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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, August 23, 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
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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 August 9, 2017 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus stated there was a public hearing regarding the Clinton Community College Budget. He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

Debra Buell of Plattsburgh, New York asked what the changes are from the previous year's budget. Mr. Zurlo reported there is a request for an additional \$175,000.

There being no further speakers to address the Clinton Community College Budget, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if there was anyone further who wished to address the Legislature.

Debra Buell requested to speak on behalf of Robert Poulin, the Executive Director of the North Country Center for Independence (NCCI), who was unable to attend. Chairperson McManus asked if Ms. Buell had a written statement. Ms. Buell stated she did not, but Chairperson McManus granted her permission to speak on behalf of Mr. Poulin. Mr. Poulin has asked Ms. Buell to file a complaint with the Clinton County Human Rights Commission. He feels there is a lack of information on the Human Rights Board/Commission and would like a list of names of members of the Commission. Chairperson McManus granted this request.

Speaking on her own behalf, (as well as other people with disabilities), Ms. Buell reported people are upset and angry. She knows several people that would be negatively impacted if paratransit is eliminated. She wonders why Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT)/Clinton County doesn't order more buses. She explained she runs into barriers every day (i.e., no accessible route to the back of the Government Center). She feels most of the goals in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) plan from 1992 were not achieved.

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Timmons

Mr. Timmons reported the Emergency and Medical Services Windows Project will begin Monday, August 28th and the Nursing Home Windows Project began today.

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

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee was polled on Resolution #657.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th at 6 p.m. Legislator Rosenquest reported that a follow-up discussion will occur at this meeting regarding Real Property Assessing Services contracts. Chairperson McManus urged Legislators to attend this meeting because it will provide information on the actual changes for their areas and it will allow the Legislators to provide their input.

Finance Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee was polled on Resolutions #658 and #659.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6th at 6:15 p.m., noting a permanent time change (unless 5:15 p.m. Human Services Committee meetings are cancelled). Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce will be presenting the Marketing Plan for 2018.

Health Committee - Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier. Chris Kreig, the Airport Manager, was present to discuss air service, construction and the Airport Rescue Fire Fighting Rehabilitation Project.

Resolutions #660 through #669 and Resolutions #694 through #696, under Waive Rule 13.2, have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, August 14, 2017.

David Favro, the Clinton County Sheriff, discussed Resolutions #670 through #674.

Andrew Wylie, the District Attorney, discussed Resolutions #675, #676, #679 and #680.

Richelle Gregory, the Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center, discussed Resolutions #677 and #678.

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, discussed Resolutions #681 through #683.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

The Transportation Committee met Monday, August 14th, 2017.

Robert Poulin, Patti King, Gloria Manny, Sylvia Stack and James Conley attended the meeting and spoke regarding Clinton County Public Transit's (CCPT's) Draft Deviation Design Plan that removes paratransit services from the system.

Al Rascoe, the Clinton County Highway Superintendent, presented Resolutions #684 and #685 included on the agenda.

Rodney Brown, the Planning Director, and James Bosley, the Clinton County Planning Technician, presented Resolutions #686 and #687 also included on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Bosley reported on the results of the public meetings held on Clinton County Public Transit's (CCPT's) Draft Deviation Design Plan.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 11th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the next meeting will be held Monday, August 28th. He noted additional meetings will occur as the search continues for a new director.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Chamber of Commerce will be presenting the Marketing Plan to the Finance Committee on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:15 p.m.

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Strategic Tourism Planning Committee meeting will be held in October.

Clinton Community College - Legislator Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Dame reported classes commence on Monday, August 28th.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board met Tuesday, August 15th. The Board is working with Behavioral Services North, Inc. on a mobile response team to help stabilize individuals with mental health and addiction issues in an effort to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Clinton County Fair had a successful week. The Agricultural Tour will be held Friday, September 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Discipline Review – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported there were two cases reviewed, and the findings have been reported back to all parties.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the next meeting is scheduled next week in Lake George, New York.

Soil and Water – Legislators Dyer and Timmons

Legislator Timmons distributed a flyer created by Pete Hagar, District Manager, including grants and funding received from the State.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Workforce Development Board meeting will be held Friday, September 8th in Saranac Lake, New York.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – James Coffey

James Coffey, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss negotiations regarding the Law Firm of O’Connell and Aronowitz.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported he, along with the members of the Clinton County Department of Social Services, the Probation Department, the Sheriff’s Department and the District Attorney’s Office attended the forum on implementing “Raise the Age” in Potsdam, New York. Year one of this program begins October 1, 2018 and year two (with the addition of 17 year olds) begins October 1, 2019. Mr. Zurlo reported as long as Clinton County remains compliant with the tax cap, any additional costs associated with implementing “Raise the Age” are 100 percent reimbursable.

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

Resolution #655 titled, "Issuing an Advisory Report on the 2017 Clinton County Draft Shared Services Plan" was approved.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported the three required public hearings have occurred and a final Panel meeting will occur which requires a vote of the Panel. He reported municipalities can opt out of any particular piece of this draft plan. He stated the Legislature was not required by statute to pass this resolution. It is more to let the Legislature know the process has been followed and executed.

Legislator Rosenquest reported he attended one of the Shared Services meetings, and he acknowledged Mr. Zurlo for his efforts and guidance in spearheading this Initiative.

Resolutions #656 titled "Adopting the Clinton Community College Budget – Clinton Community College"

Discussion: Legislator Dyer stated he has witnessed the passing of many budgets and believes the outlook and understanding of this budget looks the best especially with the new administration and atmosphere at Clinton Community College, where everyone is pulling together in the best interests of the College.

Legislator Dame stated he concurs with Legislator Dyer and believes this to be a transitional period with the staff, faculty, administrators and supporting associations feeling reinvigorated, crediting President Ray DiPasquale with this renewed energy and new atmosphere. He also thanked the members of the Legislature for supporting this budget, with hopes for a bright future.

Legislator Beach stated he has toured the Advanced Manufacturing Institute (AMI), as well as Norsk Titanium and views the merger of this great vehicular/automotive/aerospace technology that Clinton County is moving towards and applauds Clinton Community's Colleges efforts to become a part of it. Mr. Beach is thrilled to give his support for this resolution.

Legislator Rosenquest stated he has the utmost confidence and is optimistic about this budget plan because it is a plan that has been thoroughly thought out and concurring with Legislator Dame, he feels this is a transitional period where the College has the opportunity to become more engaged in technology development throughout the County. He commended the Legislative body for their support of this budget and the leadership of the College in constructing this budget.

Chairperson McManus agreed with Legislator Dyer, in that the atmospheric energy and enthusiasm among the faculty, administration and students is contagious and looks bright. He additionally congratulated the College on a successful presentation of the budget and wished them a successful 2017-2018 academic year.

Resolutions #657 through #668 were approved.

Resolution #669 titled, "Authorizing Limited Access to Plattsburgh International Airport - Plattsburgh International Airport"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this resolution authorizes access for a limited basis.

Resolutions #670 through #693 were approved.

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

Resolutions #694 through #696 were approved.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Keenan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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