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August 27, 2018

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, August 22, 2018 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2  
Simon Conroy, Area 4  
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

EXCUSED: Mark Dame, Area 8

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney  
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

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 Dame asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2018 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus stated there is a public hearing regarding the proposed 2018-2019 Clinton Community College budget. He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing. The notice was read by Mr. Zurlo.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to open the public hearing at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Board on the proposed Clinton Community College budget.

Legislator Timmons motioned to close the public hearing at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus stated there is a public hearing regarding Local Law #2 of the Year 2018 titled, "Amending Local Law #3 of the Year 2015 titled, "Amending Local Law #2 of the Year 2012 titled, "Amending Local Law #2 of the Year 2011 titled, "Amending Local Law #2 of the Year 2008 titled, "Clinton County Room Occupancy Tax Law". He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing. The notice was read by Mr. Zurlo.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Board regarding this Local Law.

Garry Douglas, the President and CEO of the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce, praised the collaboration exhibited by the Clinton County Legislature on amending the Clinton County Room Occupancy Tax Law. He spoke about enhancements included in the amendment that ties increased airport activity to marketing and tourism. Mr. Douglas supports the Local Law as proposed.

Chairperson McManus stated the concept of partnership requires two entities, and Mr. Douglas and the Chamber of Commerce have been excellent partners.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

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 stated the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Henry stated the next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Conroy stated Resolution #666 has been placed on the agenda to authorize the adoption of the revised bylaws of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board, and Resolution #667 will authorize contracts for grant revenue distribution for local waterfront grant activities. Each has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Legislator Conroy stated the new Economic Development Director will soon be announced.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

### **Finance – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest stated Resolution #664 has been placed on the agenda to adopt the 2018-2019 Clinton Community College budget. Resolution #665 will authorize the extension of Clinton County Room Occupancy Tax. Each has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. Kristy Kennedy and the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce will attend to present the marketing plan for next year.

### **Health – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron stated the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Keenan stated the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Personnel – Legislator Dame**

Mr. Zurlo stated the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Airport. A tour was provided of the Upstate Airport Initiative Project sites. He stated United Express’ initial flight was this afternoon, and we remain very excited to have them on board. On behalf of the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee, Legislator Hall thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their assistance. He stated it was nice to see community leaders at the Airport.

Resolutions #668 through #674 and #696 through #698 under Waive Rule 13.2 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Public Safety – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach stated the Public Safety Committee met Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Legal Defense, discussed the grant proposal for the potential Public Defenders Office.

Resolutions #675 through #689 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Transportation – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated the Transportation Committee met Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. James Bosley, the Planning Technician, updated the Committee on the Route Deviation Service. The Committee rejected further consideration for heated bus shelters due to cost and practical considerations. The Committee is still researching the expansion of the shelter at the transfer location.

Resolutions #690 through #694 and Resolution #699 under Waive Rule 13.2 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Liaison Reports**

**Board of Health – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach stated the Board of Health is scheduled to meet Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Chamber of Commerce will present its marketing plan at the September 5<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting.

**Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy stated the Community Services Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

**Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated Cooperative Extension has prepared its 2018-2019 budget request. He stated he would like to meet with Mr. Zurlo to discuss the request.

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

Legislator Waldron stated the next Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Fall Seminar.

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

Legislator Keenan stated the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board met Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Resolution #666 on the agenda authorizes the adoption of the revised bylaws of the Board. The Board is scheduled to meet Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in Warren County.

**Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated the Carter Farm manure pit had its final payout.

**Staff Reports**

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

Resolution #664 was approved.

Resolution #665 titled, “Adopting Local Law #2 of 2018 titled, “Amending Local Law #3 of the Year 2015 titled, “Amending Local Law #2 of the Year 2012 titled, “Amending Local Law #2 of the Year 2011 titled, “Amending Local Law #2 of the Year 2008 titled, “Clinton County Room Occupancy Tax Law” was moved by Legislator Rosenquest and seconded by Legislator McManus.

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest stated one of the reasons he moved back to Plattsburgh is because of the great opportunities to be in Plattsburgh and the future of the region. He stated a lot of that is due to the Chamber of Commerce and Clinton Community College. He is very proud of the work we have done as a community and as partners. He looks forward to the next generations that we are impacting from the work we are doing. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #666 through #679 were approved.

Resolution #680 titled, “Authorizing 2018 State-Wide Interoperability Communications Formula-Based Grant Application – Emergency Services” was moved by Legislator Beach and seconded by Legislator Conroy.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the resolution authorizes the grant to pay the lease payment associated with the new Motorola communications equipment. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #681 through #695 were approved.

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

Resolutions #696 through #701 were approved.

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell  
Senior Stenographer