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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, April 27, 2016 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Colin Read, Area 4
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Rob Timmons, Area 7

ALSO PRESENT: Michael 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 Timmons asked to be excused.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to accept the minutes of the April 13th Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, addressed the Legislature regarding the County's In Rem Foreclosure process. Ms. Davis reported Monday, April 25th began the 45-day window with 66 properties listed for foreclosure. She was happy to report the County ended with 37 properties and noted 29 properties were redeemed within the 45-day period.

There being no one further who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson McManus 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, May 11th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5th at 6:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the County Operations Committee was polled on Resolution #284.

The next County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee met Monday, April 4th and Tuesday, April 12th.

Resolutions #285 through #287 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 5th has been cancelled.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4th following the Finance Committee meeting.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Personnel Committee was polled on Resolutions #299 and #300.

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

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier in the day and discussed Resolutions #288 and #301.

McFarland-Johnson, Inc. provided a monthly update on the Terminal Building Expansion Project which is proceeding on schedule despite several challenges. The project is anticipated to be complete prior to the end of this year.

Legislator Hall reported there are many positive things going on at Plattsburgh International Airport. The signage has been installed. Legislator Hall commented he was dismayed to see the Press Republican had published negative criticisms in their publication regarding the signage.

The Committee had extensive discussions on the possible rehabilitation of a building on Florida Street to accommodate a car rental maintenance/cleaning facility for all the car rental companies doing business at the Airport.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolutions #289 through #291, as well as Resolution #298 which is on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Dyer reported on behalf of Legislator Timmons. The Transportation Committee approved Resolution #292 at its meeting of April 11th. Resolution #293 has been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Board of Health met on Monday, April 18th. The Health Department has been working on getting local farm food out to the community. The Health Department continues to pay careful attention to the Zika virus and continues to receive updates from the Center for Disease Control and the Department of Health.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee met Friday, April 1st and discussed the Adirondack Cuisine Trail which is a collaborative effort between Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 6th.

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Dame reported the Board of Trustees has decided on a consulting firm for the search for the new President of Clinton Community College.

Legislator Rosenquest reported Lisa Shovan, the Vice President for Administration and Finance, will be leaving the College.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks will be meeting in Saratoga County on Thursday, April 28th.

Soil and Water – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported Soil and Water met Thursday, April 21st. Adirondack Farms will be undertaking a Manure Storage Direct-Injection Project. This will benefit the surrounding areas with improved air quality, less noise and will reduce truck traffic on the roads. Adirondack Farms and Carter Farms will have Satellite Manure Storage Facilities.

Legislator Dyer noted many of these projects require engineering, and the engineers are on staff in the office so they can work together to get these projects done. There are 57 projects between the three counties.

Legislator Dyer thanked Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, for all of his work he and his department has done to consolidate the agricultural districts.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

James Coffey, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss the Turtle Island Trust Litigation and the lawsuit by Clinton County involving three insurance companies and Mr. Poupore who was injured under Workers' Compensation.

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

Resolutions #278 through #286 were approved.

Resolution #287 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate and Transfer Funding from the Tobacco Reserve Fund – Treasurer's Office"

Discussion: Legislator Read requested to abstain due to the fact he was a member of one of the organizations. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Resolutions #288 through #296 were approved.

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

Resolutions #297 through #301 were approved.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Keenan motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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