

**FIRST EMERGENCY SESSION**  
**February 20, 2024**  
**Board of Supervisors – County of Hamilton**  
**Lake Pleasant, New York**

Mrs. Laura A. Abrams, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County  
Lake Pleasant, New York 12108

Dear Clerk:

WHEREAS, the undersigned, we the majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Hamilton County, do hereby request you to call an Emergency Session pursuant to Section 152 of the County Law, to be held at the Chambers of the Board, in the Town of Lake Pleasant, in said County on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of rescheduling the March Board of Supervisors Meeting and for any other business that may come before said Board.

Arietta _____		Chris D. Rhodes
Benson _____	ABSENT	Phillip C. Snyder
Hope _____	ABSENT	Steven M. Tomlinson
Indian Lake _____		Brian E. Wells
Inlet _____	ABSENT	John Frey
Lake Pleasant _____		Betsy A. Bain
Long Lake _____	ABSENT	Clay J. Arsenault
Morehouse _____		Anthony Fernandez
Wells _____		Beth Hunt

Also present: Sheriff Abrams

Public Comment: No one present

Reports of Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Rhodes: Stated that there is a resolution on the agenda to merge the Emergency Management Office with the Sheriff's Office. We will further discuss this during the committee meeting scheduled for later today and he asked for the Board's support. Everyone thanked him.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman thanked everyone for changing the meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-24**

**CHANGING DATE OF MARCH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'**

**MEETING**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

**BY MS. BAIN:**

WHEREAS, there will not be a quorum for the previously scheduled March 7, 2024 meeting, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors' previously scheduled March 7, 2024 meeting be rescheduled for Friday, March 8, 2024 at 10:30 AM.

Seconded by Mr. Rhodes and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY AND ARSENAULT

After the following resolution was placed on the floor; the Chairman thanked the Sheriff for taking this on.

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-24**

**MERGING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**DATED: FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

**BY MR. RHODES:**

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Management has submitted a resignation effective February 23, 2024, leaving a vacancy within the department, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors deems it necessary to merge the Emergency Management Office with the Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believe this will increase efficiency in administration and will provide seamless management of emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff will oversee all Emergency Management Staff and will appoint members of the office to perform the duties of the Emergency Management Office, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff shall have and exercise all of the powers and duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed by applicable law and shall perform such additional and related duties as may be directed by the Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff's Office agree that the merge is in the best interest of the County, be it

RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Emergency Management Office will be combined with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office effective February 24, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED that the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Service be notified.

Seconded by Mr. Fernandez and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: RHODES, WELLS, BAIN, FERNANDEZ, AND HUNT

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: SNYDER, TOMLINSON, FREY AND ARSENAULT

Other Reports: No Reports

As there was no further business, motion to adjourn by Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. Bain. Carried.