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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Monday, December 31, 2012 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2  
Robert Butler, Area 6  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Samuel Dyer, Area 3  
John Gallagher, Area 9  
Robert Heins, Area 10  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
James Langley, Jr., Chairperson, Area 7  
Harry McManus, Area 1  
Sara Rowden, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
William Favreau, County Attorney

Chairperson Langley called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

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

Legislator Butler offered a motion to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2012 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 10-0-0).

Chairperson Langley asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

James Coursen, residing in the City of Plattsburgh and 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice President of CSEA Local, commended the parties involved in the negotiations of the new contract, characterizing the process as respectful and professional. Mr. Coursen urged the Clinton County Legislature to approve the resolution to execute the new contract.

Joseph Musso, residing in the City of Plattsburgh and President of CSEA Local, also commended the two sides involved in the negotiations of the new contract. He stated his belief is the negotiated agreement was a positive outcome for CSEA employees, County Management, and most importantly, the general public.

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

### **Committee Reports**

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

Legislator Dyer reported that the past year was very productive for projects completed under the County Master Plan. He thanked James Cleveland, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and the Buildings and Grounds Department staff for their good work. Legislator Dyer reported that he toured the Department of Social Services earlier in the month, which is the site for the proposed future work under the Master Plan. He commented on the crowded conditions in the workplace and the necessity of improving working conditions.

#### **Finance Committee – Legislator Rowden**

Legislator Rowden reported the Finance Committee met prior to the Regular Session. Resolutions #1011 through #1021 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

Legislator Heins reported that the first flight from Plattsburgh International Airport to Las Vegas, Nevada occurred earlier in the month among much fanfare. The recent increase in flights bodes well for 2013.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled to meet in Washington County, on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Legislator Dame reported that the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board received a grant to supplement their Revolving Loan Fund to be specifically targeted to businesses that suffered as a result of Hurricane Irene.

## **Staff Reports**

County Attorney William Favreau requested an Executive Session to discuss matters of pending and proposed litigation.

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

Resolutions #1009 through #1039 were approved.

Resolution #1040 titled, "Authorizing the Chairperson to Execute an Agreement by and Between the County of Clinton and CSEA Local 1000/AFSCME, AFL/CIO, Clinton County Units 6450 and 6466 of Local 884 – Personnel"

Discussion: Legislator Butler thanked the CSEA representatives who addressed the Legislature at the beginning of the meeting for their eloquent statements and for the fine work of CSEA employees throughout County government.

Legislator Dame stated he would be voting no on this resolution because the escalating costs for the County's share of health insurance premiums are an unfair burden for the County's taxpayers. Legislator Dame did note that he appreciates the work of the County Management representatives and CSEA representatives and also appreciates the fine work of County employees.

Legislator Dyer stated he would be voting no on this resolution because of the inconsistency of the County's contributions to health insurance premiums to different classes of County employees. Legislator Dyer also stated he appreciates the dedicated work of County employees.

Chairperson Langley stated he did not wish to comment on the positives or negatives of the contract but stated that he appreciates the fine work of County employees and the respectful and dignified approach and demeanor of both County Management and CSEA representatives, not only during negotiations, but throughout the year.

(Carried 8-2-0). Legislators Dame and Dyer voted no.

Resolutions #1041 through #1049 were approved.

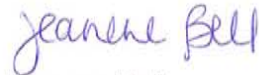
Legislator Gallagher motioned to enter Executive Session at 5:43 p.m. to discuss matters of pending and proposed litigation, seconded by Legislator Beach. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Gallagher motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:18 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 10-0-0).

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

There being no further business, Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 6:19 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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