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August 11, 2016

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, August 10, 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  
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9  
Sara Rowden, Area 4  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

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 7:04 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call.

Legislator Dyer motioned to accept the minutes of the July 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Beach. (Carried 10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Legislature.

Ken Delafrange of Champlain addressed the Legislature regarding the high cost of college education and noted there are many students that are unable to afford the tuition. He stated Clinton Community College's budget request is the same as last year. He encouraged the Legislature to ask some real questions of the College, make the administrators do their job and provide a plan.

### **Committee Reports**

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

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier at 5:15 p.m. and discussed Resolutions #535 through #537.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, discussed Master Plan Projects at Emergency Services and at 130 Arizona Avenue.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee scheduled for Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #538 through #542 which are included on the agenda.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **County Operations Committee – Legislator Rowden**

Legislator Rowden reported the County Operations Committee met earlier in the afternoon and discussed Resolution #543 which is included on the agenda for the Department of Weights and Measures.

Anastasia Pratt, the County Historian, was present to discuss accepting donated artwork. Martine Gonyo, the Director of Real Property, was also in attendance to discuss full service assessing.

The next County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development Committee met Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and discussed Resolutions #544 and #545 which have been placed on the agenda. A public hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> in the Legislative Chambers regarding the status of a grant from the New York State Housing Trust Fund Office of Community Renewal.

Legislators Billy Jones and Carl Sherwin from Franklin County were present to discuss economic development initiatives in Franklin County.

The next Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Finance Committee – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Representatives from Lumsden and McCormick were present to present their findings on the 2015 audit.

Lisa Shovan, Officer-in-Charge at Clinton Community College (along with several Board members), was also present to discuss the College’s 2016-2017 budget request. Resolution #546 will authorize the Clerk to advertise for a public hearing on the Clinton Community College budget. The public hearing and vote will be Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Health Committee – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #548 through #552 on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #553 and #554. The next Human Services Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> following the Finance Committee meeting.

### **Personnel Committee – Legislator Dyer**

Legislator Dyer reported the Personnel Committee met on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> and reviewed 13 items. There are 12 resolutions included on the agenda that reflect the Committee’s recommendation. Resolution #559 will approve an unpaid intermittent leave of absence for Karla Romeo at the Nursing Home. This shall not be precedent setting. Resolution #562 will approve the reinstatement of permanent, full-time Deputy Sheriff Aaron Heroux at the same salary and benefits as he retired with. This too shall not be precedent setting.

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

Legislator Hall reported the next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. He noted the meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. to accommodate a presentation by Homeland Security. Legislator Hall encouraged all Legislators to attend.

### **Public Safety Committee – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and discussed Resolutions #567 through #579. The Committee was also polled on Resolution #594 under Waive Rule 13.2 for the District Attorney’s Office.

Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Indigent Defendants, was present to discuss Resolution #567 which is included on the agenda. Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director; Sheriff Dave Favro; Richelle Gregory, the Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center; and Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Preparedness, were also present to address their agenda items.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

### **Transportation Committee – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #580 and #581.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Board of Health – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Chamber of Commerce met Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the Marketing Plan.

### **Community Services Board – Legislator Rowden**

Legislator Rowden reported initial interviews for the Director of Community Services will begin Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Substance Abuse Task Force Coalition will be bringing a speaker to The Strand Theatre on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Legislator Rowden will provide fliers to all legislators at the next meeting.

### **Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting of Soil and Water will be held Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported he would be attending a meeting in Lake George on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported there is still some available funding for projects.

### **Staff Reports**

### **County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.**

James Coffey, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss the proposed sale of real property.

### **Chairperson – Legislator Harry McManus**

Chairperson McManus thanked Legislator Keenan for agreeing to serve as liaison to STOP-DWI.

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

Resolutions #535 through #593 were approved.

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

Resolution #594 was approved.

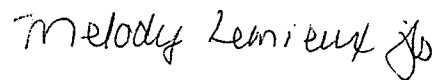
There being no further business, Legislator Keenan motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolution #595 titled, "Voiding Purchase/Refund of Deposit in the Town of Altona – Treasurer's Office" was moved by Legislator Dame and was seconded by Legislator Hall. (Carried 8-2-0). (Legislators McManus and Rosenquest voted no).

Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux  
Principal Stenographer

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