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May 15, 2018

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, May 9, 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
Mark Henry, Area 3
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

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 7:00 p.m.

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

Legislator Henry motioned to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2018 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature. There was no one present who wished to address the Legislature.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular corporation, seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus called for Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting which was scheduled for 5:15 p.m. earlier in the afternoon was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #346 which has been placed on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Children and Family Services Committee met Tuesday, May 1st. Resolution #347 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

John Redden, the Commissioner of Social Services, provided updates on: the Underwood Mobile Home Park, Raise the Age, the State Takeover of Medicaid, the Family First Prevention Act and Homeless Housing.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier. Resolutions #348 through #351 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Representatives from the City of Plattsburgh were in attendance to discuss potential ways to work in collaboration with the County.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13th at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Finance Committee was polled on Resolution #352 which has been placed on the agenda.

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

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee met Tuesday, May 1st. Resolutions #353 through #361 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd was cancelled.

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

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee met Monday, May 7th and reviewed 26 items. There are 25 resolutions on the agenda.

The creation of a permanent, full-time Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner for Mental Health and Addiction was withdrawn.

Resolution #388 will create a permanent, full-time Director of Information Technology up to a Grade 13, Step 6 of the Department Head Scale to train with the current Director of IT before her retirement on June 30, 2018.

Resolution #389 will replace a part-time Economic Development Director to a full-time position and will reallocate the position down to a Grade 10 on the Management Confidential Scale. The position will oversee the management of the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency (IDA).

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met Wednesday, May 2nd. Three firms were interviewed for Fixed Base Operator services.

Legislator Hall reported the County is fortunate to have received three quality proposals in response to our solicitation. The selection of a Fixed Base Operator is of great importance to our Airport, and a recommendation for the service is on the agenda tonight for action.

The Committee also discussed a proposal to extend a contract with Republic Parking System, LLC and require the company to install new gates and ticket dispensers at the Airport.

Resolutions #362 and #363 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolutions #364 and #365.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14th at 5:15 p.m. The Committee will be provided with an update on Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT) deviation services.

Liaison Reports

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported Clinton Community College will be holding its Commencement exercise on Friday, May 11th at 6 p.m.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board will meet Tuesday, May 22nd.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met Thursday, April 26th in Washington County and toured the Commonwealth Plywood factory.

Legislator Waldron reported there will be discussion regarding Hamilton County banning plastic bags. This will be discussed at the May 24th meeting.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Mr. Zurlo reported the State Comptroller’s Office is conducting an audit of the LC/LG Regional Planning Board.

Soil and Water Conservation Board – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Soil and Water Conservation Board will be meeting Thursday, May 17th.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Workforce Development Board has received the audit findings and have responded to the findings.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

James Coffey, the County Attorney, did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the new legislative photo will be taken at 6:45 p.m. prior to the May 23rd Regular Session.

Chairperson McManus

Chairperson McManus reported he received a call from Samuel Dyer, the Town Supervisor of the Town of Beekmantown, who wished to publicly commend the Emergency Services workers for their excellent job in cleaning up from the recent windstorm.

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

Resolutions #343 through #350 were approved.

Resolution #351 titled, “Authorizing Farmers’ Market Promotion Program Grant Application.”

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest thanked the Economic Development and County Operations Committee for supporting this grant application. This three-year grant will help increase awareness for access to locally grown food.

Resolutions #352 through #361 were approved.

Resolution #362 titled, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Republic Parking System, LLC"

Discussion:

Legislator Dame stated he was not in favor of this resolution as he believes the County could generate more profit by taking over the parking management with County employees. He believes the volume of parking will double or triple. He stated he believes the County is giving up a great potential source of revenue. He felt the length of the contract is too long. He stated currently, Republic Parking is accepting Canadian money at par thereby making County taxpayers responsible for supporting approximately \$40,000 for the Canadian discount. He stated he believes the term should be reduced, and he does not agree that Republic Parking should accept Canadian money at par.

Legislator Conroy stated he was in favor of the Resolution as he believes we should keep the airport convenient and affordable and allow professionals to operate the parking. He was happy they are upgrading the equipment and are adding a loop road.

Legislator Henry stated he agreed with Legislator Dame and would like to see the term decreased. He does not want to see the taxpayers lose money by extending the period.

Legislator Hall stated he was in favor of the Resolution. The investment that Republic Parking will be making on the equipment is quite substantial. They have advised the County that it will take approximately seven years to recoup money on their investment. The Canadian money, however, should be rectified before the County enters into this contract.

Legislator Beach stated there were some excellent points being made but asked why the Legislature was rushing to make amendments now.

Mr. Brown replied there is urgency because if the County is going to move forward with the approximate \$450,000 in equipment that is going to be installed, they must design a loop system in coordination with the equipment that is going to be part of the Upstate Airport Initiative.

Legislator Timmons stated he agreed the time period should be shortened and if a shorter term would cost them money with the equipment, the County would have to put in contract language that the County would reimburse them for a portion of the equipment.

Mr. Brown reported the Airport Director did ask about reducing the term. Republic Parking stated they had amortized the equipment over the time period. He could check with Republic Parking to see if they would be willing to allow the County to get out of the contract sooner, but pay for a portion of the equipment.

Legislator Waldron stated she felt it was necessary to move forward with the contract.

Legislator Keenan stated he agreed that the County should shorten the time period and work on the Canadian discount.

Legislator Dame motioned to amend the Resolution to add “not to exceed 02/29/26” in the term and to also state that in case of early termination of the contract, the County shall pay Republic Parking System a prorated amount for cost of the purchase and installation of equipment, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-1-0). Legislator Conroy voted no.

Legislator Dame motioned to amend the Resolution to require Republic Parking to take action to eliminate the cost of Canadian exchange to Clinton County, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-1-0). Legislator Conroy voted no.

Resolution #363 titled, “Awarding Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Fixed Base Operator (FBO) Services – Plattsburgh International Airport”

Legislator Hall motioned the Resolution, seconded by Legislator Conroy.

Discussion:

Legislator Dame stated he feels they are looking at their best interest, the County can get out of the contract at the end of the year, and the County is not locked into a long-term contract.

Legislator Rosenquest stated three solid companies bid on this service, and he would like to support the company that is highly experienced.

Legislator Hall stated he will be supporting a local interest that will keep the County’s best interest in mind.

Legislator Henry stated he agreed with Legislator Hall.

Legislator Conroy motioned to amend the award from Eagle Aviation Services to Volo Aviation Sikorsky, LLC. He stated the most important aspect is handling the commercial airlines. He feels Volo Aviation is best positioned to increase air cargo at the Airport which we are able to take advantage of with the current construction of an Air Cargo Facility.

There was no second to the amendment. The motion failed (1-9-0).

Following a hard Roll Call vote, the vote on the original Resolution was adopted by a vote of (8-2-0). Legislators Conroy and Rosenquest voted no.

Resolutions #364 through #369 were approved.

Legislator Beach motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-1-0). Legislator Rosenquest voted no.

Resolutions #370 through #392 were approved.

Resolution #393 titled, "Approving Creation of a Permanent, Full-Time Deputy Sheriff Position (PCN TBD) – Sheriff's Department"

Discussion: Legislator Dame stated he supports the Resource Officer; however, he does not believe it is necessary to create another Deputy Sheriff position as he feels the service could be provided with an existing Deputy Sheriff position.

There being no further business, Legislator Waldron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melody Lemieux". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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