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July 5, 2017

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, June 28, 2017 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Simon Conroy, Area 4
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5, Deputy Chairperson
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

Deputy Chairperson Pete Keenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. Chairperson Harry McManus asked to be excused.

Legislator Dyer motioned to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2017 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (9-0-1).

Deputy Chairperson Keenan stated there is a public hearing on establishing a Retirement Contribution Fund. He asked Mr. Zurlo to read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Legislator Timmons motioned to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (9-0-1).

Deputy Chairperson Keenan asked if anyone present wished to address the board regarding this matter. There being no one who wished to do so, Legislator Hall motioned to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (9-0-1).

Deputy Chairperson Keenan asked if anyone present wished to address the Legislature. Ed Marin, owner of Gradients, LLC (and a resident of 71 Dickson Point Road, Point AuRoche) and a current tenant of Plattsburgh International Airport addressed the Legislature. Mr. Marin stated he is a member of the Beekmantown Central School Board, the BOCES Board and the Institute of Advanced Manufacturing. He has been doing research and development over the past ten years in the aviation field. Mr. Marin stated he was very happy to hear of the Governor awarding funding to Plattsburgh International Airport; however, he is a tenant of one of the buildings that is slated for demolition. He has received notification that he will need to vacate the building, and he would like to find a place to continue his work. It was suggested that Mr. Marin contact the Airport Manager to review his options. Legislator Hall reported he has been in discussions with Mr. Marin.

Sylvie Nelson, Executive Director of the North Country Workforce Development Board, addressed the Legislature regarding the OneWorkSource Consortium Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding which were on the agenda for approval under Resolution #496.

There being no one further who wished to address the Legislature, Deputy Chairperson Keenan moved on to Committee reports.

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last meeting. Resolution #497 has been withdrawn. Resolution #498 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee - Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5th at 6:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Personnel Committee has not met since the last meeting. The meeting scheduled for Monday, July 3rd has been cancelled. Committee members will be polled on the Resolutions (which are all straight backfills).

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier. Chris Kreig, the Airport Manager, updated the Committee on air service, construction and the Upstate Airport Initiative. Resolutions #500 through #510 (and Resolutions #520 through #522 and #524 under Waive Rule 13.2) have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Board of Health met two weeks ago. The Board of Health discussed having Jerie Reid, the Director of Public Health, come to Regular Sessions on a monthly basis to highlight current activities that the Health Department is engaged in.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported he recently met with Garry Douglas of the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce and discussed development at the airport and scheduling another meeting of the Upstate Airport Initiative Task Force to discuss the progress of projects.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame attended the last Board meeting. Ray DiPasquale, President and Lisa Shovan, Vice President for Administration and Finance, will be presenting the 2017-2018 Clinton Community College budget at the Wednesday, August 2nd Finance Committee meeting.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board met Tuesday, June 27th and reviewed the Local Services Plan for the County. The Community Services Board is looking to fill gaps with housing, the opiate epidemic issues, anti-stigma issues, suicide, detox, etc.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Cooperative Extension met Tuesday, June 20th. Cooperative Extension will be losing Anna Wallace, Fruit Specialist, who will be leaving employment to obtain her Master's Degree. Jim Myers, Grape Specialist, will be replacing her.

Discipline Review – Legislators Dame, Hall, Mr. Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported Kim Kinblom, the Personnel Director, will be scheduling a meeting of the Discipline Review Committee in the near future.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met in Saratoga County on Thursday, June 22nd. Mark LaVigne from the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) informed the Committee there are nine counties in New York State that may potentially become involved in a class action suit against opiate pharmaceutical companies. Mr. Zurlo reported he has been contacted by a New York City law firm that is handling some of these cases. Mr. Zurlo has spoken with representatives from NYSAC who are sitting down with two law firms to discuss any potential actions.

Law Library Board – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Law Library has been closed for some time now. In today's digital age, most attorneys are conducting their research on-line. The building that the Law Library was located in is owned by the County and served as Judge Lahtinen's Chambers while he was in office. Mr. Zurlo stated the County is required to provide space for Judge Powers if he comes to Clinton County. Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, reported the contractor for the Housing Assistance Program occupies space on the second floor of the building a couple of times a week.

Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported culvert assessments are being done in the western part of the State. Farming surveying and hydro-seeding are also being conducted. Culvert and basins are available if any town Highway Department is in need.

STAFF REPORTS

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the one percent sales tax extension has not yet passed in the Senate and the Assembly. He has spoken with Senator Elizabeth Little and Assemblyman Billy Jones, and has been advised the framework to get the legislation has been established.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted unless otherwise noted:

Resolutions #496 was approved.

Resolution #497 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #498 through #507 were approved.

Resolution #508 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #509 through #519 were approved.

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

Resolutions #520 through #524 were approved.

There being no further business, Legislator Waldron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melody Lemieux". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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