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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, February 28, 2018 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Simon Conroy, Area 4
Mark Dame, Area 8
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Jonathan Beach, Area 2

VACANT: Area 3

ALSO PRESENT: Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown conducted roll call. Legislator Beach had asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2018 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (8-0-1). Vacancy, Area 3.

Chairperson McManus reported there is a public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2018 titled, "Clinton County Municipal Opioid Cost Recovery and Public Nuisance Legislation." He asked the Deputy Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-1). Vacancy, Area 3.

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Board regarding this Local Law.

There being no speakers, Legislator Dame motioned to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-1). Vacancy, Area 3

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Geoff Barker read from a list of 17 Plattsburgh International Airport questions/points of interest. He asked the Legislators to consider the items he raised.

Kellen Louis, an employee of PenAir, continued reading Mr. Barker's questions/points of interest regarding the Plattsburgh International Airport. He criticized the statement from the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee stating Dulles air service will be available for the Lake Placid Winter World University Games in 2023, which he believes is not truthful.

Chairperson McManus invited Kathy Recchia, the DEC Grant Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, and Christine Pouch, the Executive Director of the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, to the podium. Kathy Recchia announced their annual Decentralization Grant Awards. She explained these are New York State Council of the Arts-funded grants for community arts and arts education. The maximum award for each grant is \$5,000. Clinton County received \$21,300 in grant funds. Ms. Recchia reported the Decentralization Grant Awards Ceremony will be held Saturday, April 28th at 2:00 p.m. at the Plattsburgh Library, Oak Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

Christine Pouch reported the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts receives grants and then re-grants these funds to four counties (Clinton, Essex, Franklin and Hamilton). Ms. Pouch stressed the importance of lobbying for Arts support.

Mr. Brown acknowledged Cameron Doran, a student from Plattsburgh State University, who was awarded an Off Track Betting (OTB) scholarship of \$500. Mr. Doran is a graduate of Chazy Central Rural School and has just completed his first semester in college.

There being no one else who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson McManus moved on to Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Timmons

The Buildings and Grounds Committee was polled on Resolutions #172 and #173 under Waive Rule 13.2, which have been placed on the agenda. He reported the County has gone out to bid for the Social Services Project and the Old Court House Project, and they are expecting to receive bids back soon.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the next Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th has been cancelled.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Conroy

The Economic Development and County Operations Committee met Tuesday, February 27th. Paul Grasso, CEO of the Development Corporation, discussed challenges to the Industrial Parks in the region.

John Zurlo, the County Clerk, discussed the proposal of an Automated Teller Machine in the lobby of the Government Center.

Martine Gonyo, the Director of Real Property, discussed revisions to the Real Property Tax Law 487 Solar/Wind Exemption and Resolution #144.

Resolutions #140 through #150 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th at 6:15 p.m.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

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

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

The Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier. Republic Parking provided a presentation to the Committee. Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, discussed project updates with C & S Engineers, Inc. Mr. Kreig also discussed solar array cost changes and the exit lane equipment proposal. Resolutions #151 through #166 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th at 5:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 2nd.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported there will be a meeting in two weeks.

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame, Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Committee met on Tuesday, February 27th. President Ray DiPasquale reported the Spring, 2018 enrollment has declined by 20 students instead of the projected 80 students. Mr. DiPasquale also reported the Full Time Enrollment decline will be less than anticipated. Legislator Rosenquest reported President DiPasquale stated that the Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Building has been hosting several businesses, and contracts are currently underway. Legislator Rosenquest reported other reports show the partnership with Clarkson University is moving forward with faculty and deans coming to campus to meet. Legislator Rosenquest stated new partnerships include the University of Vermont (UVM) and a technical high school in Vermont.

Legislator Rosenquest provided updates on the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee (a copy of the report has been distributed to all legislators). Legislator Rosenquest reported the Learning Commons Project is on schedule and on budget and is expected to re-open with a state-of-the art student learning area in July, 2018. Additionally, he stated the Moore Building rehabilitation is continuing to move forward with a scheduled completion of 2020.

Community Services Report – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported he met with Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, to discuss diversion and alternatives to incarceration. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of March.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Committee met last night. The Committee finalized the books for 2017 but has not yet finalized this year due to a reduction of grants from the school. Legislator Timmons

reported “Foods from the Farm” will be held this Saturday, March 3 at the Plattsburgh City Gym, 52 U.S. Oval, Plattsburgh, New York.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Committee met Thursday, February 22nd in Lake George, New York. Warren County hosted the meeting. She reported they discussed a resolution similar to Resolution #139 on the agenda tonight regarding State-Owned Lands. She reported 68 percent of State Lands in Clinton County are in the Town of Black Brook.

Soil and Water – Legislators Conroy, Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Soil and Water had an organizational meeting last Thursday night, where Sam Dyer was elected the Chairman of the Board. He reported they have many grants to distribute this year.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest met with Sylvie Nelson, of the Workforce Development Board (WDB), who reported WDB had been audited, and there was a minor finding relative to approval of work services.

Staff Reports

Mr. Coffey requested a motion to go into executive session to discuss the litigation of Luck Brothers, Inc. and the American Builders Contractors, Inc.

Mr. Brown did not have a report.

Chairperson McManus reported that he and Michael Cashman, Town of Plattsburgh Supervisor, are co-chairs of a shared services meeting on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:00 p.m. (A location has not yet been established.) He encouraged all legislators to attend.

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

Resolutions #138 through #144 were approved.

Resolution #145 titled, “Authorizing Election Services Agreements with Various School Districts.” Carried (8-0-1). Vacancy – Area 3.

Legislator Rosenquest reminded the Legislature that this resolution needed to be updated to the Federal Mileage Rate of \$.545. Legislator Conroy motioned to amend the mileage rate of \$.54 to the Federal Mileage Rate of \$.545, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-1). Vacancy – Area 3. Legislator Conroy motioned to approve amended Resolution #145, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-1). Vacancy – Area 3.

Resolutions #146 through #156 were approved.

Resolution #157 was withdrawn.

Resolution #158 was approved.

Resolution #159 was withdrawn.

Resolution #160 was approved.

Resolution #161 titled, "Awarding Bid for Concessions Space Fit-Out Project." Carried (7-1-1). (Mr. Rosenquest voted no). Vacancy – Area 3.

Legislator Dame feels the price of the Concessions Fit-Out is excessive. He is totally disappointed that a 1,600 square foot restaurant costs \$1,000,000 and requests that an explanation of costs be provided to the legislators.

Legislator Rosenquest concurred with Legislator Dame, and requested an outline detailing the costs.

Legislator Hall agreed with Legislators Dame and Rosenquest and is waiting for a list of costs for further discussion.

Legislator Waldron hopes for an outline as well in hopes of a better understanding of the price.

Legislator Conroy commented that additional funds might be contributed to the project from the selected concessionaire.

Resolutions #162 through #171 were approved.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (8-0-1). Vacancy – Area 3

Resolutions # 172 and #173 were approved.

Legislator Conroy motioned to recess for four minutes prior to Executive Session, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-1). Vacancy – Area 3

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into executive session at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (8-0-1). Vacancy – Area 3.

Legislator Hall motioned to exit executive session at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (8-0-1). Vacancy – Area 3.

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (8-0-1). Area 3 vacant.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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