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May 13, 2013

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held on Wednesday, May 8, 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
Robert Heins, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
James Langley, Jr., Chairperson, Area 7
Harry McManus, Area 1
Sara Rowden, Area 4

EXCUSED: John Gallagher, Area 9

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
William Favreau, County Attorney
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Langley 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 Gallagher asked to be excused.

Legislator Butler offered a motion to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2013 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 9-0-1).

Legislator Beach presented a plaque to Stanley Russell of Ellenburg Center, New York on being named "Firefighter of the Year."

Chairperson Langley asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

Committee Reports

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Heins

Legislator Heins reported the Children and Family Services Committee met Monday, May 6th at 5:15 p.m. The Foster Parent Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 30th at 5:30 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge in Plattsburgh, New York.

Legislator Heins reported Resolutions #334 through #338 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd at 6:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported Resolution #339 has been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the County Operations Committee.

The next County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4th at 6:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Finance Committee meet earlier this evening. Resolutions #340 through #343 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Legislator Rowden reported the Treasurer's Report focused on the Annual Report and Summary. There was discussion on Tobacco Settlement funds and expenditures. Sales tax revenue is over the projected amount, and there was an increase in Occupancy Tax for the first quarter of 2013 over the first quarter of 2012.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee met Monday, May 6th at 6:15 p.m. Resolutions #344 through #347 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Legislator Beach reported Sherrie Gillette, the Director of Community Services, presented a proposal for a security system for the Mental Health building. The Committee reviewed the Community Services Board meeting minutes of March 26th, as well as a Director's Report dated April 23rd.

Jerie Reid, the Director of Public Health, presented Resolutions #344 through #347 which are included on the agenda upon the Committee's recommendation. Resolution #370 regarding the closure of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center is also included on the agenda. The Committee reviewed the Health Department Report for the Board of Health meeting of April 15th, as well as a Director's Report dated April 30th. The Committee also reviewed first-period quarterly grant reports.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported Resolutions #348 and #349 have been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Human Services Committee.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4th a 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Mr. Zurlo reported Resolutions #350 through #359 have been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Personnel Committee. All resolutions have been reviewed by Personnel Director Alan Gibson and Mr. Zurlo and meet the required criteria to be presented to the Legislature. The Personnel resolutions reflect positions are paid for by Casella or result in considerable savings to Clinton County. The Personnel Committee will continue to meet bi-monthly.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Heins

Legislator Heins reported Resolutions #360 through #364 have been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee.

Mr. Zurlo reported McFarland-Johnson, Inc. and URS are making progress on the Site Civil and the Terminal Building for the Terminal Building Expansion Project. A meeting on the programming of space is scheduled to take place at the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 26th. All Legislators are invited to attend.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13th has been cancelled.

Liaison Reports

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Clinton Community College Spring Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 17th at 6 p.m. All Legislators are invited to attend.

InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled to meet on Thursday, May 16th in Fulton County, New York.

Staff Reports

County Attorney William Favreau requested an Executive Session to discuss the potential sale of real property.

Mr. Zurlo reported a meeting is scheduled Thursday, May 9th at 3:15 p.m. in the Legislative Conference Room regarding the respondent to the Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Fixed-Base Operator (FBO) services at the Plattsburgh International Airport. All Legislators are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Zurlo requested an Executive Session to discuss the medical history of an employee.

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

Resolutions #334 through #338 were approved.

Resolution #339 titled, "Approving Appointments to the Saranac River Trail Greenway (SRTG) Board of Directors"

Legislator Rowden abstained from this vote. (Carried 8-0-1-1).

Resolutions #340 through #349 were approved.

Resolution #350 titled, "Approving Backfill of a Permanent, Full-time Deputy Commissioner of Social Services Position – Social Services"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution allows Commissioner Redden to hire a replacement for his previous position. Legislator Dame asked if this item needs to go before the Personnel Committee. Mr. Zurlo replied no, this is an in-house hire.

Resolutions #351 through #358 were approved.

Resolution #359 titled, "Amending Resolution #184 dated March 13, 2013 titled, "Approving Creation of Six Permanent, Part-Time Deputy Sheriff Positions – Sheriff's Department"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the reason the title of Deputy Sheriff is not able to be used is because retired law enforcement hires do not need the age requirement for a Deputy Sheriff position. The title of Special Patrol Officer is a Civil Service title, and the only duty that cannot be performed is serving warrants. (Carried 7-1-1-1). Legislator Dame voted no, and Legislator Beach was temporarily excused.

Resolutions #360 through #362 were approved.

Resolution #363 titled, "Authorizing New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Aviation Capital Project Grant Application"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution does not commit the County to accept or pay the local share associated with accepting grant funds for the Nose Dock #3 Rehabilitation (Design and Construction) Project. However, the County does have to apply for this Grant to even be considered for this funding

Resolution #364 titled, "Authorizing New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Aviation Capital Project Grant Application"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the County has to accept and commit to the local share for the Passenger Terminal Building Expansion - Construction (Phases 1 and 2).

Resolution #365 was approved.

Resolution #366 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) – Highway Department"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution accepts an increase in funding.

Resolutions #367 and #368 were approved.

Resolution #369 titled, "Authorizing Distribution of Mortgage Tax for the Period October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013"

Discussion: Legislator Dame asked how the figures in this resolution compare to prior years. Mr. Zurlo will provide a history to Legislators of the distribution of mortgage tax from the past few years. These figures are based on real estate transactions within the individual municipalities from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. Legislator Dyer asked if these figures are based on all mortgages for that year. Mr. Zurlo replied the figures reflect new sales and refinances.

Legislator Heins motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 9-0-1).

Resolution #370 titled, "Opposing the Closure of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center – Legislature"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated his colleague in St. Lawrence County asked that Clinton, Franklin, Essex, Jefferson and Lewis Counties support this resolution. These counties send clients to St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center. Mr. Zurlo spoke to Sherrie Gillette, Director of Community Services, who reiterated that without St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center, Clinton County would be transporting individuals much further in distance to another Psychiatric Center. Legislator Beach stated to close the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center would be unbelievable.

Legislator Butler reported the Supreme Court Library Board will meet on Tuesday, May 14th. He met with Sheriff David Favro and Judge John Lahtinen in regards to the possibility of library books being purchased through a State grant for the County Jail.

Legislator Heins motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the sale or lease of real property and the medical history of an employee, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 9-0-1).

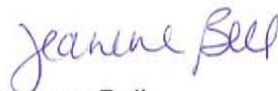
Legislator McManus motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rowden. (Carried 9-0-1).

Resolution #371 was approved. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson Langley asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

There being no further business, Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Dyer to adjourn Regular Session at 8:09 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rowden. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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Senior Stenographer