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January 6, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Clinton County Legislature held Tuesday, January 4, 2022 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  
Richard Potiker, 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 2022."

Legislator Peryea offered the name of Mark Henry to be appointed as Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2022. Legislator Timmons seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0). Legislator Timmons stated he believes Mr. Henry did a great job during these challenging times and believes he deserves to stay in for another term.

Chairperson Henry thanked his fellow Legislators for their support during the past difficult year. He stated it has been a group effort and he looks forward to the next year, hopeful that it will be a little less challenging. He feels with the Legislators at hand, Clinton County is well-positioned to handle anything that comes their way. He congratulated the elected Legislators and welcomed Legislator Bezio to the County Legislature stating he knows he is going to do a great job.

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 speakers, Mr. Zurlo read the remaining Resolution titles.

Resolution #2, "Appointing Deputy Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2022." Chairperson Waldron motioned to offer the name of Robert Hall to serve as Deputy Chairperson for the year 2022. Legislator Hughes seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0). Chairman Henry stated he is looking forward to working with Legislator Hall again as he has done a great job, and has been a great partner who has provided great advice.

Resolution #3, "Appointing Republican Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2022." Legislator Timmons motioned to offer the name of Francis Peryea as Republican Leader for the year 2022. Legislator Castine seconded the motion. Carried (10-0-0). Legislator Timmons stated Legislator Peryea did a great job the last two years and he deserves to stay on in that role.

Resolution #4, "Appointing Democratic Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2022." Legislator Hughes motioned to offer the name of Patty Waldron as Democratic Leader for the year 2022. The motion was seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0). Legislator Hughes stated he is looking forward to working with Legislator Waldron again as she has done a great job and deserves to stay in that position. Legislator Hall concurred.

Resolution #5, "Adopting Rules of Order for 2022." Chairperson Henry motioned to adopt the Rules of Order for 2022, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0). Mr. Zurlo reminded the Board that upon the recommendation of the Legislature, in the months of July and August, the County did keep the one-meeting schedule intact.

Resolution #6 "Appointing County Attorney for 2022 and 2023." Legislator Peryea motioned to offer the name of Jacqueline M. Kelleher, seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (10-0-0). Legislator

Peryea stated Ms. Kelleher has always kept the Board apprised of important information. Legislator Hall concurred with Legislator Peryea's sentiments regarding the great job she has done. He is glad she is on board. Ms. Kelleher thanked Legislator Hall and she stated she enjoys the position.

Resolution #7, "Appointing Assistant County Attorney for 2022." Legislator Kretser offered the name of Gary L. Favro, seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #8, "Appointing Administrator of Indigent Defendants for 2022." Legislator Kretser offered the name of Justin R. Meyer, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #9, "Appointing Off Track Betting Director for 2022" was withdrawn.

Legislator Timmons motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #10, "Approving Temporary Appointment of an Interim Public Health Director (PCN 2001) – Health Department" was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

### **Staff Reports**

#### **County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher**

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

#### **County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo stated the County has received 35,000 KN-95's masks that will be distributed by the County to the Chamber of Commerce, the Joint Council for Equal Opportunity (JCEO), the United Way and towns for further distribution. In addition to the test kits distributed directly to the schools through Board of Cooperative Educational Service (BOCES), the County has received an additional 3,500 test kits, which will be distributed by the County to the townships, villages and the City of Plattsburgh, as well as, a few congregate settings. He reported the County is receiving the masks and test kits that Governor Kathy Hochul talked about last week in her visit to the County, and the County will distribute those throughout the County.

#### **Chairperson's Report – Mark Henry**

Chairperson Henry stated it was his plan to have committee assignments completed as soon as possible. In the meantime, and after a short discussion regarding the Rules of Order for 2022, it was clarified that all Resolutions will be polled by the Committee of Jurisdiction, with the possibility of one or two resolutions that will need to come before the entire Legislature.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hughes motioned to adjourn at 5:36 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni M. Moffat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'M'.

Toni Moffat  
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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