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November 25, 2015

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Monday, November 23rd, 2015 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
John Gallagher, Area 9
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
James Langley, Jr., Area 7
Harry McManus, Deputy Chairperson, Area 1
Colin Read, Area 4
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Samuel Dyer, Chairperson, Area 3

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Tabitha Trombley, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator
Robbie Timmons, Area 7 Legislator-Elect
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9 Legislator-Elect

Deputy 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 Dyer asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the November 10th Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 9-0-1).

Deputy Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature. There being no one who wished to do so, Deputy Chairperson McManus called for standing committee and liaison reports.

Committee Reports

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met Monday, November 16th and Wednesday, November 18th at 5:15 p.m.

The public hearing on the 2016 County budget will be held Wednesday, December 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported there will be an open house welcoming all Legislators and the new Legislator-elects to tour the Health Department.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported the committee met earlier at 4:30 p.m. and toured the Plattsburgh International Airport (PIA). The Committee discussed moving forward with the agreement with Sixel to pursue the Essential Air Service (EAS) agreement regarding the options that are available. The Committee suggested using \$10,000 of the money from the Occupancy Tax and another \$15,000 from the Tobacco Settlement Money.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 6:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the Chamber of Commerce facilitated a meeting between the Mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, the Mayor of Longueuil, the Town Supervisor of Plattsburgh and a number of other individuals to further expand some of the manufacturing and transportation cluster.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported Cooperative Extension was very pleased with the Legislature for the help the Legislature provided in this year's budget for partial funding of the new position which will allow Cooperative Extension to leverage significant amounts of money from all the employees that are shared between the five counties.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met Thursday, November 19th at Fulton County in Johnstown. Intercounty Legislators passed three resolutions. James Moratz, County Planning Director, advised there is a 20-acre medical marijuana facility with two, 20,000 foot greenhouses located in Fulton County. The facility will be ready to distribute the medical marijuana January, 2016, but currently there are no doctors certified to prescribe the medical marijuana.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation regarding Plattsburgh International Airport.

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

Resolutions #854 through #887 were approved.

Discussion

Legislature Hall requested the Wednesday, December 23, 2015 Regular Session be changed to December 21, 2015. There was a consensus to do so. A resolution will be placed on the December 9th agenda doing so.

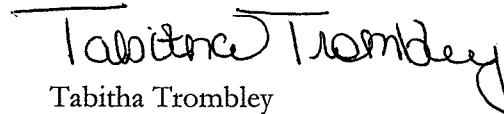
Legislator Gallagher motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:21 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Gallagher motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:46 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Deputy Chairperson McManus discussed the possibility of creating a policy pegging Legislators' salary increases to the CPI instead of the current practice. Deputy Chairperson McManus discussed the merits of this proposal and asked for other opinions. Mr. Zurlo indicated that any changes to Legislator's salaries would have to take effect in 2017 as the Tentative Budget was printed. The Legislature took no action on the proposal, but agreed to continue discussing the issue at a later meeting.

There being no further business, Deputy Chairperson McManus entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Legislator Langley. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Tabitha Trombley
Executive Secretary to the County
Administrator