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April 28, 2017

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, April 26, 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  
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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 Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2017 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (10-0-0).

Carole Okun, of Plattsburgh, expressed her support for the Lake Champlain Film Festival. She stated she has previously traveled to Lake Placid, New York, Burlington, Vermont and Montreal to attend film festivals and is now happy to be able to attend and support the Plattsburgh community.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, reported a final update on foreclosure properties; with 73 properties on the list: 4 are commercial, 36 are vacant and 33 are residential. Monies need to be received in the Treasurer's Office by Monday May 1, 2017 in guaranteed funds which are cash, credit card and banker checks. Mr. Zurlo inquired the comparison statistics of 2015. Ms. Davis stated there were 45 properties in foreclosure for 2015.

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

### **Committee Reports**

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

Mr. Timmons reported the Building and Grounds Committee met Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, discussed the Emergency Services Window Replacement Project and the Nursing Home Roof Replacement Project.

Resolutions #288 through #291 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Mr. Timmons reported the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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

Legislator Waldron reported the next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Resolutions #292 and #293 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The Economic Development and County Operations Committee was polled on Resolution #294. Resolution #295 has been withdrawn.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Finance – Legislator Dame**

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Health – Legislator Beach**

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Human Services – Legislator Keenan**

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Personnel – Legislator Dyer**

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

**Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall**

The Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier. Rodney Brown, the Deputy Administrator, discussed updates on the Project to Renovate Nose Docks 4 and 5 for Custom and Border Protection, enplanement levels for the first quarter of 2017 and the Upsate Airport Initiative Projects. Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport enplanements are up over 10,000. Turner Bradford discussed the FIS Fit-Out bids.

Resolutions #296 through #304, #336, #337, and #339 through #341 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

Chairperson McManus expressed his gratitude to the Press Republican for their articles on the airport expansion.

**Public Safety – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Resolutions #305 through #318 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. The Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolution #319.

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

**Transportation Committee – Legislator Timmons**

The Transportation Committee met Monday, April 17, 2017 at 5:15 p.m.

Al Rascoe, the Clinton County Highway Superintendent, presented Resolutions #320 through #323 which are included on the agenda.

The Committee discussed the Town of Altona's response to the recent extreme snowstorm event that occurred on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Rodney Brown, the Planning Director, and James Bosley, the Clinton County Planning Technician, were also present to continue a discussion on the Clinton County Public Transit's (CCPT's) 2016 budget shortfall.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 8th at 5:15 p.m.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Board of Health – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the last meeting was April 24<sup>th</sup> which included several grant initiatives seeking funding for Healthy Neighborhoods initiatives.

#### **Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Institute for the Advanced Manufacturing is on schedule, on budget and should be completed by the Fall of 2017.

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

Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board met Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Champlain Valley Family Services, the Sheriff's Department and Assemblyman Billy Jones are teaming up to provide Mental Health and Addiction Services to the inmates in the Jail. Funding of \$15,000 from each group will cover expenses for the next year. The goal is to stop the recidivism rate and for the inmates to become more productive citizens.

The next Community Services Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **InterCounty – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the InterCounty Legislative Committee will meet Thursday, April 27th in Johnstown, New York (Fulton County).

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

Legislator Timmons reported one grant has been awarded in the amount of \$72,000 which will be applied towards a vacuum excavator. Any town or village will be able to use the vacuum by contacting Soil and Water or the Town of Plattsburgh. Town Supervisors have been notified of this service.

## Staff Reports

County Attorney James Coffey had no report.

Mr. Zurlo reported the New York State Department of State will be in Clinton County on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to give leaders a primer on the Community-Wide Shared Services Initiative. Mr. Zurlo reported the first Clinton County Shared Services Panel will be held on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The panel will be chaired by Mr. Zurlo and will consist of all Town Supervisors, all Village Mayors and the Mayor of Plattsburgh. The Shared Services Plan is scheduled to be delivered to the Legislative Body by Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

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

Resolutions #288 through #290 were approved.

Resolution #291 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Murnane Buildings Contractors, Inc. – Buildings and Grounds"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted the change from the draft resolution. Further discussion will ensue at a later date.

Resolutions # 292 through #294 were approved.

Resolution #295 titled, "Authorizing Contract with the Strand Center for the Arts – Legislature" was withdrawn.

Discussion: Mr. McManus reported the resolution will be included on the Finance Committee agenda for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Resolutions #296 through #303 were approved.

Resolution #304 titled, "Authorizing Agreement with C & S Engineers, Inc. for Design and Bidding Services for the Upstate Airport Initiative Projects – Plattsburgh International Airport"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo inquired if there are additional projects with C & S Engineers, Inc. Mr. Brown replied yes, the remainder of the projects will be included on an upcoming resolution.

Resolutions #305 through #326 were approved.

Resolution #327 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate and Transfer Funding from the Tobacco Reserve Fund for Clinton County Emergency Services – Treasurer's Office" Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall asked Chairperson McManus or Mr. Zurlo to explain to the attendees the total amount of funds available for distribution, how figures are determined and the cancellation of the October round of the Tobacco Reserve Funding. Mr. Zurlo reported the policy was amended from two opportunities a year to apply for Tobacco Reserve Funds to a once-a-year application in April. The policy states Clinton County must keep \$100,000 in reserve funds, which can be used if an emergency project should arise during the year. The total amount in the reserve fund this year (prior to the 2017 allocation) was \$116,000. With the 2017 contribution of \$50,000, \$167,000 is in the reserve fund leaving \$67,000 for allocation. The total amount of funding recommended by the Economic Development and County Operations Committee for the April 2017 round of projects is \$54,000.

Resolution #328 titled, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate and Transfer Funding from the Tobacco Reserve Fund for SUNY Plattsburgh – Treasurer’s Office” Carried (10-0-0)

Mr. Brown stated he was contacted by Colleen Lemza, who is coordinating this project for SUNY Plattsburgh. She extended gratitude to the Legislature for their support of this project and has invited the Legislators to a media event prior to the conference on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall.

Resolutions #329 and #330 were approved.

Legislator Dame added the distribution to the Veterans’ Service Agency will help to cover the cost of a site evaluation for the proposed cemetery at the Cumberland Head location. Mr. Dame extended his gratitude to Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans’ Service Agency, for his tremendous contributions in helping this project commence.

Resolution #331 titled, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate and Transfer Funding from the Tobacco Reserve Fund for the Lake Champlain Film Festival – Treasurer’s Office” Carried (7-2-1) (No: Messrs. Dyer, Keenan, Abstain: Mr. Conroy)

Resolution #332 was approved.

Resolution #333 titled “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate and Transfer Funding from the Tobacco Reserve Fund for Outside Art – Treasurer’s Office” Carried (7-3-0) (No: Messrs. Beach, Dyer, Keenan).

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest stated that this project enhances the quality of life in the City of Plattsburgh. Legislator Conroy concurred.

Resolution #334 titled, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate and Transfer Funding from the Tobacco Reserve Fund for Country Dreams Farm and Greater Adirondack Ghost Tour Company – Treasurer’s Office”

Discussion: A lengthy discussion ensued with further discussion to occur at the Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

Legislator Beach motioned to table the resolution, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

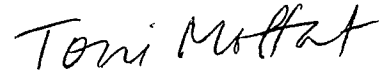
Legislator Dyer motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #335 through #341 were approved.

Chairperson McManus asked if there was anything further to come before the Legislature.

There being no further business, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni Moffat". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Toni Moffat  
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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