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January 4, 2018

Stenographer's minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January 3, 2018 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Simon Conroy, Area 4
Mark Dame, Area 8
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Area 1, Chairperson
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

VACANCY: Legislative Area 3

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

County Administrator Michael Zurlo called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance, Mr. Zurlo called upon John Zurlo, the County Clerk, to administer the oath of office to all newly-elected Legislators and invited them to sign the book of oaths.

Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown conducted roll call. All Legislators were present.

Mr. Brown read the title of Resolution #1, "Appointing Chairperson of the County Legislature for 2018."

Legislator Waldron offered by name of Harry J. McManus to be appointed as Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2018. She stated it was with complete confidence she would like to nominate Legislator Harry McManus to once again be Chairperson in 2018. Mr. McManus's wise and thoughtful leadership has brought much integrity to this legislative body. His ability to put people before politics should be recognized by all who live here. Throughout the extensive challenges of the past year, and with many more to come, we can be sure that Legislator McManus and his higher understanding of what is best for the County will bring forth the most fruitful decisions as we move forward. She personally thanked Mr. McManus for valuing each and every legislator and their opinions on very diverse matters that impact Clinton County. He has been open and honest, and she looks forward to this coming year with him being the Chairperson. Legislator Timmons seconded the motion. Carried (9-0-0-1). (Vacancy, Area 3).

Chairperson McManus stated as his first order of business, he congratulated the legislators who were elected in November, and thanked them for the confidence they have placed in him as they navigate 2018 together.

Chairperson McManus thanked Sam Dyer for his dedicated service to not only to the residents of Area 3, but to all Clinton County residents. He wished him good luck and success in his new endeavors.

Chairperson McManus invited Sam Dyer, the new Town of Beekmantown Town Supervisor, to say a few words.

Mr. Dyer thanked the Legislature and addressed each Legislator, the County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator and County Attorney and provided his perspective from working with each individual during his tenure as County Legislator.

Chairperson McManus asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to share their thoughts and concerns with the Legislature. Seeing there were no speakers, Mr. Zurlo read the remaining Resolution titles.

Resolution #2, "Appointing Deputy Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2018." Legislator McManus motioned to offer the name of Robert Hall to serve as Deputy Chairperson for the year 2018. Legislators Waldron and Dame seconded the motion. Carried (9-0-0-1). (Vacancy, Area 3).

Resolution #3, "Appointing Majority Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2018." Chairperson McManus motioned to offer the name of Patty Waldron as Majority Leader for the year 2018, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-0-1). (Vacancy, Area 3).

Resolution #4, "Appointing Minority Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2018." Legislator Dame motioned to offer the name of Jonathan Beach as Minority Leader for the year 2018, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-0-1). (Vacancy, Area 3).

Resolution #5, "Adopting Rules of Order for 2018" was adopted by a vote of 5/4. Carried (9-0-0-1). (Vacancy, Area 3).

Resolution #6, "Appointing County Attorney for the Years 2018 and 2019." Legislator Keenan motioned to offer the name of James Coffey, Esq., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-0-1). (Vacancy, Area 3).

Resolution #7, "Appointing Assistant County Attorney for the Year 2018." Legislator Conroy motioned to offer the name of Gary Favro, Esq., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (9-0-0-1). (Vacancy, Area 3).

Resolution #8, "Appointing Administrator of Indigent Defendants for 2018." Legislator Hall motioned to offer the name of Justin Meyer, Esq. as Administrator of Indigent Defendants for 2018." Legislators Waldron, Rosenquest and Beach seconded the motion. Carried (9-0-0-1). (Vacancy, Area 3).

Resolution #9, "Appointing Off Track Betting (OTB) Director for 2018." Legislator Rosenquest motioned to nominate Sydney Sue Garrant, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-0-1). (Vacancy, Area 3). Carried (9-0-0-1). (Vacancy, Area 3).

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey

Mr. Coffey did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported a Discipline Review Committee meeting would be held Thursday, January 4th at 9 a.m.

Chairperson's Report – Harry McManus

Chairperson McManus stated it will take some getting used to looking at Mr. Dyer's chair and not seeing Mr. Dyer there and waiting for his perspective on a myriad of issues. One of the things that is fantastic about the Legislature is that members of the Legislature don't always agree on things, and they always rely on other people to make us look at an issue in a different way. He again thanked Mr. Dyer.

Chairperson McManus reported he plans to have committee assignments within the month and requested input as to what committees and liaison assignments Legislators are interested in chairing and being a member of. He will make himself available to meet with Legislators.

Chairperson McManus reported he will be presenting the State of the County presentation at the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on January 18th. He will be focusing on three themes as we look forward to the New Year: progress, opportunity and cooperation.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn at 5:25 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-0-1). (Vacancy, Area 3).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melody Lemieux". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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