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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County
Legislature held Wednesday, October 22, 2014 in the Legislative Chambers, 137
Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3, Chairperson
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
James Langley, Jr., Area 7
Harry McManus, Area 1
Colin Read, Area 4
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: John Gallagher, Area 9

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

Chairperson Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. Chairperson Dyer stated Legislator Gallagher asked to be excused, but he would listen in by phone.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2014 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature. There being no one who wished to do so, Chairperson Dyer called for standing committee and liaison reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the next meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the next meeting of the Children and Family Services Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th at 6:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the next meeting of the County Operations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported Resolution #723 titled, “Adopting Policy Guiding the Expenditure by Clinton County of Funds Received through the Tobacco Settlement” has been placed on the agenda. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier this evening. The Committee acted on a number of resolutions which are included on tonight's agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Public Safety Committee met Tuesday, October 14th at 6:15 p.m. The agenda was quite lengthy. Richelle Gregory, the Director of the Child Advocacy Center (District Attorney's Office); Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Legal Defense of Indigent Defendants; Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services; Dave Marcoux, the Director of Probation/ATI; and Frank Mercier, the Coordinator for STOP-DWI were present.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported the Transportation Committee met Tuesday, October 14th at 5:15 p.m. The Committee reviewed the Marchiselli Agreement for the Arthur Jarvis Road Bridge, an Engineering Services Agreement for the Keeseville Foot Bridge, and the final contract amount for the Safe Routes to School Program's Saranac Central School Multiuse Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway Project.

The Committee reviewed and approved Resolutions #753 and #754 which authorized the purchase of new equipment to support Highway Department functions.

There was a discussion on the various bridge projects which have added or have accelerated construction time frames through the New York State Department of Transportation's local bridge program. Those bridges are located on the Hardscrabble Road, True Brook Road, Arthur Jarvis Road, Salmon River Road and the Main Street Bridge in Keeseville. The combined funding for the bridges is in excess of \$10 million with 80 percent of the costs being Federally funded, 15 percent State funded and 5 percent County funded.

The Committee discussed several changes that were made to routes on the Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT) bus schedule.

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

Legislator Langley stated Al Rascoe, the County Highway Superintendent, did a tremendous amount of work to get New York State to accept the Arch Bridge Project in Keeseville. This will solve a big problem for the residents in Keeseville. It is anticipated construction will begin in 2016.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce - Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported he recently attended a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor to discuss agricultural issues.

Community Services – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Community Services Board will meet Tuesday, October 28th at 4:30 p.m.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported Cooperative Extension's annual meeting was held Tuesday, October 21st. Alexa King, a former student of Cornell, will be returning to Cornell. Amy Ivy, the Executive Director of Cooperative Extension, will also be leaving at the end of the year. Interviews for the Executive Director position will be held.

Legislator McManus stated Cornell Cooperative Extension recently received a grant, and \$9,000 if the grant funding can be applied to cover administrative costs. Cooperative Extension is requesting a small increase in their budget request from the County this year. He asked the Legislature to consider granting this request which will help them meet their demands for 2015.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported Clinton County will be hosting the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting on Thursday, October 23rd. The Committee will meet at the Clinton County Historical Association at approximately 10 a.m. for refreshments. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. Following the meeting, there will be a tour of the Clinton County Transportation Museum.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported documents for the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board have been signed and returned for payment.

Soil and Water – Chairperson Dyer

Chairperson Dyer reported Soil and Water met Thursday, October 16th. He reported Clinton County continues to seek a market for the plastic from the ag bailer as they do not want the plastic landfilled or burned. They are also in the process of trying to locate an additional bailer.

Discipline Review – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Discipline Review Committee met recently, and the matter has been resolved.

Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported Silvy Nelson has been appointed as the Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board, and we plan on having the opportunity to meet Ms. Nelson in the near future. Mr. Zurlo noted Ms. Nelson previously served as President of the Saranac Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss Dan's Hauling, Castine, 11-87/George Moore, Paul and Rachel Risetto and the Narrows Bridge matter.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported work continues on the 2015 Recommended Budget. He anticipates presenting the Recommended Budget to the Legislature by mid-November.

Mr. Zurlo reported there will be a news article in the Press Republican regarding a Saranac woman being charged with welfare fraud. The District Attorney's Office, the Department of Social Services and the Sheriff's Department worked together on this issue.

Chairperson Dyer thanked The Strand Center for the Arts for inviting Legislators to the "Blues and Brews" event which was held Saturday, October 18th. The event was very well attended. This serves as a testament that The Strand provides an economic boost to the community.

The following Resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #723 through #728 were approved.

Resolution #729 titled, "Authorizing Contract with McFarland-Johnson, Inc. for Construction Observation and Administration Services for Passenger Terminal Building Expansion Project – Construction (Phase II) – Plattsburgh International Airport"

Discussion: Legislator McManus motioned to amend the Resolution to decrease the contract amount (by \$35,000) from \$3,637,159 to \$3,601,531, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (9-0-1). The vote on the Resolution, as amended, passed by a vote of 9-0-1.

Resolutions #730 through #735 were approved.

Resolution #736 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Frank’s Painting Plus – Probation Department” was moved by Legislator Hall, seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (8-0-1-1). Legislator Langley abstained.

Resolutions #737 through #739 were approved.

Resolution #740 titled, “Authorizing Contract with CVPH Medical Center – Coroner” was moved by Legislator Hall, seconded by Legislator Beach.

Discussion: Chairperson Dyer thanked Mr. Zurlo for negotiating the increases for the next three years in a downward direction. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #741 through #742 were approved.

Resolution #743 titled, “Authorizing Contract Amendment with Office Systems – Sheriff’s Department” was moved by Legislator Hall, seconded by Legislator Keenan.

Discussion: Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, provided an update on the County-wide Managed Print Services System. He reported four proposals were received from vendors. Mr. Brown will be meeting with Barbara Foster, the Director of Information Technology, and Kim Carrier, the Purchasing Agent, to review the proposals. A summary will be provided to the County Operations Committee for its meeting of Wednesday, November 12th. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #744 through #747 were approved.

Resolution #748 titled, “Authorizing 2014-2015 Public Safety Answering Points Operation Grant Application and Acceptance – Emergency Services” was moved by Legislator Hall, seconded by Legislator Beach.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported in the past, the County received approximately \$33,000 to \$35,000 for this grant but the funding ceased a couple of years ago. Following extensive lobbying efforts, the Governor reinstated the funding and changed the distribution formula. The County may use this funding to purchase necessary equipment and offset personnel costs. Mr. Zurlo stated it is his hope this will be a sustained funding stream.

Resolutions #749 through #756 were approved.

Legislator Keenan motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Read motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Hall to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried. (9-0-1).

Resolutions #758 and #759 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer