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January 13, 2016

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January, 13, 2016 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Samuel Dyer, Area 3  
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
Robbie Timmons, Area 7  
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1  
Colin Read, Area 4  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney  
Tabitha Trombley, Executive Secretary

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. All legislators were present.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2015 Regular Session and the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Organizational Meeting, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Kimberly Davis, the Clinton County Treasurer, explained the timeframe for delinquent tax procedures and discussed the current list of foreclosures. Ms. Davis presented the Legislators with a list of properties and asked the Legislators for their assistance in contacting property owners listed in their respective areas in hopes that it will prompt the individuals to make payment of their delinquent taxes. The deadline to pay 2014 delinquent property taxes was Friday, January 8, 2016. Anyone who missed that deadline must now pay 2014 and 2015 delinquent taxes in guaranteed funds to keep them out of foreclosure.

Ms. Davis reported there are a total of 121 properties in foreclosure status, of which, three are commercial properties, 54 are residential, and 64 are vacant lots. Legislator Hall asked if Ms. Davis knew the total amount of money owed on all properties. Ms. Davis replied she did not have the amount readily available but would be able to provide the information at the next Regular Session.

Ms. Davis asked the Legislators not to share the delinquent tax list with the public as she prepares the lists specifically for the Legislators. The Clinton County Clerk's Office has a list available which is public record.

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

### **Committee Reports**

Chairperson McManus stated the committee assignments had not been formalized in the sense that the committees have not had an opportunity to meet prior to the Regular Session. Chairperson McManus asked if anyone that was chairing a committee would like the opportunity to make a statement about their committee. There being no one who wished to make a statement, Chairperson McManus moved on to Liaison Reports.

### **Liaison Reports**

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone chairing a Liaison Committee would like the opportunity to make a statement about their committee. There being no one who wished to make a statement, Chairperson McManus moved on to Staff Reports.

## Staff Reports

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss the leasing of property owned by Clinton County.

Mr. Zurlo stated that all Legislators have been provided with tentative calendars. Mr. Zurlo advised that the committee meeting dates and times were set the same as 2015 and can be changed if needed. Mr. Zurlo also stated that the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee is missing from the calendars as we are waiting on dates and times from Legislator Rosenquest once he has those available.

Mr. Zurlo reported that everyone has been briefed on the Vermont Green Line Energy Proposal (Energy Electric Transmission Project). The Industrial Development Agency (IDA) said this project scored in the high two range based on a one through three range, one receiving no benefit, two receiving a benefit and three receiving the highest benefit with regard to an IDA tax exemption. As such, the project was seeking a deviation from the Uniform Tax Exemption Policy. Mr. Zurlo stated that Clinton County has been actively working as taxing jurisdictions to come up with a deviation that the taxing jurisdictions (Beekmantown School District, Town of Beekmantown, and Clinton County) are happy with. Mr. Zurlo advised the IDA meets on January 20<sup>th</sup> to authorize the Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) agreement. The total amount of PILOT payments over the life of the PILOT is nearing \$90 million of which Clinton County would receive approximately \$22 million. Mr. Zurlo stated that this all depends on whether Vermont Green Line Energy is awarded the project by the New England States. All submissions to the New England States are due by Thursday, January 28, 2016.

Chairperson McManus reported the Governor of New York announced a proposal for an Upstate Airport Economic Development Program. There are 74 airports eligible, and Plattsburgh International Airport is one of them. Chairperson McManus stated five of the airports selected would receive \$40 million each. Chairperson McManus would like to create a committee with the Chairperson of the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee, the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee, the Planning Department, the Airport Manager, the Chamber of Commerce and any other Legislator who might be interested in serving on the committee.

The following Resolutions were vetted through the Finance Committee and approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #16 and #17 were approved.

Resolution #18 titled "Authorizing Termination of Management and Development Agreement with Plattsburgh Airbase Redevelopment Corporation (PARC)" – Legislature

Legislator Keenan motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (10-0-0)

Discussion:

Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, reported the Management and Development Agreement with Plattsburgh Airbase Redevelopment Corporation (PARC) allowed PARC to market the properties from Arizona Avenue to the railroad line. Mr. Brown explained the land area Clinton County received was larger than the footprint that is the Plattsburgh International Airport now, everything from Arizona Avenue to the railroad line was included this area. Mr. Brown state that PARC advised they wanted to continue to market the properties from Arizona Avenue to the railroad line. Clinton County agreed to allow PARC to market the properties. In return the County received seventy-five percent of

sales and twenty-five percent of the rental income from those properties. Mr. Brown reported that since there is no more land to be transferred within that area, there is no need for the Management and Development Agreement between PARC and Clinton County and therefore, PARC wishes to terminate the agreement.

Resolutions #19 and # 23 were approved.

Resolution #24 titled, "Approving Clinton County Investment Policy for 2016) – Treasurer's Office"

Legislator Dame motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (9-0-1). (Legislator Read abstained)

Discussion:

Legislator Dame stated he had some concerns regarding the investment policy. He wants to be sure the County residents and businesses fair well with their banking needs and benefit from the banks in which Clinton County invests with. Legislator Dame reported he spoke with Kimberly Davis, the Clinton County Treasurer, and had asked that Ms. Davis try to obtain information from the banks as to what amount of the bank's business is done within Clinton County. Mr. Zurlo advised this policy can be revised at any point if the Legislators felt the need to do so.

Resolutions #25 through #29 were approved.

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

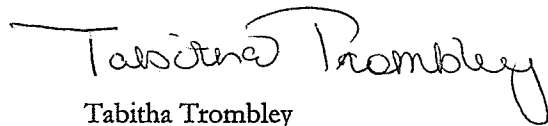
Resolutions #30 and #31 were approved.

Chairperson McManus entertained a motion from Legislator Keenan to enter into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Tabitha Trombley  
Executive Secretary