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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Chairperson, Area 3
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 E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, County Attorney
Jeanene Bell, 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 Keenan offered a motion to accept the minutes of the April 9th Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Read. (Carried 10-0-0).

Chairperson Dyer proclaimed Friday, April 25, 2014 as “Australian New Zealand Army Corps Day for Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness in Clinton County.” Mr. Zurlo reported that Legislator Dame was contacted by Mayor Clyde Rabideau of Saranac Lake requesting this Proclamation be placed on the agenda.

Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Timothy Blatchley, Chief Assistant District Attorney from the Clinton County District Attorney’s Office, stated he was present to answer any questions in regards to Resolution #293 on the agenda titled, “Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Program Application.” Mr. Zurlo reported that the District Attorney’s Office and the Probation Department are working closely in applying for this Grant. The Public Safety Committee, due to time constraints, decided that resolutions should be approved to allow both departments to submit applications for this funding.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee has interviewed four architectural firms to assist with the Master Plan. After conducting further interviews, he hopes to report the firm chosen at the May 14th Regular Session.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported that the next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported that the next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported that the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported that the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier this evening. There was discussion in regards to damaged Airport runway lighting and the sale of aging

Airport equipment. Resolutions #282 through #289 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown reported that he will be polling the Legislature for availability for a tour of the Plattsburgh International Airport.

Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported that the Transportation Committee met Wednesday, April 16th. A draft Local Law regarding hydrofracking and its environmental concerns for Clinton County was discussed. Legislator McManus reported that fracking waste is not accepted at the Clinton County Landfill, and Clinton County does not frack brine on the roads. The draft Local Law does not prohibit fracking from occurring in Clinton County, but does prohibit fracking wastes from being used. The draft Local Law has been reviewed by the Health and Public Safety Committees and has been forwarded to the County Attorney for his legal review and opinion.

Legislator McManus reported on the 2014 budget shortfall for Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT) and the concerns with the budget. There are approximately 1,500 individuals who use CCPT throughout the County, and this is the first time in over a decade that there has been a shortfall. Legislator McManus reported that proposals were made, statistics were given by CCPT and cost-saving scenarios were reviewed. There will be a discussion at the Monday, June 9th Transportation Committee meeting on the possibility of increasing fares.

Legislator McManus reported on the historical signs project for the historical district in Plattsburgh.

Resolutions #308 through #310 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Liaison Reports

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported that Clinton Community College's Spring Commencement is scheduled for Friday, May 16th. Legislators are invited to attend and will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the College's Board Room.

Community Services – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported that the Community Services Board met Tuesday, April 22nd. There was discussion on the replacement of Sherrie Gillette, Community Services Director, due to her upcoming retirement. Legislator Beach reported that St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center was recently named the regional Center for Excellence by the New York State Office of Mental Health.

Intercounty – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported that the next meeting of the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled for Thursday, April 24th in Lewis County.

Soil and Water – Chairperson Dyer and Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported that the Soil and Water Committee met Thursday, April 17th. The

Committee is searching for a replacement due to the passing of Marinus “Dutch” Rovers. Chairperson Dyer reported that funding is slowly being received for Federal projects, but the projects are being completed. The supervisors in the office are doing a great job. Legislator Read reported that funding is held up due to the lack of Federal legislation and funding sources.

Grievance Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported that there have been four grievances, with decisions made on three. The Committee is awaiting results on one grievance regarding job titles. Mr. Zurlo reported he received an email that a decision may have been made on the last grievance.

Staff Reports

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss a matter of litigation regarding Dan’s Hauling, Geddes and Filion.

Mr. Zurlo reported that Senator Elizabeth O’C Little and Senator Phil Boyle, as part of the Statewide Bi-Partisan Task Force on Heroin and Opiates, will be conducting a forum on Heroin and Opioid Abuse on Friday, April 25th in the Legislative Chambers from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The District Attorney’s Office, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Probation Department and the Sheriff’s Department will be participating. The forum is open to the public. All Legislators are invited to attend.

Mr. Zurlo reported that the new 2014-2015 photo of the Legislature is now on display in the lobby of the Government Center.

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

Resolutions #281 through #308 were approved.

Resolution #309 titled, “Awarding Bid for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program – Saranac Central School Multiuse Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathway Project, PIN #7805.72 – Highway Department”

Discussion: Legislator Langley reported that the low bidder is the group that is working at the Plattsburgh International Airport. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #310 through #316 were approved.

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

Resolutions #317 through #319 were approved.

Legislator Dame congratulated Legislator Keenan on receiving the Golden Rose Award from St. Augustine’s Church in Peru, New York for his numerous years of service.

Legislator Gallagher motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss a matter of litigation involving Dan’s Hauling, Geddes and Filion, seconded by Legislator Hall. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Gallagher motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. (Carried 10-0-0).

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

There being no further business, Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. (Carried 10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanene Bell".

Jeanene Bell
Senior Stenographer