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June 15, 2018

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, June 13, 2018 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2  
Simon Conroy, Area 4  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Mark Henry, Area 3  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1  
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney  
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the May 23, 2018 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus declared the month of June as Dairy Month in Clinton County. He acknowledged Elizabeth Nichols of Churubusco, New York, the 2018-2019 Dairy Princess of Clinton County, and her ambassadors. Ms. Nichols spoke briefly on their roles in promoting dairy to the public. Legislator Dame thanked the court for relaying the important information regarding purchasing milk with the number "36" in the code because it indicates the milk is produced from farms in New York.

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

### **Committee Reports**

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

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Resolution #430 was polled and has been placed on the agenda.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Children and Family Services – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Resolutions #431 through #437 were polled and have been placed on the agenda.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Economic Development and County Operations – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier. Martine Gonyo, the Real Property Director, updated the Committee on the City of Plattsburgh assessing services. The Committee also discussed an out-of-cycle application for Tobacco Settlement Funding.

Resolutions #438 and #439 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

### **Finance – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Greg Bell, the Deputy County Treasurer, discussed sales tax, the results of In Rem Foreclosure, tobacco settlement funds and distribution, the Glens Falls banking contract and the correction of error/application for refund report. Mr. Bell also discussed the bond anticipation notes rates, the serial bond for airport terminal projects and rates and the annual report summary.

Resolutions #440 and #487 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

### **Health – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Resolutions #441 through #445 were polled and have been placed on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Steve Bowman, the Veterans Service Agency Director, discussed April and May, 2018 Monthly Statistics, VA Healthcare in the North Country, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Van Services and the Veterans Cemetery.

Resolutions #446 and #447 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Personnel – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee met on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and reviewed 18 items. There are 18 resolutions on the agenda that reflect the Committee's recommendations. Legislator Dame stated important items on the agenda were two Memorandum of Agreements with the Civil Service Employee Association (CSEA) for Mental Health and Addiction Services both for a trial period to include: expanded clinic hours to Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and telephonic crisis services (24/7 crisis line) for after-business hours, weekends and holidays.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Hall reported Resolution #466 has been polled and placed on the agenda.

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

## **Public Safety – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director, discussed the use of Alternatives to Incarceration Reserve Funds for the purchase of new computer switches for the Probation Department and a key fob access port for the new Konica/Minolta copier/printer.

Resolutions #467 through #479 and Resolution #488 under Waive Rule 13.2 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

## **Transportation – Legislator Timmons**

The Transportation Committee met Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Karl Weiss, the Deputy Highway Superintendent, reviewed Resolutions #480 through #483 which are included on the agenda.

Rodney Brown, the Planning Director, reported Clinton County Public Transit's (CCPT) new deviated services system seems to be progressing quite well. He stated CCPT's new management company, First Transit, is anticipated to start July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported discussion involved the upcoming fishing tournaments on Lake Champlain.

### **Clinton Community College – County Administrator Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo reported he spoke with President Ray DiPasquale, and a subsequent meeting will be held with the legislative liaisons to review the College's budget requests (Chairperson McManus requested to be included in the preliminary meeting.) President DiPasquale will be presenting their requests to the Legislature at the Finance Committee meeting in August.

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

Legislator Conroy stated the next Community Services Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

Legislator Timmons stated the next Cooperative Extension meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

Legislator Waldron stated the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled to meet in two weeks.

## **Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported yesterday, he along with Deputy County Administrator, Rodney Brown and Chairperson McManus attended the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board meeting. He reported there are a few issues of concern; he noted the Bylaws need updating and he will be traveling down to assist in that process.

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

Legislator Timmons reported the tire recycling held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> in Beekmantown, New York went well. A second tire recycling is scheduled for Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Black Brook, New York.

The next Soil and Water meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Staff Reports**

County Attorney James Coffey requested an executive session to discuss two litigating issues involving Volo Aviation and Fixed-Base Operation and Murnane Builders, Inc. and work at the Clinton County Airport.

Mr. Zurlo reported interviews will begin next week for the Director of Information Technology position and the following week for the Economic Development Industrial Development Agency position. All legislators are encouraged to attend.

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

Resolutions #430 through #439 were approved.

Resolution #440 titled, “Accepting Bids Received at Public Auction and Authorizing the Issuance of Deeds – Treasurer’s Office” was motioned by Legislator Rosenquest, seconded by Legislator Beach.

Discussion: Legislator Dame inquired if there are alternative ways to market the properties when bids are not meeting the amount of taxes owed. Chairperson McManus called upon County Treasurer, Kimberly Davis, to provide the necessary information. Ms. Davis reported for some properties there isn’t a viable explanation for the discrepancy in the bid amount versus the assessed market value. She stated until properties are owned by Clinton County, the Treasurer’s Office can’t request new assessments.

Legislator Beach inquired if properties could be appraised when the County realizes the properties are going to auction. Ms. Davis replied in some instances, the cost of an appraisal is more than the property is worth. Legislator Henry asked if the Assessor’s Office can reassess these properties in January when they are listed for auction. Ms. Davis replied assessors receive letters informing them on the properties going to auction and for the most part, the assessors don’t respond to the Treasurer’s Office.

Legislator Waldron feels the bids for this year's auction were higher than last year, and there were more bids than usual. Legislator Keenan felt some of the properties should have sold for a higher price. Legislator Dame agreed that the totality of the auctioned properties covers the tax liability but hopes to optimize the return to the County in future In Rem Foreclosures. Carried (9-1-0). Legislator Dame voted no.

Resolutions #441 through #445 were approved.

Resolution #446 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Frosty Springs – Nursing Home" was motioned by Legislator Keenan, seconded by Legislator Conroy.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this is a result of the New York State Health Department audit that requires potable water to be on-site at the Nursing Home should there ever be a problem. Legislator Henry inquired if the potable water is bottled because it would have an expiration date. Mr. Zurlo replied yes, the bottled water is rotated out to eliminate expiration issues. Chairperson McManus inquired if we are paying for the water, even though we don't use it. Mr. Zurlo replied that he will look into this situation. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #447 through #487 were approved.

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

Resolutions #488 through #490 were approved.

Legislator Keenan motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:52 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat  
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator