

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 2, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Clerk of the Board Teresa Clark.

Roll Call: All Legislators were present, except Legislator Roscoe Fawcett, Jr. whom had passed away on January 1, 2018.

County Clerk Linda D. Hoskins administered the Oath of Office to each Legislator.

There were 14 persons present.

Mrs. Clark opened the floor for nominations of a Permanent Chairman. Legislator Andrea Moroughan nominated Legislator Lawrence Dolhof, seconded by Legislator Jerry King. There being no other nominations, Legislator Bryan Moser directed the clerk to close the polls and cast a unanimous ballot for Legislator Dolhof, seconded by Legislator Chartrand. Legislators King and Burns escorted Legislator Dolhof to the podium.

Chairman Dolhof cited accomplishments as a team during the past four years: updated radio communications, progress on developing a business park and JCC extended education center, information technology upgrades and expanded broadband, ATV trail and public transportation route expansions, while also noting the Hospital's favorable operating status. He is confident the new Board will progress these initiatives in cooperation with County staff.

He somberly remembered fellow Legislator Roscoe Fawcett, Jr., who had passed away yesterday and would be greatly missed.

Chairman Dolhof then called upon Legislator King who offered the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Dolhof thanked his colleagues for their cooperation and announced the following list of 2018 Legislative Committee assignments that were then distributed to each Legislator by Mrs. Clark:

**COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, VETERANS'
SERVICES, JUNKYARDS, HISTORIAN, HUMAN RESOURCES,**
Bryan Moser, Chairman
Andrea Moroughan
Ronald Burns

**COURTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE & EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, SEALER OF
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, BUILDING CODES**
Gregory Kulzer, Chairman

Jerry King
Ronald Burns

HOSPITAL

Richard Chartrand, Chairman
John Lehman
Vacancy

PUBLIC HEALTH, COMMUNITY SERVICES

Vacancy, Chairman
Bryan Moser
Richard Chartrand

**RULES AND LEGISLATION, WORKERS' COMPENSATION,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INSURANCE, RECREATION/FORESTRY & PARKS**

Ronald Burns, Chairman
Jerry King
Randall LaChausse

**SOCIAL SERVICES, OFFICE FOR THE AGING,
EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING, YOUTH BUREAU**

John Lehman, Chairman
Randall LaChausse
Vacancy

**TAXATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,
ELECTIONS, AGRICULTURE**

Randall LaChausse, Chairman
Andrea Moroughan
Gregory Kulzer

TRANSPORTATION, SOLID WASTE

Andrea Moroughan, Chairman
John Lehman
Bryan Moser

**WAYS AND MEANS, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS,
COUNTY CLERK**

Jerry King, Chair
Gregory Kulzer
Richard Chartrand

Chairman Dolhof called for nominations for Clerk of the Board for a 2-year term through 12/31/2019. Legislator King nominated Teresa Clark, seconded by Legislator Moroughan. There being no other nominations, Legislator Moser directed the polls be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for her appointment, seconded by Legislator Lehman. County Clerk Linda D. Hoskins administered the Oath of Office to Teresa Clark; and she thanked the Board for their continued confidence.

Chairman Dolhof then approved the December 21, 2017 meeting minutes by general consent.

REPORT ON THE RULES AND LEGISLATION:

Legislator Moser made a motion to waive the Board's Standing Rule No. VI, to allow action on all resolutions presented this evening, seconded by Legislator LaChausse and carried.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES:

The Clerk announced that Legislators had submitted the following Newspaper Designations to be placed on file:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF LEWIS COUNTY:

The people of the County of Lewis being divided into various political parties, the undersigned Legislators of Lewis County elected by the Republican Party, pursuant to Section 214 of the County Law, hereby designate the Watertown Daily Times, a newspaper circulated in Lewis County, State of New York, which newspaper fairly represents the Republican Party of said County, to publish the session laws, concurrent resolutions of the Legislature as required by law to be published, certificates of nomination, local laws of the Board of Legislators, election notices, official canvass, and any and all other matters that are or may be required by law to be published in the official newspaper of the County.

NAME/SIGNATURE

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John V. Lehman
Ronald J. Burns
Bryan D. Moser
Andrea Moroughan
Gregory Kulzer
Lawrence Dolhof
Jerry H. King

11036 State Rte 812, Croghan, NY 13327
P.O. Box 102, Copenhagen, NY 13626
8736 Erie Canal Road, Croghan, NY 13327
6697 Pine Grove Rd., Glenfield, NY 13343
7451 Rice Road, Lowville, NY 13367
P.O. Box 308, Lyons Falls, NY 13368
P.O. Box 202, West Leyden, NY 13489

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF LEWIS COUNTY:

The people of the County of Lewis being represented by various political parties, namely, the undersigned Legislators of Lewis County elected by the Democrat Party, pursuant to Section 214 of the County Law, hereby designate the Watertown Daily Times, a newspaper circulated in Lewis County, State of New York, which newspaper fairly represents the Democrat Party of said County, to publish the session laws, concurrent resolutions of the Legislature as required by law to be published, certificates of nomination, local laws of the Board of Legislators, election notices, official canvass, and any and all other matters that are or may be required by law to be published in the official newspaper of the County.

NAME/SIGNATURE

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Richard Chartrand

7563 Cedar Street, Lowville, NY 13367

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF LEWIS COUNTY:

The people of the County of Lewis being represented by various political parties, namely, the undersigned Legislators of Lewis County elected by the Independent Party, pursuant to

Section 214 of the County Law, hereby designate the Watertown Daily Times, a newspaper circulated in Lewis County, State of New York, which newspaper fairly represents the Independent Party of said County, to publish the session laws, concurrent resolutions of the Legislature as required by law to be published, certificates of nomination, local laws of the Board of Legislators, election notices, official canvass, and any and all other matters that are or may be required by law to be published in the official newspaper of the County.

NAME/SIGNATURE

Randall L. LaChausse

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10454 Monnat School Rd., Castorland, NY 13620

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS:

All Legislators had received copies of the Treasurer's December 2017 report, the 4th Quarter Bed Tax Revenue report, and the 12/28/17 Highway and Solid Waste Department audit reports.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Legislator Gregory Kulzer, member of the Social Services Committee, reported that effective today emergency HEAP applications would be accepted from those with a shut-off notice, or have less than a quarter tank of fuel and had received regular HEAP benefits. Notices had been sent to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients who are able bodied with no dependents to inform them that effective 1/1/2018 they are required to participate in an employment training program as a condition of their eligibility. If they chose not to participate, they are allowed SNAP benefits for only three months out of 36.

Legislator Kulzer also reported the Northern Regional Center For Independent Living (NRCIL) had sponsored holiday events for eligible families. The Tug Hill Seaway Planning Consortium held a networking event for agency case managers; and the Director of Community Services was notified that the NYS Office of Mental Health has increased State Aid by 3.6% for 2018 for mental health programming.

Chairman Dolhof then announced each Legislative Committee Chair, giving an opportunity for discretionary reports.

Legislator Bryan Moser stated his request for an executive session to discuss specific employee evaluations. Chairman Dolhof deferred the session until later in the meeting.

Legislator Richard Chartrand, Hospital Committee Chairman, reported a November loss of \$165,519, being less than the budgeted loss of \$211,980; a year-to-date surplus of \$3,197,247 versus a budgeted projection of \$350,349; and that pension payments are current. November visits for the Beaver River and South Lewis Health Centers were the second highest ever; and surgical services are increasing.

Legislator Chartrand announced the Hospital Board of Managers' officers for the upcoming year are President Michael Young, Vice-President Donald Musnicki and Secretary Philip

McDowell. President Michael Young had formally thanked outgoing member Kevin McArdle for his service and particularly for establishing a registered nurse scholarship program in memory of his mom and dad whom had both been registered nurses.

Legislator Chartrand relayed favorable comments for Emergency Department performance under Delphi; and reported that St. Joseph Hospital CEO Mark Murphy and other managerial staff had met with Hospital administrative staff.

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT:

Ryan Piche reminded Legislators of the upcoming NYSAC conference in Albany, asking them to inform Deputy Clerk Cassandra Moser if they wish to attend.

COUNTY TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Patricia O'Brien recited the balances of the Special Contingency Fund - \$339,154.14; Contingency Fund-\$220,585.52; Capital Data Processing Fund- \$116,534.08 and Capital Equipment Fund - \$407,373.05, of which \$66,840.85 is the Highway portion. She also reported the sales tax revenue of \$10,682,103.15, being above the budgeted level; and the Hospital debt is current at \$1.2 million.

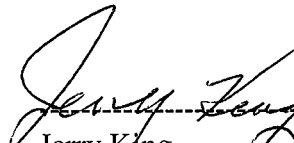
The Internal Service Fund balance is \$1,952,160.60 after a gain in October of \$267,697.31.

REPORT OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

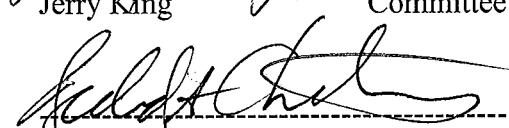
**REPORT OF
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
ON THE EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS**

To: The Honorable County Legislators

The Ways and Means Committee reports that they have examined the claims presented for payment in the total amount of \$ 253,048.58 and recommend that they be audited and allowed for the amounts claimed.



Jerry King Committee



Richard Chartrand Committee

Dated: January 2, 2018

Approved on motion by Legislator Moser, seconded by
Legislator Kulzer, and carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

At 5:40 p.m. Legislator Moser made a motion to enter executive session for discussion about specific employee evaluations, seconded by Legislator Chartrand and carried. Chairman Dolhof asked everyone except Legislators to leave the room. At 6:03 p.m. Legislator Moroughan made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Legislator LaChausse and carried.

A proclamation was read by the Clerk of the Board and then presented by Legislator Gregory Kulzer to each of the South Lewis Girls High School Varsity Cross Country Team members for attaining the 2017 State Title.

The Clerk announced the Chairman's following appointments for the term 1/1/18-12/31/19: Legislators Richard Chartrand and Bryan Moser to the Corporate Compliance Ad Hoc Committee; Legislator Bryan Moser as the representative on the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board; Legislator John Lehman to the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; Legislator Andrea Moroughan to the Law Library Trustee Committee; and Legislators Lawrence Dolhof and Randall LaChausse to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee.

At 6:08 p.m. Legislator Chartrand made a motion to enter executive session for further discussion on specific employee evaluations, seconded by Legislator King and carried. Chairman Dolhof, again, asked everyone except Legislators to leave the room. Following a short recess the session began at 6:17 p.m.

At 6:33 p.m. Legislator Chartrand made a motion to re-enter regular session, seconded by Legislator Kulzer and carried.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned on motion by Legislator Chartrand, seconded by Legislator Burns and carried.