

COUNTY OF CLINTON)  
STATE OF NEW YORK) :SS

July 15, 2014

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, July 9, 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  
John Gallagher, Area 9  
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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
James Coffey, County Attorney  
Katherine Brown, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Dyer 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. All Legislators were present.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the June 25, 2014 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

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

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Read**

Legislator Read reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met this evening at 5:15 p.m. He stated the Engineer transition is coming along well. He indicated the 2014 Master Plan Projects update was efficiently prioritized.

Mr. Zurlo reported Resolution #449 on the agenda will authorize a contract with Architectural & Engineering Design Associates, P.C. for the remainder of the Human Services Center Design Project. He stated James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, indicated he hopes the balance of the designated 2007 Master Plan is sufficient to cover the remaining engineering costs for this Project. Mr. Zurlo stated if the remaining funds are insufficient to complete the Project, an amendment would be necessary.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee met on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

John Redden, the Commissioner of Social Services, presented Resolutions #450 and #451 which are included on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Mr. Redden reviewed May, 2014 statistics. He also discussed the heroin/foster parent issue and housing costs.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

Legislator Gallagher remarked it was a very informative meeting.

#### **County Operations Committee – Legislator Read**

Legislator Read reported the County Operations Committee met this evening at 6 p.m. Resolutions #452 through #458 and Resolution #476 are included on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Legislator Read stated Resolution #456 titled, “Authorizing Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Application – Planning Department” authorizes an application for Grant funding to purchase the development rights of one or more farms through the sale of a conservation easement.

Legislator Read reported Stacey Pratt, the County Historian, provided an update on the historic trail. The Town of Champlain is also interested in doing this as well. He stated the Committee has been working with Ms. Pratt on establishing sites for the various historic signs.

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#### **Finance Committee – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. Clinton Community College will present its 2014-2015 budget request.

#### **Health Committee – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the next meeting of the Health Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. Resolutions #459 and #460 are included on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

#### **Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> was cancelled. Resolution #461 is included on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

#### **Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher**

Legislator Gallagher reported Resolutions #462 through #472 are included on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

#### **Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Langley**

Legislator Langley reported the next meeting of the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Public Safety Committee – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Transportation – Legislator McManus**

Legislator McManus reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Resolution #477 titled, “Authorizing Quit Claim Title Transfer of Certain Real Property Previously Known as Old County Route 22 – Highway Department” is included on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #477 will settle any claim or interest the County had with property located in the Town of Champlain in the south bounds of the existing “South Street.” This Resolution releases any interest the County had on the property.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Intercounty – Legislator Langley**

Legislator Langley reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> in Hamilton County.

David Kahn, Director of the Adirondack Museum, provided an overview of the improvements and projects at the Adirondack Museum which is one of the largest museums in upstate New York.

Dave Lucas, the Director of Finance and Intergovernmental Relations of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), provided the Legislative Update and reported on the State's recent Legislative session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> in Herkimer County.

#### **Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Langley**

Legislator Langley reported the annual meeting of the Lake Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Soil and Water – Legislator Read**

Legislator Read reported the next meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Staff Reports**

County Attorney James Coffey reported he would like to request an Executive Session to discuss the following current or pending litigation matters: Rachel and Paul Risetto; Dan's Hauling; Turtle Island; Narrows Road Bridge; CW Perry (Cumberland Head Ferry Dock).

Chairperson Dyer reported all Legislators were provided information regarding the 2014 Adirondack Challenge scheduled for Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. He stated if any Legislator would like to participate in the Challenge, to RSVP by Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> to the email address listed in the information.

The following Resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #448 through #455 were approved.

Resolution #456 titled, "Authorizing Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Application – Planning Department"

Legislator Read motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-1-0). Legislator Dame voted no.

Resolutions #457 through #475 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #476 and #477 were approved.

Resolution #478 titled, “Authorizing Federal Grant Application for Runway 17 On-Airport Obstruction Removal (Design) Phase Project – Plattsburgh International Airport”

Legislator Langley motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion:

Mr. Brown reported the Federal Aviation Administration’s deadline for receipt of the Federal Grant application is Friday, July 11, 2014.

Resolution #479 was approved.

Resolution #480 titled, “Authorizing Federal Grant Application for Passenger Terminal Building Expansion – Construction (Phase II) Project – Plattsburgh International Airport”

Legislator Langley motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Keenan.

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated if this Federal funding comes to fruition, it will certainly strengthen our Pro Forma that the engineering firm had previously shown to the Legislature by around \$4.4 million.

Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone had anything further to come before the Legislature this evening.

Legislator Gallagher noted former Legislator Bob Heins, while competing in a triathlon in Idaho recently, captured the win for his age group.

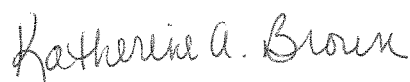
Legislator Langley complimented Mr. Zurlo with regard to an article written by Meg LeFevre in the June, 2014 issue of Strictly Business, naming Mr. Zurlo as one of the “Ones to Watch.”

Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss items as previously outlined by the County Attorney, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Langley to exit Executive Session at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Legislator McManus. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Gallagher motioned to adjourn at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Legislator Langley. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Brown  
Senior Stenographer