

## **Report of CC Supervisor's meeting of 1-3-17**

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At Tuesday's meeting of the Chenango County Board of Supervisors, Republican Lawrence Wilcox of Oxford was elected chairman for 2017.

Enthusiastically nominated by Republican Supervisor Michael Khoury of Smyrna, Mr. Wilcox is starting his sixth year as chairman, having succeeded Republican Richard Decker of North Norwich. His nomination was seconded by Republican Supervisor Robert Wansor of North Norwich. Mr. Wilcox received the votes of all supervisors present.

Absent were supervisors Peter Flanagan, D-Preston, and David Law, R-Norwich.

As in other recent years, there was no other nomination nor opposition from any supervisor. The formality was over in a few minutes and Mr. Wilcox took his customary seat at the front of the room to deliver his prepared remarks:

"I once again thank you for your continued support and vote of confidence in electing me to be your Chairman for the year 2017," he said.

"We, as a Board of Supervisors, have accomplished many good things in the past five years. Number one in my book is the maintaining of a fiscally sound county based on the precepts set forth by the Board of Supervisors several years ago. We have once again abided by the state imposed tax cap, we've remained debt free, we've reduced the application of surplus funds in our operation and have maintained a status quo of no fiscal stress."

The Chairman thanked county Treasurer William Craine and his staff for guiding the county Board financially.

At the Monday, Jan. 9th regular monthly meeting, Mr. Wilcox will appoint supervisors to the county's various committees.