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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, January 14, 2015 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Samuel Dyer, Area 3, Chairperson  
John Gallagher, Area 9  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
James Langley, Jr., Area 7  
Harry McManus, 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  
Katherine Brown, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 23, 2014 Regular Session and the January 5, 2015 Organizational Meeting, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

Chairperson Dyer proclaimed 2015 as the ninetieth anniversary of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC).

Legislator Langley presented a \$500 OTB Scholarship award to Miranda O'Neill of Keeseville. Ms. O'Neill is a 2014 graduate of AuSable Valley Central School and is a student at Clinton Community College.

Legislator Langley and Airport Manager Chris Kreig presented a thirty-year service plaque to Terrie Beisinger, an Administrative Assistant with the Plattsburgh International Airport.

Chairperson Dyer and Social Services Commissioner John Redden presented a thirty-year service plaque to Sandra Smith, a Social Welfare Examiner with the Department of Social Services.

Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature. There being no one present 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 will meet Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee will meet Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Finance Committee – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. Resolutions #15 and #16 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Finance Committee. Legislator Dame stated Resolution #15 will authorize the payment of membership dues, and Resolution #16 will approve the Clinton County Investment Policy for 2015. Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, stated there were two changes to the Investment Policy. The changes include a financial institution's change in name from TD Banknorth to TD Bank, and a reduction in the amount the County is able to deposit in KeyBank due to the transition to Glens Falls National Bank.

#### **Health Committee – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. He indicated, however, he will be out of town. Mr. Zurlo stated the Committee will be informed as to the

status of this meeting.

#### **Human Services – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported Resolutions #17 through #19 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Human Services Committee. The Human Services Committee will meet Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> following the Finance Committee meeting at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher**

Legislator Gallagher reported Resolutions #37 through #49 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee will meet Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Langley reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee will meet Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Public Safety Committee – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the Public Safety Committee will meet Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus**

Legislator McManus reported Resolutions #28 and #29 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Transportation Committee. The Transportation Committee will meet Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Read**

Legislator Read reported he recently attended a meeting of the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee. Two members were appointed to the Committee from the Clinton County Legislature. Priorities for the upcoming year were discussed.

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

Legislator Beach reported the Board of Health met Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. A presentation was made regarding the Local Built Environment Overview. He reported studies were conducted regarding the County's public transportation and getting people in rural communities to the larger grocery stores versus the smaller local stores which may not have the healthiest options. He found the results of the studies very interesting and indicated this issue would be discussed at an upcoming Transportation Committee meeting. Legislator Beach stated people did not have significant information regarding route maps and bus availability. He stated he is aware that finances are not great for Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT), but possibly the Clinton County Board of Health, the Health Department and CCPT could work together on this.

**Intercounty – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported she will be attending her first meeting as County liaison to the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in Herkimer County.

**Soil and Water Conservation District – Legislator Read**

Legislator Dyer reported a meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Grievance Committee – Legislator Gallagher**

Mr. Zurlo stated Ms. Kinblom requested dates prior to Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> for a Grievance Committee meeting with regard to an issue at Clinton Community College.

**Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Read**

Legislator Read reported due to a conflict with a meeting at the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce, he was unable to attend the last meeting of the Workforce Investment Board.

**Staff Reports**

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss the Castine, Turtle Island and 11-87/George Moore tax sale matters.

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report.

The following Resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #10 through #13 were approved.

Resolution #14 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Systems Development Group (SDG), Inc. – Real Property”

Legislator Read motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Keenan.

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution reflects a County Cost. However, this is a revenue-generating system which allows realtors, citizens and attorneys to access information. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #15 through #20 were approved.

Resolution #21 titled, “Authorizing New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Grant Application and Acceptance – Assigned Counsel/Legislature”

Legislator Hall motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Beach.

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Legal Defense of Indigent Defendants, is here this evening. Mr. Meyer is giving a lot of effort in spending this money in an efficient manner. Mr. Zurlo stated this will improve the quality of indigent representation in Clinton County. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #22 through #25 were approved.

Resolution #26 titled, "Amending Resolution #355 dated May 14, 2014 titled, "Authorizing Operation Stonegarden Grant Application and Acceptance – Sheriff's Department"

Legislator Hall motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Keenan.

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo noted the drastic decrease in the Grant amount. He stated the Grantor is requiring individual contracts with Grantees. The Grantees (New York State Park Police, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Police) were included in the original Grant amount. This amended amount is only for the Clinton County Sheriff's Department and the Village of Rouses Point Police Department. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #27 through #31 were approved.

Resolution #32 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish a Capital Project titled, "Renovation Building #2774 Project – Plattsburgh International Airport"

Legislator Dame motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Langley.

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo reported Clinton County was awarded \$200,000 from the Dormitory Authority through Senator Little's Office. This resolution will establish the Capital Project. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #33 was approved.

Resolution #34 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Transfer County Property, Town of Saranac – Treasurer's Office"

Legislator Dame motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Waldron.

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution came from the Treasurer's Office. Each Legislator has been provided with a copy of a map in which the parcel referenced in the resolution is highlighted. The County has tried to sell this parcel through County auction, as well as twice through an online auction, with no success. Mr. Zurlo stated the 30' by 90' parcel will be transferred to the property owner.

Legislator Dame asked if the County could convey the property with no cost. Mr. Coffey replied the rule is that the County can never give to a private individual. However, in this case, it would be an exception. Legislator Dame stated this parcel has no value. Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, indicated the Assessor for the Town of Saranac states the parcel has no value. The assessed value of the new parcel remains the same.

Resolution #35 was approved.

Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Hall to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #36 through #50 were approved.

Mr. Zurlo informed Legislators that a few vacancies still exist on the Office for the Aging Advisory Board and the Nursing Home Advisory Board.

Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Beach motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 8:19 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Gallagher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Brown".

Katherine Brown  
Senior Stenographer