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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, October 11, 2017 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: 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
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9

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

Chairperson Harry McManus called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. Legislators Beach and Rosenquest asked to be excused.

Legislator Keenan motioned to accept the minutes of the September 27th Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (8-0-2).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Legislature.

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier. James Cleveland, the Superintendent of the Buildings and Grounds Department, reviewed Resolution #792 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Alltech Integrations, Inc." and under Waive Rule 13.2, Resolution #826 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Seymour's Masonry", both of which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Mr. Cleveland discussed the Human Services Center's Lounge and Annex Project and the Old Court House Exterior Renovation Project.

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

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd was cancelled. Resolutions #793 through #795 have been approved through a poll conducted on October 6th.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Chairperson McManus reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier. A representative from the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) discussed ANCA's 2016 accomplishments for Clinton County.

John Zurlo, the County Clerk, discussed Resolution #796 titled, "Increasing Mortgage Recording Tax Administration Monies for Clinton County."

Rodney Brown, the Planning Director, discussed Resolution #797 titled, "Authorizing Acquisition of Railroad Parcels." He also discussed the Saranac River Trail Greenway Project.

Martine Gonyo, the Director of Real Property, discussed Resolutions #798 and #799, as well as the extension of Cold War Veterans' Exemption.

Melissa McManus, the Economic Development Director, discussed Resolutions #800 through #804.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th at 6:15 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 4th at 6:15 p.m.

Greg Bell, the Deputy County Treasurer, discussed Resolution #805 titled, "Authorizing the Expenditure of Occupancy Tax Revenue" which has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. He also discussed sales tax and the comptroller's fiscal stress test and Clinton County's score.

Representatives from Motorola were present to discuss the potential upgrade to the County's 911 Emergency Communications System.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st at 6:15 p.m.

Health Committee - Legislator Beach

The Health Committee met on Tuesday, October 3rd.

Mr. Zurlo reported John Kanoza, the newly-appointed Director of Public Health, discussed Resolutions #806 through #810 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. He also discussed the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiatives Grant, the August, 2017 Director's Report, the September, 2017 Health Department Report and the Healthy Neighborhoods Roundup.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services – Legislator Keenan

The Human Services Committee met on Wednesday, October 4th.

Crystal Carter, the Director of the Office of the Aging, discussed Resolution #811 which has been placed on the agenda upon the Committee's recommendation.

Steve Bowman, the Director of Veterans' Service Agency, discussed the June-September 2017 monthly statistics, the proposed NYS Veterans Cemetery and the Veteran's transportation for medical appointments via the Disabled American Veterans vans.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, discussed a New York State Department of Health reportable issue.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, October 2nd was cancelled. Resolutions #812 through #818 were approved through a poll conducted on October 6th.

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

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Public Safety Committee approved Resolution #819 through a poll conducted on October 6th.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 16th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the next Clinton Community College Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th at 5 p.m.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Committee met last week and received the news that the New York State Office of Mental Health announced an initiative to work with Evergreen Townhouse Corporation, Behavioral Health Services North, Inc. and a private developer to build 100 units of new and affordable housing.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next Cooperative Extension annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondack – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the next Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26th.

Soil and Water Conservation – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next Soil and Water Conservation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19th.

STAFF REPORTS

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the North Country Chamber of Commerce is hosting a luncheon on Friday, October 20th featuring Thomas DiNapoli, the New York State Comptroller. Mr. DiNapoli will present the economic profile of the North Country. Mr. Zurlo reminded legislators to call the Legislative Office to register.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted unless otherwise noted:

Resolutions #792 through #795 were approved.

Resolution #796 titled, “Increasing Mortgage Recording Tax Administration Monies for Clinton County – County Clerk”

Discussion: Legislator Dyer asked where the money is coming from. Mr. Zurlo replied the money comes from the mortgagees. Legislator Dyer inquired if there is an increase in payment to the mortgagees. Mr. Zurlo replied no.

Legislator Dame reported this resolution will result in a slight decrease in what the towns will receive, but it is meant to cover the cost of administering the program. Mr. Zurlo noted the amount received by the towns will depend on the number of mortgages that are filed in each township. This transaction normally occurs once every four to five years.

Legislator Dame asked if the one percent charge to the mortgagee can be reduced. Mr. Zurlo reported the additional Mortgage Recording Tax, which is one quarter of one percent, is distributed to the County to pay for debt service. Mr. Dame inquired if the three-quarters of one percent is mandated by the State and if it can be reduced. Mr. Zurlo replied no, the one quarter of one percent is not mandated but, if you choose to impose this tax, it can only be used for specific items (debt service being one approved item.) Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #797 titled, “Authorizing Acquisition of Railroad Parcels - Legislature”

Discussion: Rodney Brown, the Planning Director, reported part of the land the Plattsburgh Airbase Redevelopment Corporation (PARC) acquired from the federal government at the former Plattsburgh Airforce Base is comprised of railroad tracks utilized by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company, Inc. to move goods between the main line and private companies. With PARC expected to go out of existence in the near future, it is important to ensure the railroad properties be retained in ownership to allow continued rail use for all. The County is willing to accept ownership while the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company, Inc. will continue to accept responsibility for the maintenance and liability of railroad operations. Mr. Zurlo noted this resolution is dependent upon the approval of the County Attorney and the County’s Insurance provider, Northern Insuring, Inc. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #798 through #825 were approved.

Legislator Dyer motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #826 through #828 were approved.

There being no further business, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,

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

Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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