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January 5, 2012

Stenographer's minutes of the organizational meeting of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers of the Clinton County Government Center, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2  
Robert Butler, Area 6  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Samuel Dyer, Area 3  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
John Gallagher, Area 9  
Robert Heins, Area 10  
James Langley, Jr., Area 7  
Harry J. McManus, Area 1  
Sara Rowden, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
William Favreau, County Attorney  
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

County Administrator Michael Zurlo called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Following the pledge to the flag, Michael Zurlo called upon John Zurlo, Clinton County Clerk, to administer the Oath of Office to all legislators and invited them to sign the Book of Oaths.

Rodney Brown conducted roll call. All Legislators were present.

Mr. Brown read the title of Resolution #1, "Appointing Chairperson of the County Legislature for 2012." Legislator Butler stated it was his privilege to nominate a very dedicated, talented, respected and experienced leader who has represented the County with abundant, positive energy, a strong work ethic and a great vision. Legislator Butler stated this individual has led the way to change this body from a political Legislature to an effective business Legislature. This individual has strived to keep politics from being a driving force to get things done and has lead the way with a common sense and consensus-oriented approach with leadership that is unmatched in Clinton County's government history. Legislator Butler stated this individual is a positive, sensitive, caring individual who gets things done. He leads by example and reminds people government is not about us, it's about what we can do to make sure the quality of life for Clinton County residents is the best we can make it for them. We must work together for the common good, do the right thing for now and in the future. He asked that the Legislature join him in supporting James R. Langley, Jr. as Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2012. The motion was seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Langley thanked everyone for their support. Chairperson Langley asked if anyone present wished to address the Legislature. There being no one who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson Langley asked Mr. Zurlo to read the remaining resolutions.

Resolution #2, "Appointing Deputy Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2012." Legislator Gallagher motioned to offer the name of Sara E. Rowden to serve as Deputy Chairperson for the year 2012. Legislator Gallagher stated it has been his distinct pleasure to work with Legislator Rowden over the past several years, and he believes Sara would be an excellent Deputy Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Langley and Legislators Butler and Heins. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #3, "Appointing Republican Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2012." Chairperson Langley motioned to offer the name of Robert W. Butler as Republican Leader for the year 2012. Chairperson Langley stated Legislator Butler has been a tremendous asset and a good friend. He noted Legislator Butler is now the most senior member of the Legislature. The motion was seconded by Legislators Dame and McManus. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #4, "Appointing Democratic Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2012."

Legislator Rowden stated it was a great pleasure to offer the name of John W. Gallagher as Democratic Leader for the year 2012. Legislator Rowden stated Legislator Gallagher has been a wonderful addition to the Legislature. The motion was seconded by Legislators Dyer and Butler. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #5, "Appointing Clerk of the Board for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015." Legislator Heins offered the name of Michael E. Zurlo, seconded by Legislator Gallagher. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #6, "Appointing Deputy Clerk of the Board for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015." Legislator Dame offered the name of Rodney L. Brown, seconded by Legislator Butler. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #7, "Appointing Budget Officer for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015." Legislator Keenan offered the name of Michael E. Zurlo, seconded by Legislator Rowden. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #8, "Appointing County Auditor for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015." Legislator Gallagher offered the name of Michael E. Zurlo, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #9, "Appointing Deputy County Auditors for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015." Legislator Beach offered the names of Jean Rascoe, Gina Devins, Margaret LeFevre and Crystal Baldomir, seconded by Legislator McManus. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #10, "Designation of Official Newspapers for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015." Legislator Rowden motioned to name the Press Republican as the official newspaper of Clinton County for the term January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015, seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #11, "Adopting the Rules of Order for 2012." Legislator Dame motioned to adopt the Rules of Order for 2012, seconded by Legislator Gallagher. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #12, "Appointing County Attorney for 2012." Legislator Butler offered the name of William A. Favreau as County Attorney, seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #13, "Appointing Assistant County Attorney for 2012." Legislator Keenan offered the name of Brian Snell as Assistant County Attorney, seconded by Legislator Rowden. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #14, "Appointing Administrator of Indigent Defendants for 2012." Legislator Keenan offered the name of Richard Cantwell as Administrator of Indigent Defendants, seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #15, "Appointing OTB Director for 2012." Legislator Keenan offered the name of Sherm Hamel as Clinton County Off-Track Betting Director, seconded by Legislator Gallagher. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Langley called for Staff Reports. There being no reports, Chairperson Langley thanked all family and friends for attending tonight's meeting. He gave special thanks

to his daughter Tiffany for driving up from Albany to be here this evening. He noted Tiffany was only 9 years old in 1999 when he began serving on the Legislature, and she will be receiving her Master's Degree from St. Rose this year. Chairperson Langley also recognized his son, Tyler, who is already a freshman in College.

Chairperson Langley thanked all Legislators for running. He noted campaigning is hard work, it is expensive, and it is time consuming. He stated each Legislator should be proud and savor the victory. Chairperson Langley noted there is much work to do and little time to accomplish it because as he said, time goes by fast. Chairperson Langley welcomed the new Legislators to the Board and welcomed old friends and stated they now have a new family. Legislators spend a great deal of time in the Government Center. The Legislature has had very little change since 2001. The County was handed to the Legislature in good condition, and they hope to continue that for future Legislators as well. The County is a team, from labor to management, we all need each other. We are all here to work together no matter what the issue is.

Chairperson Langley stated that he will be meeting with Legislators Gallagher and Butler to finish Committee assignments next week and will be contacting Legislators with their Committee assignments.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Gallagher motioned to adjourn at 5:40 p.m., seconded by Legislator Butler. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Melody Lemieux in cursive script, with the initials 'KaB' written below the signature.

Melody Lemieux  
Principal Stenographer

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