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December 28, 2018

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Thursday, December 27, 2018 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Simon Conroy, Area 4
Mark Dame, Area 8
Robert Hall, Area 10
Mark Henry, Area 3
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9

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

Chairperson McManus 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. Legislator Rosenquest was excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2018 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Samuel Dyer, Town Supervisor of the Town of Beekmantown and former County Legislator from Area 3, publicly congratulated James Coffey, Clinton County Attorney, on his retirement as County Attorney. Supervisor Dyer stated he has thoroughly enjoyed working with Mr. Coffey during his term on the Legislature. The County has been well served with Mr. Coffey's guidance, and he wished him well and will remain in contact with him.

Chairperson McManus and Legislator Henry presented Supervisor Dyer with a plaque of appreciation commending him for his years of service as County Legislator from Area 3.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee was polled on Resolution #1057 which has been placed on the agenda.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Henry

There was no report.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported Resolution #1058 was polled and has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Mr. Zurlo reported the Finance Committee was polled on Resolutions #1059 through #1061 which have been placed on the agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee was polled on Resolutions #1062 and #1063 which have been placed on the agenda.

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee was polled on Resolutions #1064 and #1065 which have been placed on the agenda.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Mr. Zurlo reported there are a few Personnel Committee agenda items that will be mailed out to all Legislators on Friday, January 4, 2019.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier and discussed Resolutions #1066 through #1072. Resolution #1073 which was discussed at the November 28th meeting has also been placed on the agenda.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolutions #1074 through #1076 which have been placed on the agenda.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee was polled on Resolutions #1077 through #1079 which have been placed on the agenda.

Liaison Reports

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported in an effort to reduce costs at Clinton Community College, there was no Winter Commencement exercise this year.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the December meeting was cancelled.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board will meet Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

Mr. Coffey requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss potential litigation with Volo Aviation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the Organizational meeting of the Clinton County Legislature will be held Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo thanked James Coffey for his service as County Attorney noting that they have worked together extremely well. Mr. Coffey is very thorough and always responded back to Mr. Zurlo very expeditiously.

Mr. Coffey stated he has thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone and was looking forward to traveling with his wife.

Legislator Dame also thanked Mr. Coffey for his service and noted his advice is always level-headed. He appreciated his demeanor and noted he has been an important asset to Clinton County.

Legislator Hall reported Mr. Coffey has done a fantastic job, and he will be missed by everyone.

Chairperson McManus stated he appreciates Mr. Coffey's responsiveness. He and the Legislature have been through potentially contentious issues—notably the Project Labor Agreement at Plattsburgh International Airport. Mr. Coffey presented both points of view for each side on the issue to the Legislature, and he very much appreciates his service to Clinton County.

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

Resolutions #1055 titled, "Appointing Acting Highway Superintendent" was approved.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted this is a ministerial act so that someone can sign potential funding documents until a final appointment to the position has been made.

Chairperson McManus stated he believes the Legislature should begin the process of formally filling the Highway Superintendent position. His intention would be to sit down with the Deputy Highway Superintendent, review his credentials and invite the entire Legislature to participate in this process. After that is completed, the Legislature could decide how to proceed. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #1056 through #1089 were approved. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Beach motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #1090 was approved. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Henry motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss potential litigation with Volo Aviation, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m., seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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