

***Molinaro Announces Appointments
in Finance and Central Services***

Poughkeepsie...Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro has announced two new appointments within his administration:

- Christopher Barclay as Director of Central Services
- Heidi Seelbach-Budd as First Deputy Commissioner of Finance

“We are very excited about these changes in our organization,” said County Executive Molinaro. “With all of the fiscal challenges we continue to face, it is critical to have the right people in these key county government roles. Both Chris Barclay and Heidi-Seelbach-Budd have the experience and the know-how to maximize efficiencies and help protect county government’s bottom line and save money for our property taxpayers.”

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Christopher Barclay begins tomorrow, March 6th, as Director of Central Services. He replaces Heidi Seelbach-Budd, who is transitioning to a new role in the Department of Finance.

Central Services is a compilation of several divisions that serve other departments, assisting them in providing their functions more easily and at reduced costs, and is crucial to the successful and efficient delivery of services by all of county government. As Director, Mr. Barclay will be responsible for central purchasing, contract administration, telecommunications, duplicating and printing, inventory control, central billing, office supplies, supply delivery, mail services, as well as automotive fleet maintenance and administration.

County Executive Molinaro said, “Chris Barclay has a wealth of experience to bring to Dutchess County Government and we are very pleased to have him join our team. His knowledge of state government will be a tremendous asset, especially when we utilize state contract bids to save tax dollars for our county residents.”

Prior to joining Dutchess County Government, Mr. Barclay worked for the New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF), a government agency, which is also the largest provider of Workers Compensation insurance in New York State. During his fourteen year career with the NYSIF, Mr. Barclay held a variety of roles including First Deputy Executive Director. His responsibilities included real estate purchase and lease negotiations, procurement oversight, preparation and oversight of a \$300 million budget, workflow analysis and project management.

"I am excited to be joining Dutchess County Government and thank County Executive Molinaro for this opportunity," said Mr. Barclay. "I have been successful in improving productivity, optimizing technology and reducing costs without compromising quality of service. Dutchess County Government has been very successful in these areas as well, so I know I am joining a winning team."

Mr. Barclay is a graduate of State University of New York at Stony Brook. He resides with his family in the Town of Wappinger.

Heidi Seelbach-Budd begins a new role in Dutchess County Government as First Deputy Commissioner of Finance. Current First Deputy Commissioner of Finance Corinna Wu will be retiring after 34 years of service in Dutchess County Government. Ms. Wu will retire this summer and will spend the next few months transitioning Ms. Seelbach-Budd into this critical position.

"We are fortunate to be able to have an experienced Dutchess County team member ready and able to step into this critical position," said County Executive Molinaro. "Heidi will make a great addition to the Department of Finance and will be vital in helping us to navigate the fiscal challenges we continue to face."

Ms. Seelbach-Budd joined Dutchess County Government as the Director of Central Services in August, 2011 after a long, successful career in the not-for-profit sector. She began her career at Marist College in 1989, moving to St. Cabrini Home in West Park, NY in 1991. She held various positions at St. Cabrini including Controller since 1995 and the Director of Finance from 2006 until 2011. Her experience in the non-profit sector accustomed her to challenging fiscal environments which will be invaluable in her new role.

"I am really looking forward to this opportunity. I have worked closely with the Department of Finance in my role as Central Services Director and I am eager to get started on this new challenge," said Ms. Seelbach-Budd.

Ms. Seelbach-Budd has a B.S. in Finance from Siena College, as well as a B.S. in Accounting from Marist College. Ms. Seelbach-Budd resides in Clinton with her family.

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