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January 31, 2016

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, January 27, 2016 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Samuel Dyer, Area 3  
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
Robbie Timmons, Area 7  
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1  
Colin Read, Area 4  
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 January 13, 2016 Regular Session minutes, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Beach presented a plaque to Samuel Beach, congratulating him on being selected a member of the United States of America Youth Bobsled Team.

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Michael Derrick from Peru, New York addressed the Legislature regarding his interest in running for Congress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional District in New York State. He reported he has the skills, the temperament and the ability to represent the region in a way he feels it deserves.

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

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Buildings and Grounds – Legislator Read**

Legislator Read reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on the 130 Arizona Avenue Renovation Project. Alternate selections were made, and the low bidder was Murnane Building Contractors, Inc. Resolutions #33 through #35 and #49 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Economic Development – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development Committee met Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Committee agreed that it is important to define Economic Development and to determine what the County is doing now in terms of Economic Development. The Committee also agreed to have a plan set within six months to determine whether the Economic Development Committee should continue as a full-time committee. The Committee agreed to invite various individuals having a specialized knowledge of economic development to future Economic Development Committee meetings to assist in the effort of developing our plan.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier. An update was provided on the progress of the Passenger Terminal Expansion Project. He reported an answer will be provided in two weeks in regards to the installation of the escalator. He reported Resolutions #40 through #46 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Legislator Hall reported he has been at the Airport every day and will continue to do so in order to provide the Committee with a report at all times.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Liaison Reports**

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

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Clinton Community College Board of Trustees approved a resolution to proceed with the bidding process for the Advanced Manufacturing Institute (AMI). He reported part of the process is to include an Apprenticeship Program which can be added at a later time. The amount of \$1,000 will be put towards a student competition for naming the AMI building.

Chairperson McManus encouraged Committee Chairpersons to introduce themselves to the various department heads.

### **Staff Reports**

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation involving Clinton County and Turtle Island Trust.

Mr. Zurlo reported on negotiations with Casella Waste Management, Inc. to change the Operations Management Agreement. He reported part of the Agreement allows convenience stations to close throughout the County that are not profitable for the company. The date of closures is March 1, 2016. A resolution on the issue has not yet been achieved and, as such, Mr. Zurlo requested approval from the Legislature to request an additional three-month extension so discussions can continue, with no interruptions to the convenience stations throughout the County, in hopes the parties can come to a resolution so the convenience stations can remain open.

Legislator Waldron asked which convenience stations may be closing. Mr. Zurlo replied all convenience stations are losing money.

Legislator Dame asked the expiration date of the contract between Clinton County and Casella Waste Management, Inc. Mr. Zurlo replied the contract will expire six years from now. Legislator Dame asked if Casella Waste Management, Inc. could have acted on the convenience stations at any time. Mr. Zurlo replied no, and stated the original Agreement allowed for no opportunity to close the convenience stations for the first ten years of the Agreement (a 25-year Agreement). He reported the County approved a resolution to amend the contract to allow the convenience stations to remain open for several more years. That has since expired. Legislator Dame asked if the County receives a Profit and Loss Statement from Casella Waste Management, Inc. Mr. Zurlo replied that it is public information. Legislator Dame requested the County Legislature acquire this information from the company.

Legislator Dyer asked if the Town of Schuyler Falls is open to negotiations. Mr. Zurlo replied Supervisor Richard Potiker is well versed on the issue and, without any guarantees, has indicated there will be discussions.

Chairperson McManus thanked Legislator Keenan for volunteering to be the liaison for the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board, and Legislator Timmons for volunteering to be a member of the Children and Family Services Committee.

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

Resolutions #32 through #48 were approved.

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

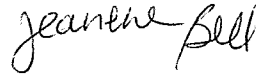
Resolution #49 was approved.

Chairperson McManus entertained a motion from Legislator Hall to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell  
Senior Stenographer