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January 10, 2017

Stenographer's minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January 4, 2017 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Simon Conroy, Area 4
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
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

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 5:15 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance, Mr. Zurlo called upon John Zurlo, the County Clerk, to administer the oath of office to recently-elected Legislator Simon Conroy and invited him 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 2017."

Discussion: Legislator Hall stated it is an honor and a privilege for him to nominate Harry McManus as Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2017. Legislator Dame seconded the motion. Legislator Dame stated during the last year, Legislator McManus has been an excellent and effective Chairman. He uses his natural instincts as a consensus builder. His non-partisan nature encourages input and participation from all Legislators which is a tremendous asset to this body. He respects different opinions and philosophies and never loses his composure. He is a gentleman and leader who has earned the respect from everyone in the County. He puts in a tremendous amount of time being Chairman and in conjunction with this body, has successfully guided the County in achieving positive accomplishments. Legislator Dame stated he looks forward to his leadership in 2017 and stated he is proud to serve with him and all of his legislative colleagues. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus thanked Legislator Dame for the kind words. He stated he believes the board has had a busy year in 2016 and has made tremendous accomplishments. He believes the Legislature collectively decided to look at everything through an economic prism, and he thinks this is an important step. Chairperson McManus stated he would be providing a State of the County Address at the Chamber of Commerce's breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24th. He is hoping at that time, another announcement will be made.

Mr. Zurlo reported there may be sufficient items to hold a Finance Committee meeting prior to the January 11th Regular Session.

Chairperson McManus once again welcomed Simon Conroy.

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 2017." Legislator Hall motioned to offer the name of Pete Keenan to serve as Deputy Chairperson for the year 2017. Chairperson McManus seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #3, "Appointing Majority Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2017." Chairperson McManus motioned to offer the name of Robert Hall as Majority Leader for the year 2017, seconded by Legislators Keenan and Dyer. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #4, "Appointing Minority Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2017." Legislator Timmons motioned to offer the name of Jonathan Beach as Minority Leader for the year 2017, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #5, "Adopting Rules of Order for 2017" was adopted by a vote of 5/5. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #6, "Appointing Assistant County Attorney for 2017." Legislator Rosenquest motioned to offer the name of Gary Favro, Esq., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #7, "Appointing Administrator of Indigent Defendants for 2017." Legislator Dyer stated it was a great privilege to nominate Justin Meyer to continue serving as Administrator of Indigent Defendants. He has done a fantastic job. The motion was seconded by Legislators Hall, Beach and Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #8, "Appointing Off Track Betting (OTB) Director for 2017." Legislator Dyer motioned to nominate Sydney Sue Garrant who has done a very good job in this position, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey

Mr. Coffey did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report.

Chairperson McManus announced there were no committee changes, but a few committees have changed meeting days to accommodate Chairperson's requests. Legislators were provided with copies of the proposed meeting schedule.

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 (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer