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January 17, 2017

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, January 11, 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  
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

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. All Legislators were present.

Legislator Dyer motioned to accept the minutes of the December 28, 2016 Regular Session and the January 4, 2017 Organizational Meeting, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus reported there is a public hearing regarding a grant award received from the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation Office of Community Renewal. Chairperson McManus asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Conroy motioned to open the public hearing at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the board regarding this grant award.

Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, reported the grant (in the amount of \$435,000) was received through the Community Development Block Grant Program from the New York State Office of Homes and Community Renewal. The grant was administered by The Development Corporation under contract with Clinton County to provide financial assistance for new employee training for SpencerARL as the business expanded its operations. Since the award of the grant, the company hired 165 employees, more than doubling their workforce. There were 113 employees who met the threshold for low and moderate income in compliance with the grant requirements. SpencerARL accomplishes contract work for Novabus and Prevost.

There being no further speakers, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

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

### **Committee Reports**

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

Legislator Timmons reported the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Waldron reported the next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Rosenquest reported Resolution #9 was polled and has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

**Finance – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met earlier. Resolutions #10 through #13 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Health – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Human Services – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Personnel – Legislator Dyer**

Legislator Dyer reported Resolutions #14 through #18 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported Resolution #19 has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

Legislator Hall reported Clinton County will receive \$38 million in Airport funding from New York State.

**Public Safety – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported Resolution #20 has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Transportation Committee – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported Resolutions #21 through #25 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **Liaison Reports**

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

Legislator Beach reported the Board of Health met Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> with a new president and officers in place.

### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Conroy reported the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce met Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. He reported the meeting focused on marketing.

### **Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest**

Legislator Dame reported the Clinton Community College Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> with President Ray Di Pasquale.

Mr. Zurlo reported he will meet with Lisa Shovan of Clinton Community College and President Ray Di Pasquale on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

Legislator Conroy reported he and Mr. Zurlo interviewed a candidate on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> for the Director of Community Services. He reported the next interview is scheduled for Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and will focus on the budget.

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

Legislator Timmons reported Cooperative Extension is scheduled to meet Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **Soil and Water – Legislators Dyer and Timmons**

Legislator Dyer reported Soil and Water is scheduled to meet Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Workforce Investment Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Staff Reports**

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss the Turtle Island Trust litigation.

Mr. Zurlo reported the presentation of the Governor's 2017 State of the State scheduled for Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at the Town of Plattsburgh has been postponed.

Chairperson McManus reported the County has prioritized economic development in the past year. He thanked the Legislature and the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce who have worked together to produce a winning proposal in receiving the Upstate Airport Economic Development funding. Chairperson McManus thanked Governor Andrew Cuomo who has prioritized upstate New York for economic development. He reported this award is going to benefit the County for the next 50 years in terms of economic development and overall economic progress.

Mr. Zurlo thanked C & S Engineers, Inc. and McFarland-Johnson as well for their contributions.

Legislator Dame thanked those colleagues who took that bold and futuristic move with the Airport. He thanked former Legislators Robert Heins, Sara Rowden, James Langley, Jr. and Keith Defayette, along with Mr. Brown, Mr. Zurlo and Chairperson McManus. He congratulated everyone who contributed to receiving the award.

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

Resolutions #9 through #15 were approved.

Resolution #16 titled, "Approving Backfill of a Permanent, Full-Time Correction Officer Position (PCN 3263) – Sheriff's Department"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported the resolution was a duplicate. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #17 through #28 were approved.

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

Resolution #29 was approved.

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

Chairperson McManus entertained a motion from Legislator Hall to enter into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss the above-mentioned matter, seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #30 titled, "Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement between Clinton County, the State of New York and the Turtle Island Trust – Legislature"

Discussion: Legislator Dyer voted no on the resolution. Carried (9-1-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #31 was approved.

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell  
Senior Stenographer