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July 13, 2017

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, July 12, 2017 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2  
Simon Conroy, Area 4  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Samuel Dyer, Area 3  
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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney  
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier. Martine Gonyo, the Director of Real Property, discussed assessment assistance and full assessing charges to municipalities. Rodney Brown, the Planning Director, was present to discuss potential changes to the bylaws of the Clinton County Planning Board.

Resolution #531 and #532 have been placed on the agenda upon recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

### **Finance Committee - Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #533.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:15 p.m. at which time Lumsden and McCormick will present their audit findings, and Clinton Community College will be presenting its 2017-2018 budget request.

Mr. Zurlo stated as this meeting may be quite lengthy, the Human Services agenda will be monitored. If necessary, the Human Services Committee meeting will be moved to a later time or rescheduled to another evening.

### **Health Committee - Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee met Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services and Jerie Reid, the Director of Public Health, were present.

Mr. Rascoe advised that plans are being finalized for County crews to take over plowing of County roads in the Town of Altona effective this fall. Coverage will be provided from the Ellenburg Garage.

Rodney Brown, the Planning Director, and James Bosley, the Clinton County Planning Technician, were also present to discuss Resolutions #569 and #570 on the agenda.

Discussion was held regarding progress by the Planning Department in preparing a Deviation Service Plan and the timetable for holding public meetings on the topic and a cost increase proposed by McDonald Transit, Inc. for providing transit management services for the upcoming year.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce will be presenting its Marketing Plan at the Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting.

#### **Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported he, Legislator Dame and Michael Zurlo met with Ray DiPasquale, President of Clinton Community College, and Lisa Shovan, Vice President for Administration and Finance, to discuss the 2017-2018 budget request. The College's proposal will be presented to the Finance Committee on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board will be meeting at the end of the month.

#### **Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported Cooperative Extension's meeting this month has been cancelled.

#### **Discipline Review – Legislators Dame, Hall, Mike Zurlo**

Legislator Hall reported the Discipline Review Committee will meet Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. to discuss two items.

Chairperson McManus asked if there was any further business to come before the Legislature prior to entering into Executive Session.

Legislator Hall stated he felt the comments made during the public comment portion of the meeting about Mr. Brown were very untrue and wrong. He has been to numerous meetings with Mr. Brown regarding the Paratransit Program. Mr. Brown has done everything in his power to try and work out a system that is fair to everyone.

Legislator Conroy noted the discussion is not to get rid of Paratransit; the discussion is how we can replace the Paratransit service with a similar service that will help people. Mr. Brown has not only focused on how to save the entire transit system for everybody by making sure that its sustainable, he has focused specifically on how to help the people that use paratransit adjust to a potential new service with deviated routes in the City.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Dame motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:22 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #569 titled, "Authorizing Contract with McDonald Transit Associates, Inc." was moved by Legislator Timmons, seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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Principal Stenographer

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