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June 30, 2013

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held on Wednesday, June 26, 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
John Gallagher, Area 9
Robert Heins, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
James Langley, Jr., Chairperson, Area 7
Harry McManus, Area 1
Sara Rowden, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
William Favreau, County Attorney
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Langley called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. All Legislators were present.

Legislator Butler offered a motion to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2013 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 10-0-0).

Chairperson Langley presented a plaque to Jonathan Bowman, commending him on winning the New York State Pepsi Bowling Championship, Boys' U20 Division.

Chairperson Langley asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature. Mary (last name unknown) from Cumberland Head talked about her ability to foresee the future and expressed her grave concerns for climatic change and the consequences it will have for Clinton County and the world.

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

Committee Reports

County Operations Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the next County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the next Finance Committee meeting has been rescheduled from Wednesday, July 3rd at 5:15 p.m. to Wednesday, July 10th at 6 p.m. Mr. Zurlo reported the Personnel Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 10th at 5:30 p.m. There will be one item on the agenda that is time sensitive. The Regular Session will follow at 7 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 11th at 5:15 p.m. may be rescheduled.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported the Personnel Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, August 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Heins

Legislator Heins reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier this evening. The Committee decided to discuss the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) Truck at the July 10th Finance Committee meeting.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24th at 5:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported all Clinton County roads are open after the recent heavy rain. Paving will continue, and minor shoulder repairs due to washouts are being made. Mr. Zurlo reported Legislative Areas 2 and 6 had the most heavily damaged roads. The County roads are in good condition. The Guideboard Road was scheduled to be completed by Thursday, July 4th; it has been completed ahead of time.

Legislator Butler commended the employees at the Highway Department for doing such a good job.

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

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, July 12th.

Community Services – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Community Services Board met Tuesday, June 25th. The Local Plan has been submitted and approved by New York State. Northeastern Clinton Central School is working with Behavioral Health Services North, Inc. to create a satellite clinic at the school. This satellite clinic will cover students in need of services who currently do not have access. The satellite location will need to be approved by the Community Services Board.

Legislator Rowden reported the security system at Mental Health and Addiction Services will be installed this week.

Legislator Rowden reported the Evergreen Townhouse Community (ETC) serves the homeless in Clinton County. She noted that there are more homeless females than males in Clinton County.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported the recently-scheduled meeting of Cooperative Extension was cancelled. The “2013-2014 Guide to Local Food” has been placed in each Legislator’s mailbox.

InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled to meet Thursday, July 18th in Herkimer County, New York.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board met Wednesday, June 26th in Lake George, New York. He reported a local business received a loan in the amount of \$130,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund dedicated to businesses that had damages due to Hurricane Irene. Mr. Zurlo asked Legislator Dame if Clinton County could host a meeting in Plattsburgh in which the Press Republican would be invited. Legislator Dame responded the Committee meets only twice each year. Legislator Dame will invite the Executive Director to Plattsburgh to speak to the Press Republican to publicize the existence of the Revolving Loan Committee. Legislator Dame reported he did alert Garry Douglas, President and CEO of the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce, in the past in regards to publishing information regarding the Revolving Loan Committee in the Chamber's newsletter. Legislator Dame will speak to Mr. Douglas again.

Soil and Water Committee – Legislators Dyer and Rowden

Legislator Dyer reported the Soil and Water Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20th was postponed.

Grievance Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported there are two upcoming grievances in which Personnel Director Alan Gibson is scheduling.

Discipline Review Committee – Legislator Heins and Rowden

Mr. Zurlo reported a request is forthcoming.

Workforce Investment – Chairperson Langley

Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown reported E.J. Siwek has resigned as the Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board.

Staff Reports

Mr. Zurlo reported that Clinton County's Sales Tax Bill passed both the State Assembly and Senate. Once the Governor signs the Bill, the Clinton County Legislature will need to pass a resolution to effectuate the extension of one percent. The State Senate did pass the Omnibus Legislation allowing localities to implement up to four percent without seeking State authorization; however, it did not pass the State Assembly.

Mr. Zurlo reported the Comptroller's Office has created a Fiscal Stress Monitoring System which indicates the health of cities, towns, villages and counties. Clinton County received a good report.

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

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

Resolutions #465 through #467 were approved.

Resolution #468 titled, "Accepting Bids for the Sale of Buildings and Structures at the Former Clinton County Airport – Plattsburgh International Airport"

Discussion: Legislator Dame abstained from this vote. (Carried 9-0-0-1)

Resolutions #469 through #485 were approved.

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

Resolution #486 titled, "Resolution Approving the Issuance of Certain Obligations by County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency to Finance a Certain Airport Project"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency approved the issuance of bonds for the Laurentian Project. The IDA Board does not have an elected representative. Therefore, this resolution approves the action of the IDA Board by the Legislature. Clinton County is not responsible for obligations, borrowing power or credit rating made by the IDA. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolution #487 titled, "Designating Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator, As Agent for Service of Notice of Claim – Legislature"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported New York State passed legislation stating the Department of State would be the repository for Notices of Claim. If Clinton County is sued, it needs to be filed with the Secretary of State. Clinton County needs an appointee on record to receive complaints filed with the State in Clinton County. Mr. Zurlo will be advised of any notices of potential claims. The New York State Association of Counties opposed this legislation. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolution #488 titled, "Authorizing Sale by Plattsburgh Airbase Redevelopment Corporation of Two Land Parcels – Plattsburgh International Airport/Legislature"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this resolution authorizes the Chairperson to sign the agreement for the sale by PARC of the two land parcels located within the Economic Development Conveyance Two (or EDC-2), contingent upon PARC and the County reaching an understanding on the disbursement of funds. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Gallagher motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the sale or lease of real property, seconded by Legislator Heins. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Heins motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:44 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolution #489 was approved.

Chairperson Langley asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

There being no further business, Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanene Bell

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