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June 16, 2017

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, June 14, 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
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

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

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.

Legislator Dyer motioned to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2017 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus declared the month of June as Dairy Month in Clinton County. He acknowledged Katarina Emerick of Mooers, New York, the Dairy Princess of Clinton County, and her two ambassadors, Jamie Lynn of Ellenburg, New York and Haley Gilmore of Chateaugay, New York. They spoke briefly on their roles in promoting dairy to the public.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – 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 Master Plan Projects.

Resolutions #416 through #421 have been placed on the agenda upon recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #492 (under Waive Rule 13.2) has also been placed on the agenda.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee met Tuesday, June 6th. Commissioner John Redden discussed Resolutions #422 through #424. Commissioner Redden also discussed statistics for the month of April, updated the Committee on Raise the Age, and the Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County (SPARCC). Legislator Waldron also reported these discussions revealed opioid addiction has now surpassed alcoholism in Clinton County.

Resolutions #425 through #430 have been placed on the agenda upon recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #431 was polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier. John Zurlo, the County Clerk, discussed the electronic backup contract with Cott Systems and the potential use of credit cards in the County Clerk's Office.

Resolutions #432 through #435 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th at 6 p.m.

Finance – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, June 7th. Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, discussed sales tax, the Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) rates for the Airport and other debt and the In Rem Property Tax auction results. She also reported on the discussion the County had with Moody's Rating Agency as part of the Refinancing of the Old Jail Serial Bond, the Correction of Annual Report and the establishment of a Retirement Contribution Reserve.

Resolutions #436 through #441 have been placed on the agenda upon recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #493 (under Waive Rule 13.2) has also been placed on the agenda.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th was cancelled.

Resolutions #442 through #447 were polled and have been placed on the agenda upon recommendation of the Committee.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th was cancelled.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5th at 6:15 p.m.

Personnel – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Personnel Committee met Monday, June 5th and reviewed 19 resolutions, 15 of which are included on the agenda. Important items to note: disapproved was the request from the Airport Manager to decrease hours of a Guard position from 39 to 30 and to create a new 30 hour Guard position. A straight backfill of 39 hours was approved. Also disapproved was the request from 7 Mental Health Clinician I's for a reallocation from Grade 20 to Grade 21. The Clinicians have requested a re-hearing for the August Personnel Committee meeting. Lastly, disapproved was the creation of a full-time psychiatric nurse practitioner at Mental Health. It is requested this be a contract between the County and the individual.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, June 12th. David Marcoux, the Probation Director, discussed Resolution #463. Major Michael Reid from the Sheriff's Department, discussed Resolutions #464 through #467. Jami Rock, Administrative Assistant at the Child Advocacy Center, discussed Resolutions #468 through #470. These resolutions have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, discussed Local Law #1 of 2004 titled, "Imposition of 911 Wireless Surcharge." Resolutions #471 through #476 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Legal Defense, discussed compensating attorneys for after-hours arraignments. Resolutions #491 and #494 (under Waive Rule 13.2) have been placed on the agenda.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10th at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo, reported the Committee agreed to move forward with the wireless surcharge (newly authorized by the State of New York). The plan has been given to James Coffey, the County Attorney, for his review.

Transportation – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee met Monday, June 12th. Al Rascoe, the Highway Superintendent, discussed the snow and ice contract in Altona and indicated he would further discuss with the Committee in the future. Resolutions #477 and #478 have been placed on the agenda upon recommendation of the Committee.

James Bosley, the Planning Technician, discussed the city deviation service public meetings and the transit management contract renewal. The Committee decided to have the Planning Department develop a plan for review and initiate some trial runs. Mr. Zurlo noted that stakeholders have some good thoughts that would be examined further. Chairperson McManus reported once the final plan is complete, there will be a public forum for input and further discussion of the plan.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 10th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19th.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Chamber of Commerce met earlier in the month. He reported the Chamber is excited to be a part of the 150 year celebration of the Anniversary of Canada. Mr. Rosenquest anticipates collaborating with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce during the next few months.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported he attended the last Community Services Board meeting which included an anti-stigma campaign by the SUNY Plattsburgh students on mental health and addiction. The presentation encouraged the public or any individual in need of help to seek treatment.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th.

InterCounty – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the InterCounty Legislative Committee met in Franklin County at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. A representative from Adirondack Action spoke on the broadband issue in the Adirondacks. Legislator Waldron reported Clinton County is the #1 under-served county of the 13 counties in the Adirondack Park. She provided a brief update on the undertaking of Clinton County's broadband. She reported progress is on hold but it is believed that Mohawk Networks, LLC. have bid for phase III for Saranac. Mr. Zurlo reported the process should, in theory, get easier as the rounds progress due to private sector involvement (the private sector match is lower) and as the rings are built and the infrastructure is constructed, the cost of the connection back to home base is reduced.

Soil and Water – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15th.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Workforce Development Board met earlier this month. John Van Natten, Chairman of the Workforce Development Board, gave a presentation comparing the differences between the Workforce Development Board and the North Country Workforce Partnership.

Mr. Zurlo noted Sylvie Nelson, the Executive Director of the North Country Workforce Development Board, will be at the June 28th Regular Session to discuss the OneWorkSource Consortium Agreement.

Staff Reports

Mr. Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss the Risetto litigation and the Town of Plattsburgh, assessment matter regarding Champlain Centres North.

Mr. Zurlo reported the Clinton County Shared Services Initiative Panel continues to make progress in their plan development. The next Clinton County Shared Services meeting is Wednesday, June 21st. Mr. Zurlo reiterated the final plan needs to be submitted to the Legislature by August 1st.

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

Resolutions #416 through #426 were approved.

Resolution #427 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Evergreen Townhouse Community – Social Services"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo explained Resolution #425 titled, "Authorizing Continuum of Care Program Grant Application and Acceptance – Social Services" accepts Grant funding and Resolutions #426 and #427 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Evergreen Townhouse Community – Social Services" expends the funding received from the Grant. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #428 through #444 were approved.

Resolution #445 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, LLC/Konica Minolta Premier Finance – Health Department"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported two departments did not fall under the Managed Print System and Clinton County has now incorporated them. The change was beneficial to the County because the new machines are better, are at the same contracted price of the original contract and the price per copy has decreased. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #446 through #475 were approved.

Resolution #476 titled, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Wells Communication Service, Inc. – Emergency Services"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported Resolution #475 titled, "Awarding Bid for Preventative Maintenance – Emergency Services" contract amount is half of what Clinton County previously paid because it was only for a six-month period. The contract was not executed because the County was negotiating with the company. Resolution #476 titled "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Wells Communication Service, Inc. – Emergency Services" contract amount increased by \$14,200 (the contract normally is "not to exceed" \$5,000). Due to the fact Resolution #475 was not executed and the work needed to be done, the Committee decided to increase the current contract with Wells Communication, Inc. to include this expenditure. These two contracts have provided the Emergency Services Department a \$30,000 savings for the 2017 fiscal year. However, it is important to note the 2018 contract amount with Wells Communication, Inc. will go back to \$88,000. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #477 through #495 were approved.

Chairperson McManus asked if there was anything further to come before the Legislature.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss the Risetto litigation, seconded by Legislator Beach.

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:32 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #495 titled, "Authorizing Settlement Agreement and Mutual Full and Final Release of All Claims – Legislature" was approved. The motion was offered by Legislator Keenan and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter back into Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. to discuss the Town of Plattsburgh assessment matter regarding Champlain Centres North, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni Moffat". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator