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January 6, 2024

Stenographer's minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Clinton County Legislature held Thursday, January 2, 2025 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
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Kevin Randall, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

VACANT: Area 8

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 5:00 p.m.

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 2025."

Legislator Timmons offered the name of Mark Henry to be appointed as Chairperson of the Clinton County Legislature for 2025. Legislator Hall seconded the motion and stated Mr. Henry has done a fine job, has been fair to both parties and has treated everyone all right. Mr. Hall thanked Mr. Henry and hopes he continues it in the future. Carried (9-0-0-1). Legislator Timmons stated Mr. Henry has represented the Legislature in a very professional way for several years, runs the meetings in a very positive way and he is happy to see him hold that seat for another year.

Chairperson Henry thanked his fellow legislators for their votes of confidence and trust each year. He looks forward to working with everyone for another year and stated the Legislature has a lot to do in the coming year and the Legislature accomplished a lot in 2024 due to their ability to work together.

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 2025." Legislator Waldron motioned to offer the name of Robert Hall to serve as Deputy Chairperson for the year 2025. She stated Legislator Hall is trusted by the Legislature and is very efficient. Chairperson Henry seconded the motion. Carried (9-0-0-1). Chairperson Henry stated he has learned a lot from Legislator Hall, and has done a great job representing his area and the County. Legislator Hall expressed his appreciation.

Resolution #3, "Appointing Republican Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2025." Legislator Castine motioned to offer the name of Rob Timmons as Republican Leader for the year 2025. Chairperson Henry seconded the motion. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Resolution #4, "Appointing Democratic Leader of the Clinton County Legislature for 2025." Legislator Hall motioned to offer the name of Patty Waldron as Democratic Leader for the year 2025. He stated she has been the leader for quite a while and has done a fantastic job. The motion was seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Resolution #5, "Adopting Rules of Order for 2025." Legislator Timmons motioned to adopt the Rules of Order for 2025, seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Resolution #6, "Appointing Assistant County Attorney for 2025." Legislator Hall offered the name of Gary L. Favro, seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Resolution #7, "Appointing Administrator of Indigent Defendants for 2025." Legislator Hall offered the name of Justin R. Meyer, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Legislator Hall stated Mr. Meyer has done a great job and goes above and beyond when asked. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Resolution #8, "Appointing Off Track Betting (OTB) Director for 2025." Legislator Hall offered the name of Sherm Hamel, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-0-1). Mr. Zurlo stated he would

begin the process of the OTB appointment Friday, January 3, 2025.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo thanked all individuals in attendance for their kind words and expressions of sympathy after the passing of his father, John Zurlo.

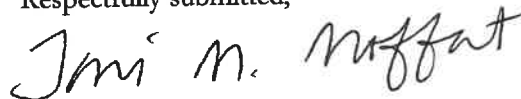
Chairperson’s Report – Mark Henry

Chairperson Henry stated he will get the Committee assignments out as soon as he can. In the meantime, all Legislators will continue with the Committees they have been chairing.

Legislator Hall reported he does not have any answers to why Breeze Airlines, Inc. is not advertising anything after May. Legislator Hall reported he will apprise the Legislature when Contour Airlines begins scheduling flights to Washington, D.C.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Bezio motioned to adjourn at 5:17 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni M. Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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