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March 22, 2018

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

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Simon Conroy, Area 4
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

VACANT: Area 3

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. 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 p.m.

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

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2018 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-0). Vacancy, Area 3.

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee scheduled earlier was cancelled. Resolutions #174 and #175 have been polled and placed on the agenda. The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting scheduled earlier was cancelled. The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26th at 5:15 p.m. in which a presentation will be provided by the Industrial Development Agency. All Legislators are encouraged to attend this meeting. Resolution #176 has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Finance – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th was cancelled. Resolution #177 and Resolution #242 under Waive Rule 13.2 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th at 6:15 p.m. The meeting may be rescheduled due to vacation schedules.

Health – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the Health Committee met Tuesday, March 6th. Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, discussed Resolutions #178 through #182 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. John Kanoza, the Public Health Director, reviewed the January and February, 2018 Health Department Reports, the Quarterly Grant Report, The

Quality Corner and the Public Health Connection. Tom Tallon from the Adirondack Health Institute provided a presentation on potential benefits of raising the age of sale for tobacco products. Resolutions #183 through #190 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo stated Adirondack Health Institute (AHI) information has been placed in the mailboxes for those Legislators who are not on the Health Committee.

Human Services – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th was cancelled. Resolutions #191 through #196 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame stated the Personnel Committee met Monday, March 5th. There are 16 resolutions that have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. There was discussion on the reappointment of Commissioner of Social Services. The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee approved Resolutions #213 and #214 at its meeting of February 28th. Resolution #214 has since been withdrawn. Resolution #215 was polled and has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, March 12th. Robert Craig, the Undersheriff, discussed Resolutions #219 through #221, and Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director, discussed Resolution #225, all of which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, discussed Resolutions #226 through #229 including grants that will offset the new communications equipment to be purchased and the hire of a company to update the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Transportation Committee met Monday, March 12th. Al Rascoe, the Clinton County Highway Superintendent, discussed Resolutions #230 through #234 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #233 has since been withdrawn.

Rodney Brown, the Planning Director, and James Bosley, Clinton County Planning Technician, discussed Clinton County Public Transit's financial information for 2017, the reasoning behind the shortfall experienced for the year and the hope that next year's financial picture will improve with the introduction of the new deviation services. There was discussion in regards to a Service Analysis Report

conducted on costs associated with each bus route. A summary was also provided on past and future plans for travel training associated with the new deviation services scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 1st.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach stated the Board of Health (BOH) met Monday, March 5th. He stated the BOH is preparing for summer events. The flu season is winding down.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated he spoke with Kristy Kennedy of the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee (STPC) in regards to the Occupancy Tax legislation. Ms. Kennedy will coordinate with those who are interested in having a voice in the legislation.

Mr. Zurlo stated this will need to be timed correctly for the Local Law process as it is a two-week process.

Chairperson McManus asked if it was the intention of Legislator Rosenquest to create a committee with Legislators and representatives. Legislator Rosenquest replied yes, he would like a small group of Legislators to understand the law and potential changes, as well as stakeholders in the community who are impacted by Occupancy Tax.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Rosenquest

Mr. Zurlo stated Resolution #242 under Waiver Rule 13.2 has been placed on the agenda for the removal and replacement of the water tube boiler located in the Moore Building.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated the Community Services Board is scheduled to meet next week. He stated he met with Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, and discussed Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County (SPARCC). They are working with Dave Marcoux, the Director of the Probation Department, and the District Attorney's Office in regards to the opioid epidemic.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated that Cooperative Extension is scheduled to meet next week. There were 600 individuals who attended the Food from the Farm, which is an increase of 200 individuals from last year.

Discipline Review – Mr. Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the Discipline Review Committee met Tuesday, March 13th. Kim Kinblom, the Personnel Director, has relayed the decision to all parties.

Grievance – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Grievance Committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 20th at 9 a.m.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislative Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled to meet Thursday, March 22nd in Essex County.

Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated Soil and Water is scheduled to meet next week. He stated the Health Department will be contacting property owners who reside on upper Chateaugay Lake in regards to septic system funding (Resolutions #187 and #188).

Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated an audit conducted of the Workforce Development Board found the Board is required to obtain sign-off of contracts by the Legislature. Mr. Zurlo stated he met with Sylvie Nelson, the Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board, and indicated the County would pass a resolution and facilitate a process with the Treasurer's Office for Clinton County Legislative approval. Legislator Rosenquest asked what committee this would go through. Mr. Zurlo replied it would go through the Finance Committee.

Staff Reports

County Attorney James Coffey requested an executive session to discuss litigation involving Luck Brothers, Inc., Empire Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors and Clinton County.

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

Resolutions #174 through #204 were approved.

Resolution #205 titled, "Approving Reappointment of John Redden to the Position of Commissioner of Social Services (PCN 2548) – Social Services"

Discussion: Chairperson McManus recognized that Commissioner John Redden has been working diligently at Social Services to cut and manage costs. He stated that Mr. Redden is "top shelf" and is a very caring person, which is the type of person needed as Commissioner of Social Services.

Legislator Rosenquest stated that in addition to running Social Services efficiently in terms of cost, a person cannot have a more difficult job with the people they serve and the support they provide to the community which is essential to having a thriving community. He stated John Redden is a "gem" of a person.

Legislator Waldron stated one of Mr. Redden's gifts is keeping the moral of the employees on an upbeat note, rewarding and accommodating the employees in a very tough job. Carried (9-0-0).
Vacancy, Area 3.

Resolutions #206 through #213 were approved.

Resolution #214 was withdrawn.

Resolution #215 titled, "Awarding Bid for Rehabilitation of Central Airport Parking Lot Project and Access Road and Parking Lot for Proposed Hotel/Retail Site Project – Upstate Airport Initiative (UAI) Bid Package No. 8 - Plattsburgh International Airport"

Discussion: Legislator Conroy congratulated Legislator Hall and all Legislators for writing the grant so that the County was able to receive an award.

Mr. Zurlo stated this bid came in considerably lower than the engineer's estimate which will provide flexibility with the projects. Carried (9-0-0). Vacancy, Area 3.

Resolutions #216 through #219 were approved.

Resolution #220 titled, "Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues – Sheriff's Department"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this membership enables firearms training, and the County purchases the membership dues to allow the training to take place. Carried (9-0-0). Vacancy, Area 3.

Resolutions #221 through #232 were approved.

Resolution #233 titled, "Approving Clinton County Perform Responsibilities as the Sponsor for Town and Village Culvert Replacement Projects, 2018 Bridge NY Program - Highway Department"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the resolution was withdrawn. He stated that New York State is completing the work; therefore, County involvement is not required. Carried (9-0-0). Vacancy, Area 3.

Resolutions #234 through #241 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (9-0-0). Vacancy, Area 3.

Resolution #242 titled, "Concurring with Clinton Community College Board of Trustees Recommendation to Approve a Project to Provide Emergency Removal and Replacement of the Water Tube Boiler Located in the Moore Building – Clinton Community College"

Discussion: Legislator Dame asked if the water tube boiler was not part of the large expenditure recently made at the Clinton Community College. Mr. Zurlo replied that was correct. He stated he spoke to the superintendent who said it was not part of the new project, and although there were proper maintenance records, the boiler warped and split. It was not under warranty, and insurance did not cover the cost. Mr. Zurlo stated the local portion was not levied dollars, it was capital chargeback money and 50 percent state money. Clinton Community College did not ask the County to appropriate any money. Carried (9-0-0). Vacancy, Area 3.

Chairperson McManus stated a Shared Services meeting with town supervisors has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st at 6 p.m. in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Old Courthouse Building.

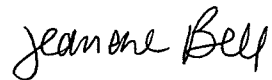
Legislator Conroy stated he attended the March 5th Personnel Committee meeting in which a backfill for a Deputy Sheriff was disapproved. He asked it be brought back to the table. Chairperson McManus stated the issue should be brought to administration to arrange for Sheriff Dave Favro to be present at a meeting. A draft resolution may be placed on an upcoming agenda.

Legislator Keenan motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (9-0-0), Area 3 – Vacant.

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-0), Area 3 – Vacant.

There being no further business, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-0), Area 3 – Vacant.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell
Senior Stenographer