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July 18, 2016

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, July 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  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1  
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9  
Sara Rowden, Area 4  
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

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. (Legislator Beach arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

Legislator Keenan motioned to accept the minutes of the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Legislature. There being no one who wished to do so, Chairperson McManus moved on to Committee reports.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting previously scheduled for earlier in the day was cancelled.

Resolutions #449 and #450 have been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the committee.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, has advised the renovation project at 130 Arizona Avenue is on schedule, and offices will open Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

Resolutions #451 through #453 have been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **County Operations Committee – Legislator Rowden**

Legislator Rowden reported the County Operations Committee meeting previously scheduled for earlier in the day was cancelled. Committee members were polled on Resolutions #454 and #455.

The next County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## **Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee met Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee invited Paul DeDominicas, the Director of the City of Plattsburgh's Community Development Office, to the meeting to speak on economic development.

The Committee also discussed the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency Executive Director vacancy and the process for participating in filling the vacancy.

The next Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **Finance Committee – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

Resolutions #456 through #458 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m. at which time Clinton Community College will present their 2016-2017 budget request. Lumsden and McCormick will also be in attendance to discuss their findings on the 2015 Audit.

Mr. Zurlo reported he had a second meeting with Lisa Shovan (Officer-in-Charge at Clinton Community College) earlier in the day to discuss the College's 2016-2017 Budget. Ms. Shovan has requested a meeting be scheduled with Legislators Dame, McManus and Rosenquest.

## **Health Committee – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee met Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Resolutions #459 through #466 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Crystal Carter, the Director of Office for the Aging and Steve Bowman, the Director of Veterans' Service Agency, were present to discuss several items.

Resolutions #467 through #471 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Human Services Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> following the Finance Committee meeting.

## **Personnel Committee – Legislator Dyer**

Legislator Dyer reported the Personnel Committee met Tuesday, July 12 at 5:15 p.m. and reviewed 14 items. There are 13 resolutions on the agenda which reflect the Committee's recommendation. Resolution #477, a request for backfill for a Senior Custodial Worker, was only approved at Custodial Worker. Resolution #478 replaced two, part-time 20-hour per week Guard positions to two, full-time 40-hour per week Guard positions. Resolution #479 was withdrawn. Resolution #480 will approve the appointment of Stacey Beebie as Interim Director of Community Services, effective July 15, 2016.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee was polled on Resolutions #486 through #489 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **Public Safety Committee – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Indigent Defendants, representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Child Advocacy Center and Sheriff Favro were present to discuss various items.

Resolutions #490 through #497 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Legislator Beach reported he would like to have further discussions with appropriate officials regarding public safety/County-wide EMS.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

## **Transportation Committee – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee met Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

The Committee reviewed Resolution #498 which authorizes a contract for title search services. Resolution #499 will authorize a funding agreement regarding the Northern Tier Multi-Use Path Project in the Town of Champlain.

Resolution #511 will authorize Clinton County Public Transit's acceptance of Section 5311 Federal Grant funding for capital and operating assistance for the 2015-2016 fiscal years.

An update was also provided regarding the recent bus fire that completely destroyed Bus #22. The fire is believed to have resulted from an electrical problem or failure in the fuel system.

The next Transportation Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **Liaison Reports**

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

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Chamber of Commerce met earlier in the month and had a positive discussion regarding web traffic and increased tourism.

### **Community Services Board – Legislator Rowden**

Legislator Rowden reported Peter Trout's last day as the Director of Community Services will be Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Stacey Beebie will be Interim Director of Community Services. The position has been advertised, and recruitment is underway.

The Coalition for Substance Abuse will be sponsoring an event with several speakers regarding heroine and opiate abuse at The Strand Theater on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Legislator Rowden will provide further information in the near future.

### **Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Inlet, New York. The Committee discussed their feelings with regard to the State's proposal to phase out critical care EMTs and replace them with Paramedics. The Committee was agreeable to drafting a resolution to oppose the State mandate. Legislator Beach stated Legislator Timmons has discovered the State has been unable to find a Bill number.

## **Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons provided a handout from Peter Hagar, the District Manager of Soil and Water, regarding what the Soil and Water Conservation District is doing and how it benefits the County.

## **Staff Reports**

### **County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.**

James Coffey, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss the Article 78 Proceeding regarding the Risetto litigation, the Clinton County public auction of property in which Rugar Street Development, LLC is contemplating bringing an action against the County and discussion regarding the employment history of a particular person.

### **Chairperson – Legislator Harry McManus**

Chairperson McManus reported he attended a Rotary meeting in which the Town of Plattsburgh and the City of Plattsburgh’s announced its agreement to work together to coordinate the Downtown and Uptown concept. James Calnon, the Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, and Michael Cashman, Town Supervisor of the Town of Plattsburgh, signed the Spirit of Plattsburgh Town and City Leadership Agreement earlier in the day.

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

Resolutions #449 through #457 were approved.

Resolution #458 titled, “Complying with New York State Comptroller Regulations by Establishing Standard Work Day and the Reporting of Retirement Credit for Elected and Appointed Officials – Legislative Office” was moved by Legislator Rowden and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-1-0). Legislator Dame voted no.

Resolutions #459 through #478 were approved.

Resolution #479 titled, “Approving a Temporary Increase of Hours for a Permanent, Part-Time Guard Position (PCN 4044) from 20 Hours per Week to 39 Hours per Week – Plattsburgh International Airport” was withdrawn.

Resolutions #480 through #482 were approved.

Resolution #483 titled, “Approving Backfill of a Permanent, Full-Time Deputy Sheriff Position (PCN TBD) – Sheriff’s Department” was moved by Legislator Dyer and seconded by Legislator Beach. The Resolution was adopted by a vote of (9-1-0). Legislator Dame voted no.

Resolutions #484 through #488 were approved.

Resolution #489 titled, "Authorizing Installation of Perimeter Fencing (Design Only) Grant Acceptance – Plattsburgh International Airport" was moved by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Waldron.

Discussion: Legislator Dyer stated he did not agree with the County having to spend thousands of dollars for an engineer to design a fence. Legislator Hall also agreed but noted this fence is a mandate of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and if the County does not comply, it would be faced with fines by the FAA. The Resolution was adopted by a vote of (9-1-0). Legislator Dyer voted no.

Resolutions #490 through #510 were approved.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #511 was approved.

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Dyer motioned to exit Executive Session at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m., seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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Principal Stenographer

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