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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, November 14, 2012 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Robert Butler, Area 6
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
John Gallagher, Area 9
Robert Heins, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
James Langley, Jr., Chairperson, Area 7
Sara Rowden, Area 4

EXCUSED: Harry McManus, Area 1

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
William Favreau, County Attorney
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Langley 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 McManus asked to be excused.

Legislator Butler offered a motion to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2012 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson Langley asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Sherm Hamel, the Director of Off Track Betting (OTB), discussed OTB revenues and operations. He stated the gaming business has been struggling, and OTB is pursuing better capital. September, 2011 capital for OTB increased by 1.5 percent or \$2 million. This increase is due to on-line wagering that has been implemented as well as the construction of the new Clubhouse Race Book in Albany, New York which was completed at no cost to tax payers. Mr. Hamel stated OTB has lowered its expenses by over \$800,000. Staffing has been reduced from 450 employees five years ago to 250 employees in 2012. This is largely due to on-line wagering and OTB being used for the racetracks. OTB is trying to reverse this trend so that more money is paid to localities. Out-of-State internet betting sites are promoting residents of New York State place bets; however, revenue is not received from bets placed on these sites. Mr. Hamel stated projected revenue to Clinton County for the year 2012 is \$75,000, projected revenue for 2011 was \$79,502 and projected revenue for 2013 is \$75,000.

Jack Stone from Schuyler Falls, New York requested the Legislature sell to him the Flying Nuns building located at the former Clinton County Airport so that he could open a butcher business. Mr. Stone stated he has had a successful butcher business in Schuyler Falls for many years. This would help local farmers who raise cows and pigs. He stated, for example, that ground beef could be sold to Price Chopper for \$2.50 per pound. Chairperson Langley recommended that Mr. Stone attend the November 28th Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting to discuss this further.

There being no one further to address the Legislature, Chairperson Langley called for standing committee and liaison reports.

Committee Reports

County Operations Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the County Operations Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th was cancelled. Resolutions #834 and #835 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next meeting of the County Operations Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4th at 6:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Finance Committee met earlier this evening. The Committee began discussion on the 2013 recommended Clinton County budget. Resolutions #836 through #843 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee met Thursday, November 8th at 5:15 p.m. There was discussion on proposed Local Law #4 titled, "Regulating the Use of Tobacco Products upon Real Property Owned or Leased by Clinton County." Legislator Beach reported the search for a Psychiatrist continues. Resolutions #844 through #852 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met Tuesday, November 13th. Resolutions #853 through #862 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported Resolutions #863 through #873 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Heins

Legislator Heins reported Resolutions #874 through #876 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Butler

Legislator Butler reported Resolution #877 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee met Friday, November 9th. She reported a Media Campaign will be launched in April, 2013 and will focus on people taking pride in the local area. A Maple Weekend is scheduled in 2013. A Bass World

Series is scheduled which will be the first on Lake Champlain. A windsurfing event is scheduled for Fall, 2013 which is through a group based in Hawaii. A Pro Beach Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for 2014. There has been an increase in people scheduling bus tours in our area. Legislator Rowden distributed 2013 Media Kits to Legislators.

InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled to meet Wednesday, November 15th at 10:30 a.m. in Lake George, New York.

Soil and Water – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported Soil and Water is pursuing different avenues of revenue. Soil and Water is working more with the Towns. Projects are being done quickly due to the engineer on duty in the office.

Staff Reports

County Attorney William Favreau requested an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing two litigation matters.

County Administrator Michael Zurlo reported the Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on Thursday, December 6th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Legislators interested in attending should call the Legislative Office. Mr. Zurlo stated Clinton County has been asked to provide an item for a time capsule that will be opened in 100 years.

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

Resolutions #829 through #851 were approved.

Resolution #852 titled, "Authorizing the Clerk of the Clinton County Legislature to Advertise for a Public Hearing on Local Law #4 of 2012 titled, "Regulating the Use of Tobacco Products upon Real Property Owned or Leased by Clinton County – Legislature"

Discussion: Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown stated this resolution has been withdrawn and will be placed on the November 28th Regular Session agenda. (Carried 9-0-1).

Resolutions #853 through #869 were approved.

Resolution #870 titled, "Approving Backfill of a Permanent, Full-Time Social Welfare Examiner – Social Services"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution does not add a person to the staff. It is due to a backfill that was vacated. (Carried 9-0-1).

Resolutions #871 through #875 were approved.

Resolution #876 titled, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Republic Parking System, Inc. – Plattsburgh International Airport"

Discussion: Legislator Dame stated it was the assumption of the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee that Republic Parking System, Inc. required the County to purchase the equipment for an additional exit gate from the Economy Parking Lot. Mr. Zurlo replied that follow-up conversations with the company indicated the expense was on Republic Parking System, Inc. The contract will be extended for two years with the same terms and conditions. (Carried 9-0-1).

Resolutions #877 through #902 were approved.

Legislator Heins motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss two litigation matters, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 9-0-1).

Legislator Gallagher motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rowden. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson Langley asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

There being no further business, Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell
Senior Stenographer