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August 24, 2015

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, August 12, 2015 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Chairperson, Area 3
John Gallagher, Area 9
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
James Langley, Jr., Area 7
Harry McManus, Area 1
Colin Read, Area 4
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 Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the July 22nd Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson Dyer called for standing committee and liaison reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier today at 5:15 p.m. Resolutions #533 and #580 through #584 and have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation. The next meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo updated the Legislators on the recent flooding incident at the Human Services Center which will cause a delay with the First Floor Renovation Project. The County continues to work with the City of Plattsburgh and with its insurance carrier.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 6th was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #534 through #536 which are included on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd at 6:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the County Operations Committee met earlier this evening at 6:00 p.m. Resolution #579 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, August 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Fred Smith, Interim President of Clinton Community College, and Lisa Shovan, Vice President for Administration and Finance, presented the College's 2015-2016 Budget request. Representatives from Lumsden and McCormick were also present to discuss findings on the 2014 Audit.

Resolutions #537 through #540 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 6th was cancelled.

Resolutions #537 through #540 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met Wednesday, August 5th.

Mr. Keenan reported Crystal Carter, the Director of the Office for the Aging, discussed the Personal Emergency Response System Request for Proposal. Resolutions #546 through #548 are included on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans' Service Agency, reviewed monthly statistics, VA health care issues and the use of the DAV van to travel to the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany. Mr. Bowman also expressed his interest in reappointment as the Director of the Veterans' Service Agency. His term expires at the end of 2015. A resolution will be forthcoming.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd following the 5:15 p.m. Finance Committee meeting.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported the Personnel Committee was polled on Resolutions #549 through #551 on tonight's agenda.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported the next meeting will be Wednesday, August 26th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, August 10th.

Legislator Hall reported Frank Mercier, the Stop-DWI Coordinator, reviewed the July, 2015 Public Safety Report.

As a result of a poll of the Committee, Resolution #552 is included on the agenda for the Probation Department, Resolutions #553 through #555 are included on the agenda for Emergency Services and Resolutions #556 and #557 are included on the agenda for the Sheriff's Department.

Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Legal Defense, discussed funding from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services to assist Clinton County in improving the quality of indigent legal services. Mr. Meyer also discussed recent changes that were made to the Assigned Counsel application form that will be sent to all judges for those individuals requesting legal assistance.

Resolution #560 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, August 10th was cancelled.

Resolutions #561 through #564 have been placed on the agenda.

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

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee reviewed the Marketing Plan for next year. The Committee will be presenting its budget request at the Wednesday, September 2nd Finance Committee meeting.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Mr. Zurlo reported Resolutions #585 and #586 have been placed on the agenda as a result of an emergency sewer line repair project and water line break. Repair costs will be funded fifty percent from the SUNY Construction Fund and fifty percent from the Clinton Community College Chargeback Fund.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported the annual Agricultural Tour is scheduled for Friday, September 18th. Once the details are finalized, the Legislative Office will send the information out to all Legislators.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met Thursday, July 23rd in Washington County.

Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported he recently participated in a webinar regarding the new WIB regulations that have been put in place.

Staff Reports

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining with the Deputy Sheriff's Bargaining Unit.

Chairperson Dyer reported the Morrisonville Fire Department will be hosting its Open House on Saturday, August 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chairperson Dyer stated he and Mr. Zurlo met with the new medical marijuana dispensary company which will be located on Route 3 in Plattsburgh. Mr. Zurlo stated he was quite impressed with this company. He noted Clinton County's two applicants were not selected as medical marijuana manufacturers.

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

Resolutions #530 and #531 were withdrawn.

Resolutions #532 through #557 were approved.

Resolutions #558 and #559 were withdrawn.

Resolution #560 titled, "Authorizing New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services Grant Application and Acceptance – Assigned Counsel/Legislature"

Legislator Hall motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Beach.

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo noted this is one of several grants that the County receives through the Office of Indigent Legal Defense that the County pays the contract for one of the four attorneys who provide Indigent Legal Services under the Family Court contract. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #561 through #563 were approved.

Resolution #564 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Plattsburgh Suites, LLC – Clinton County Public Transit"

Legislator McManus motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Langley.

Discussion:

Legislator Dame questioned if the County should contract with Plattsburgh Suites, LLC who is currently in bankruptcy. County Attorney James Coffey stated the County can enter into a contract with a trustee if one has been appointed. Legislator Read stated it may be a good idea to have them pay the \$1,800 in advance under the circumstances. Mr. Brown stated typically, half of the money is provided to the County up front and the remaining half is provided half way through the year. This is a normal bus route, and Plattsburgh Suites, LLC is paying to allow a card system for residents on this route. If the County decided not to do the contract, they would run the same route but not provide a card system for the residents of Plattsburgh Suites, LLC. (Carried (10-0-0)).

Resolutions #565 through #578 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #579 through #587 were approved.

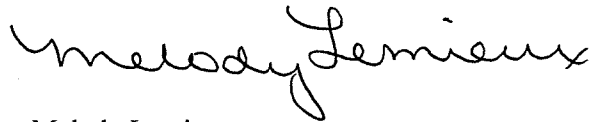
Chairperson Dyer asked if there was any other business to come before the Legislature prior to Executive Session.

Legislator Gallagher motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Legislator Beach. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Gallagher motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. (Carried 10-0-0).

There being no further business, Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 8:13 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