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May 31, 2017

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2 (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)  
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  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
Gary Favro, Esq., County Attorney  
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 10, 2017 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Dana Bushey Isabella, Program Director for Tobacco Free Clinton-Franklin-Essex Counties through Champlain Valley Family Center reported she brought four youths from Clinton County to Richmond, Virginia for the Altria Phillip Morris USA Shareholder meeting. She reported it was an incredible experience for the young people. Ms. Isabella reported a survey was emailed to Legislators in regards to Tobacco 21. She asked that the surveys be completed and returned. Ms. Isabella reported that Champlain Valley Family Services is sponsoring a 5K Forward for Recovery Celebration on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

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 next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Children and Family Services – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reminded Legislators that the Foster Parent dinner is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the Elks Club in Plattsburgh. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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

#### **Economic Development and County Operations – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

#### **Finance – Legislator Dame**

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

#### **Health – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Human Services – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Personnel – Legislator Dyer**

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

**Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier this evening. Chris Kreig, the Airport Manager, updated the Committee on airlines and the Upstate Airport Initiative. He also discussed standards for taxi cab operations serving the Airport. Resolutions #391, #392 and #394 through #410 have been placed on the agenda upon recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #393 has been withdrawn. Legislator Hall reported many of these resolutions are for the purpose of establishing capital accounts for each of the thirteen individual projects to be undertaken under the Upstate Airport Initiative.

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Committee approved a resolution to contract with Tailwind MC, LLC as the concession vendor for the next two years at the Airport. He reported there were no local restaurant vendors who submitted Requests for Proposals (RFPs). Legislator Hall reported he contacted local restaurants and was told it would be difficult to staff the restaurants for the required hours the Airport has flights arriving and departing. Legislator Hall wishes Tailwind MC, LLC the best and hopes they remain at the Airport after the two years and are a huge success.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Public Safety – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported the next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

Legislator Conroy reported he attended a Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County (SPARCC) meeting which reflected the increased need for foster care parents.

**Transportation – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Off Track Betting Scholarship – Legislature Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the OTB Scholarship Committee met Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Committee reviewed the names of 16 students who were being considered to receive \$500 scholarships. Two local students were selected to receive scholarships, one for enrollment at SUNY Plattsburgh and the other for enrollment at Clinton Community College. The names of the scholarship winners will be announced at their graduation.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Board of Health – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the Board of Health is scheduled to meet in three weeks.

### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Chamber of Commerce met last week. He reported there is an ongoing discussion regarding occupancy tax. He will be meeting individually with the County Treasurer, Kimberly Davis, and Kristy Kennedy, Vice President of Marketing of the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce, to discuss possible changes.

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

Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board is scheduled to meet Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Assemblyperson Billy Jones will be a guest speaker.

Legislator Conroy reported he and Legislator Timmons attended Shine On which was funded through Tobacco Settlement. He thanked the Legislature for approving funding for the SUNY Plattsburgh event for young girls in third to fifth grades (approximately 200 girls attended). Legislator Conroy reported Shine On is an incredible program.

### **Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Agricultural Tour is scheduled for Friday, September 8, 2017. More details will follow. Legislator Timmons reported there were 500 individuals who attended the Food for Farm Day.

### **Grievance – Legislator Dyer**

Legislator Dyer reported there were two grievances regarding equipment issued to department personnel.

### **InterCounty – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the next InterCounty Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in Franklin County at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake.

### **Soil and Water – Legislator Dyer**

Legislator Timmons reported there were 3,600 trees sold at the tree sale. He reported Soil and Water received a \$10,000 grant for culvert assessment (Towns of Clinton, Mooers and part of Chateaugay). Legislator Dyer reported there were 150 trees planted in the Town of Beekmantown behind the highway garage where a salt storage shed will be located.

## **Staff Reports**

Mr. Zurlo requested an Executive Session to discuss the sale and lease of real property and the Risetto matter.

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

Resolutions #391 and #392 were approved.

Resolution #393 titled, "Authorizing Out-of-State Travel – Plattsburgh International Airport" was withdrawn.

Resolutions #394 through #398 were approved.

Resolution #399 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Capital Project titled, "Environmental Clearance and Program Management Project" - Plattsburgh International Airport"

Discussion: Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, reported there are 12 Airport projects in succession and 12 resolutions in succession to establish capital projects for revenue that is going to be obtained through the New York State Department of Transportation Grant award. He reported a separate account needs to be established since each project will be bid separately. Mr. Zurlo reported this needs to be done so the County will be able to properly account for expenditures out of each project. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #400 through #415 were approved.

Mr. Zurlo reminded Legislators that Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul will be at City Hall on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to provide an announcement in regards to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Doors open at 12 p.m., and the event begins at 12:30 p.m.

Legislator Hall requested that Mr. Brown update the Legislature on the Veterans' Cemetery to be located at Cumberland Head. Mr. Brown reported when the Legislature approved the \$15,000 Tobacco Settlement award for site investigation for the construction of a State Veterans Cemetery located at Cumberland Head, it was suggested by Legislator Rosenquest that an engineering firm be contacted to complete the project at no cost to the County. He reported C & S Engineers, Inc. has agreed to complete the project at no cost to the County.

Legislator Dame asked for clarification on paratransit services through Clinton County Public Transit. Mr. Brown reported the cost for operating complementary paratransit services throughout the City of Plattsburgh has skyrocketed, primarily due to a great increase in demand. The County is required (through the Americans with Disabilities Act) to provide complementary paratransit for all fixed routes that exist. Complementary paratransit is curb-to-curb service for those who are determined to be eligible by virtue of a disability as unable to use the fixed route system (i.e., unable to negotiate or read the schedule, mobility limited, etc.). Mr. Brown reported a deviation service as an alternative to paratransit service would allow deviation three quarters of a mile from a fixed route. He reported the Planning Department is proposing to the Transportation Committee that an extra 15 minutes be included in each run to pick up to two deviation requests and have a backup run in case there are more than the two requests. Mr. Brown reported this would be less costly to operate than the complementary paratransit service; however, it will be more inconvenient for the non-disabled passengers because it will take longer to arrive at the ultimate destination if an individual must transfer to a different bus to arrive at their final destination.

Mr. Brown reported the Transportation Committee did not approve the deviation service, only public meetings to explain the proposal. The Committee approved a public meeting which is scheduled for Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Room for the public and a second meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Room with human services agencies who are involved with transportation. Feedback will be provided to the Legislature.

Legislator Dame asked about scheduling deviation service to go to a home to pick up an individual. Mr. Brown replied paratransit would pick up an individual within a one-hour window and bring the individual to any location that the fixed-route services goes (within three quarters of a mile from the route).

Legislator Timmons reported requests for deviations are required one day prior to the trip date so the time of the pickup and destination is known should another bus be needed.

Legislator Rosenquest asked if a route would deviate to drop an individual off who rides the new deviation service and use to curb-to-curb service to pick them up. Mr. Brown replied yes, as long as it is within three quarters of a mile.

Legislator Dame asked what establishes an individual as a disabled person in order to receive paratransit service. Mr. Brown replied the health care provider makes that determination.

Legislator Hall asked if there is a breakdown as to where the individuals using the service are going. Mr. Brown replied there are percentages as to who is being brought to work, to a doctor's appointment, grocery shopping, etc.

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

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell  
Senior Stenographer