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January 4, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Clinton County Legislature held Thursday, January 3, 2019 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
Mark Henry, Area 3
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
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, 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 2019."

Legislator Waldron offered the name of Harry McManus to be appointed as Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2019. Legislator Waldron stated with Harry McManus' diplomatic demeanor, he will continue to lead Clinton County in the direction of positive growth, working well with all agencies and personalities to ensure the well-being of the County's future. She stated partisan politics could potentially halt productivity in this County. Legislator McManus believes strongly in a bi-partisan Legislature to avoid moving backwards in an antiquated, inefficient structure of Democrats vs. Republicans. Legislator McManus values opinions, regardless of political affiliation. Legislator Waldron stated the Legislature needs another year with Legislator McManus's strong resolve, fortitude and wisdom to accomplish a vision that enhances Clinton County as a whole. Legislator Henry seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus thanked his fellow Legislators for their continued support of his chairmanship and for the confidence they have placed in him as they navigate 2019 together.

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 2019." Legislator McManus motioned to offer the name of Robert Hall to serve as Deputy Chairperson for the year 2019. Chairperson McManus stated Legislator Hall is very capable to fill in for him at any time. He has done a tremendous job at Plattsburgh International Airport. Legislator Waldron seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #3, "Appointing Majority Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2019." Legislator Conroy motioned to offer the name of Patty Waldron as Majority Leader for the year 2019. Legislator Conroy stated Legislator Waldron is known to be a very hard worker, she communicates well with everyone and gives everyone a voice at the table. Legislator Keenan seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #4, "Appointing Minority Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2019." Legislator Timmons motioned to offer the name of Mark Dame as Minority Leader for the year 2019. Legislator Timmons stated Legislator Dame will do an excellent job, and it was his pleasure to nominate him for this position. The motion was seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #5, "Adopting Rules of Order for 2019" was offered by Legislator Henry and seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #6, "Appointing County Attorney for the Year 2019." Legislator Henry motioned to offer the name of Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq. Legislator Henry stated he has known Ms. Kelleher for many years and has had the privilege of working with her on the Chazy School Board, the board of CV-TEC/BOCES and in his capacity as Town Supervisor for the Town of Chazy. He stated you cannot find a more professional person. The Legislature is very fortunate to have Ms. Kelleher. The motion was seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0). Chairperson McManus stated although he was not expecting any legal opinions this evening, he invited Ms. Kelleher to join he and Mr. Zurlo at the dais in her new capacity as County Attorney.

Resolution #7, "Appointing Assistant County Attorney for the Year 2019." Legislator Timmons motioned to offer the name of Gary Favro, Esq. Legislator Timmons stated he is confident Mr. Favro will continue to do an excellent job as Assistant County Attorney. The motion was seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #8, "Appointing Administrator of Indigent Defendants for 2019, 2020 and 2021." Legislator Hall motioned to offer the name of Justin Meyer, Esq. as Administrator of Indigent Defendants. Legislator Hall stated Mr. Meyer has done a fantastic job for the Legislature and continually goes above and beyond. The motion was seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #9, "Appointing Off Track Betting (OTB) Director for 2019." Legislator Keenan motioned to nominate Sydney Sue Garrant. Legislator Keenan stated Ms. Garrant has done a wonderful job as OTB Director and has provided excellent reports. The motion was seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #10, "Appointing Deputy County Auditor for 2019." Legislator Hall motioned to nominate Lee Mitchell, seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Staff Reports

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report

Chairperson's Report – Harry McManus

Chairperson McManus stated it was his plan to have committee assignments completed within the next two weeks. He invited Legislators to reach out to him to discuss interests or changes from current committee assignments.

Chairperson McManus reported that once again, he would be delivering a State of the County address at the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on January 24th. Legislator Hall will be joining him this year. He will provide a report on the successful projects completed under the Upstate Airport Initiative.

Chairperson McManus stated he looks forward to his last year as County Legislator, and toward building on the successes of this, and previous legislative boards; especially in the area of economic development.

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,



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Principal Stenographer

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