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April 30, 2018

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2  
Simon Conroy, Area 4  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Mark Henry, Area 3  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1  
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney  
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

Chairperson McManus 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.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2018 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (9-0-1). (Legislator Beach arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Trent Trahan, Chairperson of the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), was present to answer any questions regarding the Industrial Development Agency resolution.

Sarah Martin, Housing Program Organizer from the Cooperative Development Institute, explained the background of the Country Sky Mobile Home Park Project. She indicated that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is necessary and was unsure why the Town of Beekmantown has decided to turn the Grant back.

Marguerite Hart, a resident from the Country Sky Mobile Home Park, appreciated the assistance of all agencies helping to convert the Park from a private ownership to a cooperative.

Freddie Johnson, a 12-year resident of the Country Sky Mobile Home Park, stated his children were saddened to hear of the park's closing, and he hopes he will be able to stay there and allow his children to continue to attend Beekmantown Central School. Legislator Conroy inquired how the cooperative will be operated. Jeremiah Ward, Housing Program Organizer from the Cooperative Development Institute, explained the functioning of the cooperative.

Joe Gittens, a bus driver for Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT), was present to advocate for the County takeover of the system; but is fearful that the proposed change from McDonald Transit, Inc. to First Transit, Inc. would not be well received.

Tina Sullivan from Plattsburgh, New York expressed her concerns in regards to Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT). Ms. Sullivan is a bus driver for CCPT. She is advocating for Clinton County to operate the bus system.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, stated he has been working with Jeremiah Ward on the Country Sky Mobile Home Park Project. Under the interim cooperative operation, Mr. Kanoza reported inspections are much improved, and he is very encouraged by the last few months of operation.

There being no one further who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson McManus moved on to Committee Reports.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Buildings and Grounds – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Children and Family Services – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported he met with Commissioner John Redden and Deputy Commissioner Rich Holcomb and was briefed on the Department and all of its functions. He also toured the Department of Social Services' complex. He stated this Department continues to be quite busy, and he looks forward to Chairing this important Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Economic Development and County Operations – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee approved Resolution #319 at its meeting of April 11<sup>th</sup>, and it has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

**Finance – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Finance Committee meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 p.m., has been cancelled.

**Health – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Human Services – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Darlene Collins, Administrative Assistant at the Office for the Aging, discussed Resolutions #320 through #325 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, discussed quality assurance and performance improvements and New Life Safety and Emergency Preparedness Regulations for long-term care.

Legislator Keenan stated the next Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m. has been cancelled.

**Personnel – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Plattsburgh International Airport. Chris Krieg, the Airport Director, discussed the United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) FIS User Fee Airport Memorandum of Agreement, proposals

received for Fixed Base Operator (FBO) Services, New Air Service Incentive Policy, and he provided an airline update. A tour of the airport followed the meeting.

Resolution #326 was withdrawn. Resolutions #327 and #328 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Public Safety – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported Resolutions #329 through #331 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Transportation – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported Resolutions #332 through #337 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy stated Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County (SPARCC) is scheduled to meet Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Butcher Block. He reported there will be a guest speaker discussing his recovery from opioid abuse.

#### **Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislative Waldron**

Legislator Waldron stated the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled to meet Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated Soil and Water met last week. They will be using grant funds for tire collections, helping towns with soil erosion issues and helping farmers with crop production.

### **Staff Reports**

County Attorney James Coffey requested an executive session to discuss Opioid litigation with Clinton County.

Mr. Zurlo reported Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, provided him with an update on the foreclosure process. Twenty-eight parcels were redeemed on April 23<sup>rd</sup> leaving 45 parcels (1 commercial, 15 residential and 29 vacant parcels) to be auctioned from the original starting point of 126 parcels. In comparison to last year, there were 51 auctioned parcels (1 commercial, 27 residential and 22 vacant parcels).

Mr. Zurlo also reported on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the photographer will be here to take the new Legislative photo at 6:45 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairperson McManus moved on to resolutions. The following resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolution #319 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate and Transfer Funding from the Tobacco Reserve Fund for 2018 Projects – Treasurer's Office" was motioned by Legislator Rosenquest and seconded by Legislator Conroy.

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest motioned to amend the resolution to eliminate the City of Plattsburgh award, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #320 through #325 were approved.

Resolution #326 titled, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Republic Parking System, LLC – Plattsburgh International Airport" was withdrawn.

Resolution #327 titled, "Authorizing Contract Amendments with All Leased Tenants at Renewal – Plattsburgh International Airport" was defeated.

Discussion: Legislator Dame believes the change is not to the benefit of the County taxpayers as the new increases will be set instead of following the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and if the CPI climbs higher than the set rate, the County will potentially be losing lease revenue.

Chairperson McManus asked to have a full roll call vote taken on the resolution, seconded by Legislator Dame. Defeated (1-9-0). Legislator Hall voted in the affirmative.

Resolutions #328 through #341 were approved.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #342 titled "Authorizing Application and Acceptance for Grant Funding under the New York State Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program – Planning Department"

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest expressed his gratitude to the County and to all of the individuals whose efforts have aided in the progression of this project.

Legislator Dame congratulated the homeowners and all involved in their efforts to make this project come to fruition. He also applauded the homeowners' accountability in paying back the loans.

Legislator Waldron motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Dame motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:22 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

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