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**Date:** January 22, 2009  
**To:** All Legislators  
**From:** Daniel D. Reynolds, Legislature Chairman  
**RE:** Notice of Formation of Mineral Rights Ad Hoc Committee

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## Notice of Formation of Mineral Rights Ad Hoc Committee

Whereas, it has come to the attention of this Legislature that following certain county tax foreclosures in 2008, the County has conveyed the subject parcels to prior owners but subject to a reservation by the County of mineral rights including oil and gas rights, and,

Whereas, the undersigned has determined that any such County policy pertaining to the County's retention of mineral rights should have the imprimatur of the County Legislature and that it is desirable to have an ad hoc committee formed to study whether the existing practices of the Administration shall be ratified by Legislative Approval or shall be discontinued or shall be modified by a policy advanced by this committee,

Now therefore, by virtue of the power given under the Rules for the Broome County Legislature, the Chairman hereby constitutes and forms an ad hoc committee to study the advisability of having a policy in place regarding the County's retention of mineral rights in conveyance of tax foreclosed property, and to give a policy recommendation to the full Legislative Body for its consideration.

In furtherance thereof, the following Legislators are hereby appointed as members of said committee

Mr. Herz (Chair)  
Mr. Cleary  
Mr. Diffendorf  
Mr. Keibel  
Mr. Nirchi

In addition to the above members, the Committee shall also include Senior Assistant County Attorney Robert Behnke, Director of Real Property Services Kevin Keough as Administrative representatives. The Chairman of the Legislature shall also be a member ex officio.

Daniel D. Reynolds  
Chairman of the Legislature