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April 14, 2015

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, April 8, 2015 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, Deputy Chairperson, Area 1
Colin Read, Area 4
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Katherine Brown, Senior Stenographer

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

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown conducted roll call. All Legislators were present.

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

Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, reported she spoke with Kristy Kennedy, the Vice President of Marketing at the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce, regarding advertising in the Montreal market. Ms. Kennedy indicated the Chamber has no preferred advertising rates. She will discuss this with Sue Matton, the Vice President of Economic Development, to find out which specific publications to advertise in.

Ms. Davis reported another property was redeemed today which brings the total number of properties scheduled for auction at 75.

There being no one else who wished 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. Resolutions #224 through #226 and Resolution #264 are included on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. An update was provided on organizing the next Master Plan project.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd was cancelled. Resolutions #227 through #229 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7th at 6:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the County Operations Committee met this evening. Resolution #230 is included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met Tuesday, April 7th. Resolutions #231 and #232 are included on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. The County Treasurer provided an update on sales tax which remains healthy. Five applications for Tobacco Settlement funds were reviewed. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd was cancelled. Resolutions #233 through #236 for the Health Department and Resolution #237 for Mental Health and Addiction Services are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st was cancelled. Resolutions #238 through #242 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported Resolutions #242 through #251 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll 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, April 22nd 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, April 13th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported the next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 5:15 p.m.

Chairperson Dyer thanked Legislator McManus for chairing the March 25th Regular Session in his absence.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported he attended a meeting of the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee on Friday, April 3rd. An update was provided regarding the progress of waterfront development in the City and Town of Plattsburgh.

Board of Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Monday, April 13th.

Intercounty – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met Thursday, March 26th in Canton, New York. Mark Lavigne of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) reported “Raise the Age” has been put on hold until further notice so counties have time to adjust to this change.

Legislator Waldron reported a presentation was made regarding multi-use recreational trails in St. Lawrence County. She stated legislation is in the works for Utility Vehicles (UTVs) to be registered in New York State for trail use.

Legislator Waldron reported Clinton County will be hosting the April meeting of the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks on Thursday, April 23rd. The meeting will take place at The Champlain Wine Company located at 30 City Hall Place at 10 a.m. Legislator Read will give a brief presentation before the meeting. Lunch will follow at 12 noon at The Ground Round.

Soil and Water – Chairperson Dyer

Chairperson Dyer reported the next meeting of the Soil and Water Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th.

Grievance Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported a Grievance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th at 10 a.m.

Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is going through a transition from one set of Federal rules to another. This is the biggest regulatory change in a generation which will take effect as early as July, and includes a number of key features.

Legislator Read reported the size of WIB has decreased to almost half, down to 19 members, and 13 of those members must be from the private sector, which must make up a majority of each meeting. These members are drawn from the highest local levels of the firms and industries most in need of WIB training.

Legislator Read reported WIB must now develop training programs for the disabled and veterans.

Legislator Read reported that as before, two business organizations must nominate new members to the elected officials who ratify the Board membership.

Legislator Read reported the WIB budget is expected to be submitted to the Legislature in May. The new regulations require WIB to redo its strategic plan at least every three years compared to the previous five-year cycle.

Legislator Read reported the turnover of three Directors over the past few years has been a challenge for WIB. The role of WIB is more essential than ever as there remains high unemployment and underemployment in this region. He stated the four-County area desperately needs an entity to help aggregate the training needs of major employers in this area, and to coordinate the training efforts of groups as varied as Pathways in Technology Early College High School (PTECH), Kindergarten through

Grade 12, CV-Tech, Clinton Community College and Plattsburgh State University College. He stated the Counties stand ready to assist in these efforts.

Staff Reports

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss Turtle Island Trust litigation, Narrows Road Bridge litigation and the purchase of real property by Clinton County.

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

Resolutions #224 through #263 were approved.

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

Resolution #264 was approved.

Legislator Gallagher motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Gallagher motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:37 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. (Carried 10-0-0).

There being no further business, Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Hall to adjourn Regular Session at 8:38 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. (Carried 10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine A. Brown
Senior Stenographer