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January 5, 2023

Stenographer's minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January 4, 2023 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4
Calvin Castine, Area 1
Robert Hall, Area 10
Mark Henry, Area 3
Wendell Hughes, Area 8
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney
Billy Jones, Assemblyman

The meeting included remote access via teleconference in accordance with Local Law #1 of 2022. Legislator Hughes and Castine attended via Zoom.

County Administrator Michael Zurlo called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy County Administrator Kim Kinblom conducted roll call. All Legislators were present.

Ms. Kinblom read the title of Resolution #1, "Appointing Chairperson of the County Legislature for 2023."

Legislator Timmons offered the name of Mark Henry to be appointed as Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2023. Legislator Peryea seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0). Legislator Timmons stated he believes Mr. Henry has done a great job in the past and he will do a good job in the future.

Chairperson Henry stated he would like to thank each and every legislator for their support, not only this evening, but through all of this year and the last couple of years. There has been a lot to do. The reason it got done is not so much who was the chair, but who are the legislators, and that's each and every one of you. He continued by thanking the Board for their advice, and he thanked the Board for showing up sometimes when it's difficult. He knows what that's like and said he certainly looks forward to working with all of them in the upcoming year.

Chairperson Henry asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to share their thoughts and concerns with the Legislature.

Assemblyman Billy Jones congratulated the Chair on his appointment and stated they have worked together for the past several years and he appreciates the good working relationship that they have and he appreciates the good working relationship he has with all of the Board. At the beginning of a new year, a new session, he thinks it will be a productive year and he hopes not to hurt the County too much. He continued stating every year, or every three years, or two years or four years, we all put our names on the ballot and not a lot of people will do that. He referenced Teddy Roosevelt's "Man in the Arena" speech and continued by saying we sit there to take the criticism and you do all this, you do it for the people. You do it for the people that each and every one of you represent and we take a lot of criticism a lot of times, but I think we do it for a good purpose, it comes from a place in that you want to do well for each and every one of your communities that you represent. So thank you for continuing to do that, and I look forward to a prosperous 2023 where we can all work together. In closing, Assemblyman Jones again thanked the Legislature for all that they do.

Seeing there were no other speakers, Mr. Zurlo read the remaining Resolution titles.

Resolution #2, "Appointing Deputy Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2023." Chairperson Waldron motioned to offer the name of Robert Hall to serve as Deputy Chairperson for the year 2023. Legislator Waldron stated Legislator Hall's dedication to this Board for nine years provides us a wealth of knowledge in the absence of the Chairperson. Legislator Hall will continue to lead having this very important role. Legislators Bezio and Henry seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #3, "Appointing Republican Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2023." Legislator Peryea motioned to offer the name of Rob Timmons as Republican Leader for the year 2023 stating Legislator Timmons is very helpful to this organization, is dedicated and he is sure he will do a wonderful job. Legislator Henry seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0). Chairperson Henry stated Legislator Timmons has been here a very long time and he Chairs one of the most important Committees, the Finance Committee. He is able to work with everyone, is always available and he couldn't think of a better person to be the new Republican Leader.

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Resolution #4, "Appointing Democratic Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2023." Legislator Hall motioned to offer the name of Patty Waldron as Democratic Leader for the year 2023. He stated she is a fighter, she knows how to give the Board hell when she has to, and she supports the Board tremendously, concluding she has done a fantastic job and is glad to have her on board. The motion was seconded by Legislator Kretser, who echoed Legislator Hall's sentiments and appreciates everything she has done for the Board. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #5, "Adopting Rules of Order for 2023." Chairperson Hughes motioned to adopt the Rules of Order for 2023, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #6, "Appointing Assistant County Attorney for 2023." Legislator Potiker offered the name of Gary L. Favro, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #7, "Appointing Administrator of Indigent Defendants for 2023." Legislator Hall offered the name of Justin R. Meyer, seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (10-0-0). Legislator Hall stated in his nine years with the County, Mr. Meyer has done a fantastic job of really supporting the County, cutting costs in every way he possibly can and has sought out representation for the County. He is glad to have Mr. Meyer with the County.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report.

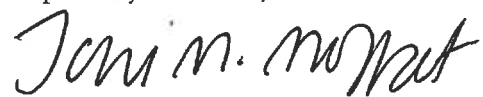
Chairperson's Report – Mark Henry

Chairperson Henry thanked the members of the Board again, in getting the administrative matters in hand. He stated he will get the Committee assignments out as soon as possible. In the meantime, all resolutions will be polled by the current respective committees.

Lastly, Legislator Hall stated on our behalf, all of us, you know, they talk politics and what's right and what's wrong, the Federal government can't get it together and you see that day in and day out. He continued by stating let me say this about us, we're 10 legislators, five and five — five Democrats and five Republicans — except for a little bit of grumbling now and then from one of us about how we don't like this or we don't like that, we work very well together. It's been a very successful year and we have represented Clinton County and the people tremendously and we have done a fantastic job all of us working together.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn at 5:29 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni M. Moffat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'M'.

Toni Moffat

Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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