01/05/21	12/31/23
Anthony Nemi, Chr., Administration Comm.	01/05/21	12/31/23
Robert Richards, Capt., Stop DWI Coordinator 5526 Niagara St. Ext., Lockport 14094	01/05/21	12/31/23

YOUTH BOARD:

Chereé J. Copelin 9302 Hennepin Ave., Niagara Falls 14304	01/05/21	12/31/23
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Rick Sweney 3609 Woodland Ave., Niagara Falls 14304	01/05/21	12/31/23
Samika Sullivan 261 Portage Rd., Apt. #10 Niagara Falls 14304	01/05/21	12/31/23

NCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Jerald I. Wolfgang 4267 Lower River Rd., Youngstown, New York 14174	01/05/21	12/31/27
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Moved by Bradt, seconded by Virtuoso.
Adopted. 14 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent - Nemi.

Moved by Collins, seconded by Robins, that the Board adjourn.
Carried.

The Chairman declared the Board adjourned at 6:33p.m., subject to the call of the Clerk.

0 citizens spoke at this time on the General Welfare of the County.



Alysya T. Moran, Clerk