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July 16, 2018

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, July 11, 2018 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2 (arrived at 7:12 p.m.)
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
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. All Legislators were present (Legislator Beach arrived at 7:12 p.m.)

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2018 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature. There was no one present who wished to address the Legislature.

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier. James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, provided an update on the Old Court House Exterior Renovation Project and the Human Services Center Lounge and Annex Renovation Project. Both projects are going very well.

Resolutions #524 through #526 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 3rd was cancelled. Resolutions #527 through #529 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier. Anastasia Pratt, the County Historian, was present to discuss updates on the Walking Trail Sign Project.

Resolutions #530 through #532 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Interviews for the Director of Economic Development position were held Tuesday, July 10th.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8th at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 5th was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolution #533 on the agenda.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 1st at 5:15 p.m. Representatives from Lumsden and McCormick will be present to discuss audit findings, and representatives from Clinton Community College will also be present to discuss their 2018-2019 budget request.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee met Tuesday, July 3rd. John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, and Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, were present to discuss Resolutions #534 through #540 which have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 5th was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #541 through #543 which are on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 2nd at 5:15 p.m. to accommodate a long Finance Committee agenda.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee met Monday, July 2nd and reviewed 13 items. There are 13 resolutions on the agenda that reflect the Committee's recommendations.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee was polled on Resolution #557 which has been placed on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25th at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo noted the August Plattsburgh International Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, August 21st at the Airport at 5:15 p.m. He invited all Legislators to attend.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, July 9th.

Richelle Gregory, Director of the Child Advocacy Center, and Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Indigent Defendants and Russell Haag of the Sheriff's Department were present.

Mr. Meyer outlined a recent grant from New York State, and the Committee discussed using this Grant to begin the process of creating a Public Defender's Office.

Resolutions #558 through #567 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 13th at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo noted the grant that Legislator Beach referred to for the Assigned Counsel Program is a grant that increases each year over five years. The amount of money in the fifth year is in excess of \$2 million for that year. There have been no recommendations as of yet; however, there is a strong possibility that the County will be considering phasing in the establishment of a Public Defender's Office.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee met Monday, July 9th.

Al Rascoe, the Clinton County Highway Superintendent, presented Resolutions #571 through #574 which are included on the agenda.

James Bosley, Planning Technician for Clinton County Public Transit, presented Resolutions #568 through #570 which are also included on the agenda.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 13th at 5:15 p.m.

Committee Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the July meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held in September.

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Dame reported he, Legislator Rosenquest and Mr. Zurlo met with the President and Comptroller at Clinton Community College to discuss the 2018-2019 budget request. The budget will be presented to the Legislature at the Wednesday, August 1st Finance Committee meeting.

Legislator Rosenquest noted Clinton Community College will be selling its dorms at the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base.

Mr. Zurlo reported Clinton Community College's dorm enrollment has been on a decline in recent years. One dorm will remain open to students during the fall, 2018 semester. Other accommodations have been made for the spring, 2019 semester. All affected parties are agreeable to the proposed accommodations for 2019 forward.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board will meet Tuesday, July 17th. There will be continued discussion on housing for those with mental health and addiction issues.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported he and Legislator Rosenquest will be judging 4-H exhibits at the County Fair this Saturday, July 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. He invited any legislator who is interested to join them.

Lake Champlain/Lake George (LC/LG) Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the LC/LG Regional Planning Board has been working on revising its bylaws. The Executive Director of the LC/LG Regional Planning Board recently resigned.

Chairperson McManus reported there will be a meeting on Wednesday, July 25th at 1:30 p.m. in the Legislative Conference Room to discuss all of the projects the LC/LG Regional Planning Board has done over the last three years. He invited all legislators to attend.

Soil and Water – Legislators Henry and Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Soil and Water Conservation Board will meet next Thursday, July 19th.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

County Attorney James Coffey requested an executive session to discuss: Collective Negotiations with the Correction Officer’s Unit of the Clinton County Sheriff’s Department, litigation with Murnane Contractors, Inc. and the work history of a former employee.

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

Resolutions #524 through #586 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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