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November 14, 2017

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Simon Conroy, Area 4
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Area 1, Chairperson
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

Chairperson Harry 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 Dyer motioned to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2017 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus stated there is a public hearing regarding Local Law #2 of 2017, "A Local Law to Amend Local Law #1 of the Year 2008 titled, "A Local Law to Provide for an Exemption from Real Property Taxes for Real Property Owned by Veterans Who Rendered Military Service to the United States During the Cold War." He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Dame motioned to open the public hearing at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no one who wished to address the Legislature regarding Local Law #2 of 2017, Legislator Dyer motioned to close the public hearing at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus invited Craig Scholl, Senior Emergency Communications Dispatcher, and Kelly Donoghue, Assistant Emergency Services Director, to the podium. Legislator Dame presented Mr. Scholl with a plaque honoring him for his 30 years of service to Clinton County. Mr. Scholl stated he appreciates all of the support the Legislature has given to the Office of Emergency Services.

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of the Buildings and Grounds Department, reviewed Resolution #863 which has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee, as well as Resolution #899 which is under Waive Rule 13.2.

Mr. Cleveland provided updates on the Human Service Center's Lounge and Annex Project, the Old Court House Exterior Renovation Project and the Child Advocacy Center Project.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 6:15 p.m. has been cancelled.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier.

Rodney Brown, the Planning Director, was present to discuss proposed changes to the Title VI Plan, as well as requests for Saranac River Trail Greenway easements.

Martine Gonyo, the Director of Real Property, was present to discuss full assessing services contracts and assisted assessing services contracts with various municipalities.

Resolutions #864 through #867 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

Finance Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, November 1st.

Resolutions #876 and #877 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The Finance Committee will meet Monday, November 27th and Tuesday, November 28th at 5:15 p.m. to begin reviewing the Recommended 2018 County Budget. Additional dates (if needed) will be Wednesday, November 29th and Thursday, November 30th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee - Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee was polled on Resolution #868 which is on the agenda.

The Health Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 5:15 p.m. has been cancelled, and the Committee will be polled on the draft resolutions.

Human Services – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met on Wednesday, November 1st.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, was present to discuss contracts for the upcoming year and increasing room and board rates for skilled nursing facility residents.

Crystal Carter, the Director of the Office for the Aging, was also in attendance, as well as Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans Service Agency.

Resolutions #869 through #875 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Personnel Committee met Monday, November 6th and reviewed 13 items. Resolution #895 which authorizes various contracts for the year 2018 have either same prices as 2017 or are lower (with the exception of health insurance).

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee was polled on Resolution #878 which is included on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Board of Health met Monday, October 30th. John Kanoza, the new Director of Public Health, was in attendance. A plaque (from the County Legislature) honoring former Public Health Director, Jerie Reid, has been delivered to Ms. Reid.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported a meeting was held Friday, November 3rd, and the next meeting will be Friday, December 1st.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board will meet Tuesday, November 14th.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Cooperative Extension will meet Tuesday, November 21st at 7 p.m.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met in Hamilton County on Thursday, October 26th. The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) provided an update and discussed the proposals on the back of the election ballots. The Committee also discussed a Hut-to-Hut Program in the Adirondacks.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Workforce Development Board met Thursday, November 2nd.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – James Coffey

James Coffey, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation with Empire Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors and Luck Brothers, Inc. regarding projects at Plattsburgh International Airport.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted unless otherwise noted:

Resolution #858 and #859 were approved.

Resolution #860 titled, “Authorizing the Chairperson to Execute Any and All Closing Documents Related to the Purchase Option and Conveyance of the Clinton County Jail Complex to Clinton County” was moved by Legislator Conroy and seconded by Legislator Beach.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this was the original 1986 jail project which was financed through the Municipal Leasing Corporation. All associated debt with that project has been exhausted, and the County now has to take title to the property from the Municipal Leasing Corporation. The reduction in debt service is in this year's budget. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #861 titled, "Authorizing the Clerk of the Clinton County Legislature to Advertise for a Public Hearing and Allowing for Public Viewing of the Proposed Clinton County Solid Waste Management Plan" was moved by Legislator Dame and seconded by Legislator Beach.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted the Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) must be updated every ten years and submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This plan was completed by him, Barton and Loguidice, PC and Casella Waste Systems. A draft plan will be available for public viewing in the Legislative Office next week and will be posted on the County's website. This is a requirement of the State of New York. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #862 through #869 were approved.

Resolution #870 titled, "Authorizing Increase in Room and Board Rates for Skilled Nursing Facility Residents" was moved by Legislator Keenan and seconded by Legislator Hall.

Discussion: Legislator Hall pointed out the Clinton County Nursing Home is approximately \$100 cheaper than any other nursing home in Clinton County. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #871 through #884 were approved.

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

Resolutions #885 through #899 were approved.

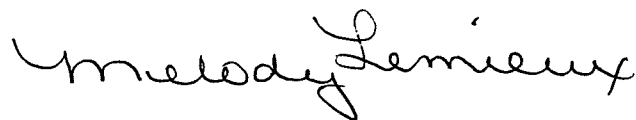
Legislator Rosenquest publicly thanked all workers who worked at the election polls on Tuesday, November 7th.

Legislator Dame motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Dame motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melody Lemieux". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "M".

Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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