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February 20, 2018

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, February 14, 2018 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
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

EXCUSED: Simon Conroy, Area 4

VACANT: Area 3

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal 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 Conroy asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2018 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-1) Vacancy, Area 3.

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Geoff Barker encouraged the Legislature to change their recent decision to support SkyWest Airlines and instead place their support with PenAir for the Essential Air Service. He feels the Legislature's selection was a big mistake, and the County is costing the taxpayer's money by their recent decision. He stated he wished to go on record stating that the Legislature was abusing the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and asked that they weigh in favor of PenAir.

Kellen Lewis, an employee of PenAir, questioned the Legislature why they agreed to pay more money in subsidy to fly to a smaller place. He criticized the decision of the Legislature to recommend SkyWest Airlines over PenAir. He stated he feels this is not growth, it is recession.

Jeremy Carroll questioned what the Legislature's plan will be if SkyWest decides to pull out in 120 days. He stated PenAir wants to remain at Plattsburgh International Airport.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier and discussed Resolutions #55 through #59 on the agenda.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, discussed projects to be included in the 2018 Master Plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee met Tuesday, February 6th.

John Redden, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss Resolutions #60 through #63. He also provided updates on the flooding of the Underwood Mobile Home Park, the Governor's Budget, Raise the Age, the State Takeover of Medicaid Administration and homeless housing.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Conroy

Mr. Zurlo reported on behalf of Legislator Conroy. The Economic Development and County Operations Committee was polled on Resolution #64 which has been placed on the agenda.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Finance Committee met Tuesday, February 13th and discussed Resolutions #65 through #70 which have been placed on the agenda.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, discussed sales tax, occupancy tax, the 2018 foreclosure process and Correction of Errors report.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th at 6:15 p.m.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron noted the Health Committee was polled on Resolutions #71 through #79 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met Tuesday, February 13th and discussed Resolutions #80 through #86 which have been placed on the agenda.

Darlene Collins, the Administrative Assistant at the Office for the Aging, was present to discuss several resolutions.

Steve Bowman, Director of the Veterans Service Agency, was present to review one resolution. He also discussed the Saranac River Flooding and veterans' needs and provided an overview of the Veterans Assistance Fund.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, reviewed Resolutions #85 and #86 and discussed new life safety and emergency preparedness regulations for long term care and provided

an update on the plumbing repair project.

The Committee discussed Resolution #135 which is included on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2 for the Veterans Service Agency.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee met at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2018 and reviewed 25 items. There are 23 resolutions on the agenda that reflect the Committee's recommendations. The creation of a permanent, full-time Deputy Sheriff was tabled for next meeting. The Committee requested that the Sheriff bring statistical data for the Deputy Unit in order to make a more informed decision. The request for the replacement of a permanent, part-time Custodial Worker to a full-time position was only approved at a straight part-time backfill.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee was polled on Resolution #136 which has been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, February 12th and discussed Resolutions #112 through #125 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee met Monday, February 12th.

Rodney Brown, Planning Director, and James Bosley, Clinton County Planning Technician, presented Resolutions #126 through #128 which are included on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Bosley reported that the Request for Proposals for the purchase of the Transit Software for Bus Tracking has yet to be issued and requires approval by the NYSDOT prior to soliciting proposals. The intended purpose of the software is primarily for the riding public to know when to expect the next bus. The software will be important when the route deviation service begins in May. Mr. Bosley reminded members of the significant shortfall CCPT is expecting for the 2017 fiscal year.

Al Rascoe, the Clinton County Highway Superintendent, presented Resolutions #129 through #133 which are included on the agenda. Mr. Rascoe reported on Governor Cuomo's Empire State Trail proposal which will run from New York City to Canada. Mr. Rascoe advised there was very little State funding behind the program to provide for upgrades to roadways which include a portion of County-owned Lake Shore Road. The consensus of the Transportation Committee was to advise the State to utilize State Route 9 unless funding becomes available to provide appropriate upgrades to the Lake Shore Road.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported there will be a meeting in two weeks.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported Clinton County hosted the January 25th meeting at Plattsburgh International Airport. Airport Manager Chris Kreig provided a tour of the Airport following the meeting.

Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

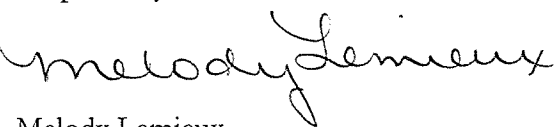
There being no further business, Chairperson McManus moved on to resolutions. The following resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted:

Resolution #55 through #134 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Dame.

Resolutions #135 through #137 were approved. Carried (8-0-1). Area 3 vacant.

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-1). Area 3 vacant.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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