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January 5, 2024

Stenographer's minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Clinton County Legislature held Thursday, January 4, 2024 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  
Kevin Randall, 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

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Michael Zurlo called upon Clinton County Clerk, John Zurlo, to administer the Oath of Office to all newly elected Legislators and invited them to sign the Book of Oaths.

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 2024."

Legislator Timmons offered the name of Mark Henry to be appointed as Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2024. Legislator Hall seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0). Legislator Timmons stated Mr. Henry has been an excellent Chairperson for the past three years and deserves a fourth year. Legislator Hall stated Mr. Henry has done an excellent job and they have a great working relationship.

Chairperson Henry thanked his fellow legislators for their vote and stated it is gratifying to receive such support from everyone and it is particularly gratifying receiving a nomination from someone with Legislator Hall's vast experience. He looks forward to working with everyone for another year.

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

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

Resolution #2, "Appointing Deputy Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2024." Chairperson Henry motioned to offer the name of Robert Hall to serve as Deputy Chairperson for the year 2024. Legislator Waldron seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0). Chairperson Henry stated he and Legislator Hall work very well together and Legislator Hall's experience has benefitted this Legislature and County.

Resolution #3, "Appointing Republican Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2024." Chairperson Henry motioned to offer the name of Rob Timmons as Republican Leader for the year 2024. Legislator Kretser seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #4, "Appointing Democratic Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2024." Legislator Hall motioned to offer the name of Patty Waldron as Democratic Leader for the year 2024. The motion was seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #5, "Appointing Clerk of the Board for 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027." Legislator Bezio motioned to offer the name of Michael Zurlo as Clerk of the Board, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #6, "Appointing Budget Officer for 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027." Legislator Hall offered the name of Michael Zurlo as Budget Officer, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #7, "Appointing County Auditor for 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027." Legislator Hughes offered the name of Michael Zurlo, seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #8, "Appointing Deputy Clerk of the Board for 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027." Legislator Hall offered the name of Kim Kinblom as Deputy Clerk of the Board, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #9, "Appointing Deputy County Auditors for 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027." Legislator Peryea offered the names of Jody Mercaldi, Lee Mitchell, Katie Moore and Aspen Stroinski as Deputy County Auditors, seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #10, "Designation of Official Newspaper for 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027." Legislator Randall motioned to designate the Press Republican as the Official Newspaper, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #11, "Adopting Rules of Order for 2024." Legislator Kretser motioned to adopt the Rules of Order for 2024, seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #12, "Appointing County Attorney for 2024 and 2025." Legislator Hall offered the name of Jacqueline M. Kelleher, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #13, "Appointing Assistant County Attorney for 2024." Legislator Peryea offered the name of Gary L. Favro, seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #14, "Appointing Administrator of Indigent Defendants for 2024." Legislator Hall offered the name of Justin R. Meyer, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

### **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 requested an Executive Session to discuss the sale of real property.

Legislator Hughes motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:26 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 5:43 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn at 5:44 p.m., seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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