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October 29, 2013

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County
Legislature held Wednesday, October 23, 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 Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
William Favreau, County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal 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. Legislator Gallagher had asked to be excused.

Legislator Heins offered a motion to accept the minutes of the October 9th Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dame. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson Langley asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Legislature.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Samuel Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported work has begun on the Surrogate Building Exterior Ramp Project.

County Operations Committee – Mark Dame

Legislator Dame reported the County Operations Committee was polled on Resolutions #801 through #803 and #832. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th at 6:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Sara Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the next Finance Committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo reported following the Finance Committee meeting on November 6th, the Personnel Committee will meet to review the applications for Personnel Director.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Robert Heins

Legislator Heins reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier in the afternoon. Resolutions #804 through #812 and #834 through #836 have been placed on the agenda.

The Committee was provided with information on airline updates. PenAir will soon begin advertising. The Committee also discussed US Customs and Border Patrol and whether a grant could be secured to fund a US Customs Facility. Legislator Heins reported that the County has a CFA application pending for this purpose. If successful, the County could have to consider entertaining the process of becoming a Port of Entry.

The Committee also discussed the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) discontinuing the exit lane patrol in January, 2014. The County will have to come up with a way to fund this, perhaps through Volo Aviation, the Fixed Base Operator (FBO).

The Parking Lot Expansion Project is underway and should be complete by August, 2014.

Liaison Reports

Clinton Community College – Mark Dame

Mr. Zurlo reported William Favreau, the County Attorney, attended the closing on the Cadyville property which was held Thursday, October 10th. Proceeds from the sale of the property will be transferred into the Moore Building Heating Project Account.

Community Services – Sara Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Community Services Board met Tuesday, October 22nd. Legislators will be receiving a letter from the Community Services Board regarding the closing of St. Lawrence Psychiatric Hospital and its impact on the County. Legislator Rowden reported the Sex Offender Unit; however, will remain open. There will be a two-year transition for the closing. With some of the

savings from closure of the hospital, money will be reinvested into community-based services. There is concern that those dollars would end up going to only counties where centers/hospitals are being closed. Money should go to all counties because counties will experience some issues with the closing of these centers/hospitals. There is a need to increase psychiatric time.

Legislator Rowden encouraged the Legislature to continue with a liaison to the Community Services Board next year.

Legislator Butler stated there is a great need for mental health services in our community.

Cooperative Extension – Harry McManus

Legislator McManus reported Cornell Cooperative Extension will be honoring Joe Giroux as “2013 Friend of Extension” at the Extension’s annual meeting on Tuesday, November 12th at the Butcher Block. Chairperson Langley will be presenting Mr. Giroux with a plaque of Resolution #799 which is on the agenda this evening.

Board of Health – Jonathan Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Board of Health had a lengthy meeting on Monday, October 21st. One of the topics of discussion was childhood obesity.

Intercounty Legislative Committee – Mark Dame

Legislator Dame reported Clinton County hosted the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting on Thursday, October 17th. The Committee was provided a tour of the Strand Theatre which was very well received. A brief meeting and lunch followed at the Ground Round. Mr. Zurlo stated the topics of discussion were the six ballot initiatives.

Soil and Water – Sam Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported Soil and Water will meet Thursday, October 24th.

Staff Reports

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo requested an Executive Session to discuss the sale or lease of real property.

There being no further reports, Chairperson Langley moved onto Resolutions. The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, unless otherwise noted:

Resolutions #799 through #801 were approved.

Resolution #802 titled, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2014 – Information Technology” was moved by Legislator Dame, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (8-0-1-1). Legislature Butler abstained.

Resolutions #803 through #814 were approved.

Resolution #815 titled, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2014 – Emergency Preparedness” was moved by Chairperson Langley, seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (8-0-1-1). Legislature Butler abstained.

Resolution #816 through #831 were approved.

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

Resolution #832 titled, “Authoring Agreement with St. Lawrence County to Administer the North Country Direct Homeownership Assistance Program in Clinton County – Planning Department” was moved by Legislator Dame, seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown reported under last year’s Consolidated Funding Application, St. Lawrence County applied for funding on behalf of the entire North Country region. Each County will receive sufficient funding to assist four, first-time homebuyers. This Resolution will authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with St. Lawrence County, who will pay the funding directly to the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County to administer the Program.

Resolutions #833 through #835 were approved.

Legislator Dyer stated he recently attended a Town Board meeting in Chazy and discussed the Board of Elections' Chargebacks with the Town Supervisor. Legislator Dyer stated he would like some clarification as he feels the Towns are being unfairly charged. Mr. Zurlo stated the Board of Elections' Commissioners could be invited to the Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 6th at 5:15 p.m. to discuss this matter .

Legislator McManus motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss the sale or lease of real property, seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Dyer motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #836 titled, "Authorizing Sale by Plattsburgh Airbase Redevelopment Corporation of One Land Parcel – Plattsburgh International Airport/Legislature" was moved by Legislator Heins, seconded by Legislator Dame. The Resolution was defeated by a vote of 3 Yes (Ms. Rowden, Messrs. Butler and Langley), 6 No (Messrs. McManus, Beach, Dyer, Keenan, Dame and Heins) and 1 Absent (Mr. Gallagher).

Legislator Dyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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Principal Stenographer

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