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July 11, 2013

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, July 10, 2013 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., Area 7, Chairperson
Harry McManus, Area 1
Sara Rowden, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
William Favreau, County Attorney
Katherine Brown, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Langley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Legislator Dyer motioned to accept the minutes of the June 26, 2013 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Butler. (Carried 10-0-0).

Chairperson Langley asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Chairperson Langley recognized Cindy Root of the General Leroy Manor Road, Morrisonville. Ms. Root provided material to each Legislator. She stated that she believes the 10-foot culvert pipe underneath the General Leroy Manor Road is inadequate for the volume of water that routinely passes through the culvert pipe in high-water conditions. She is concerned about the volume of debris up river of the culvert, as well as the size of the culvert pipe.

Legislator McManus stated as Chairperson of the Transportation Committee, he will speak with County Highway Superintendent Al Rascoe regarding Ms. Root's concerns. Based on that discussion, he will contact Ms. Root for a site visit to see the condition first hand.

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

Committee Reports

County Operations Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the County Operations Committee met Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:15 p.m.

Martine Gonyo, the Director of Real Property, discussed the 2012 Final Roll versus the 2013 Final Roll, reviewed the fee schedule for services provided by the Real Property Office and discussed contract assessment services with the Town of Dannemora. Resolutions #491 through #493 are included on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Rodney Brown, the Planning Director, provided an update on the Economic Development Administration Grant, Housing Block Grant, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the Saranac Trail Greenway Project.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th at 6:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Finance Committee met this evening. Resolutions #494 through #501 are included on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. She indicated the Treasurer's sales tax report is very positive.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 11th was cancelled. Resolutions #502 through #507 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Legislator Rowden reported Local Law #4 of 2012 went into effect on Monday, July 1st which regulates the use of tobacco products upon real property owned or leased by Clinton County. She indicated new signage has been posted, and suggested Buildings and Grounds Department staff conduct a clean sweep of the grounds for cigarettes butts, etc. at all building entrances/exits, sidewalks and parking lots located on County-owned/leased property.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met Tuesday, July 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans Service Agency, reviewed the Monthly Reports of Contacts and Services for May and June, 2013.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, reviewed the Nursing Home Quality Pool and discussed the recent audit by the Office of Medicaid Inspector General.

Resolutions #508 through #510 are included on the agenda for the Office for the Aging upon the Committee's recommendation.

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

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported the Personnel Committee met this evening. Resolutions #532 through #539 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee's recommendation. Legislator Heins noted Resolution #540 on the agenda will approve the appointment of a Deputy Airport Manager.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Heins

Legislator Heins reported Chris Kreig, the Airport Manager, addressed the Finance Committee regarding the fire truck issue.

Legislator Heins reported the next meeting of the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Butler

Legislator Butler reported the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, July 8th was cancelled. Resolutions #511 through #515 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, July 8th was cancelled. Resolutions #516 through #521 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

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

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden provided an update on the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee. The New York State Department of Transportation has given an occupancy permit for the Valcour Rest Area to the Tourist Center. She reported SUNY Plattsburgh's journalism students earned an All American rating by the Associated Collegiate Press for its publication, Do North: Touring the Adirondack Coast. The Chamber's website, goadirondack.com is underway. The next meeting of the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee is scheduled for Friday, August 2nd.

Legislator Rowden reported the Chamber's 2014 Marketing Plan is complete. The Chamber is currently working on its 2014 budget.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Mr. Zurlo reported he has been actively working with President John Jablonski and Vice President of Finance of Administration Lisa Chauvin to schedule details of the 2013/2014 College budget, which will be presented to the County's Finance Committee in August.

Intercounty - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the next meeting of the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled for Thursday, July 18th in Warren County, New York.

Soil and Water – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the next meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation District is scheduled for Thursday, July 18th. He stated a no-till seeder will be on display at his farm located at 227 Duquette Road in West Chazy, New York on Wednesday, July 31st from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo asked if tiling done over the years is showing a benefit in this weather. Legislator Dyer replied it has been a benefit to all of those who have tiled, especially in lieu of the heavy rainfall this summer.

Grievance Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported the Grievance Committee met Tuesday, July 9th. Two grievances were heard, and the findings were communicated to the parties involved. Both grievances were worthy of hearings, and the grievances were due to communication problems.

Workforce Investment – Chairperson Langley

Legislator Gallagher reported Champlain Valley Educational Services and the Superintendent of Schools has been working to create a Career Fair.

Chairperson Langley reported a search committee is being created to begin the recruitment process for the position of Director of CV-TEC.

Staff Reports

County Attorney William Favreau stated he had no report.

Mr. Zurlo requested an Executive Session to update the Legislature on a litigation matter and to discuss an issue regarding the sale or lease of real property.

The following Resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #490 through #492 were approved.

Resolution #493 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Town of Dannemora for Full Assessment Services – Real Property”

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

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated no formal confirmation has been received from the Town of Dannemora. The Town must agree to an 18-month contract with the County.

Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #494 through #517 were approved.

Resolution #518 titled, “Authorizing Contract with North American Salt Company – Highway Department”

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

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated the County continues to get very good rates for this product.

Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #519 through #539 were approved.

Resolution #540 titled, “Approving Appointment of Deputy Airport Manager – Plattsburgh International Airport”

Legislator Gallagher motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Heins.

Discussion:

Legislator Dame stated he has no choice but to vote no on this Resolution due to the fact of not having received any information regarding the individual's background. He indicated he would like to postpone the vote, if possible.

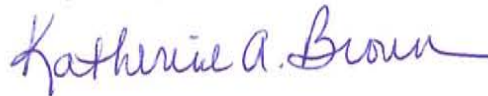
Legislator Dyer stated that he spoke with the Mr. Kreig earlier regarding this issue and had asked why Step 1 was not offered rather than Step 9. Mr. Zurlo replied this is the original backfill for the position which we have been trying to recruit for over two years, and this latest recruitment found one person who was qualified. Mr. Zurlo stated there is an \$8,000 difference between Steps 1 and 9. The previous person who held the similar position was the Facilities Manager, and it was decided not to fill the position as a Facilities Manager. Carried (9-1-0). Legislator Dame voted no.

Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to enter into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter and an issue regarding the sale and lease of real property, seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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