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September 3, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, August 28, 2019 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney  
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 August 14, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus stated there is a public hearing regarding the proposed 2019-2020 Clinton Community College budget. He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing. The notice was read by Mr. Zurlo.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to open the public hearing at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Board on the proposed Clinton Community College budget.

Tom Mandeville, a teacher at Clinton Community College (CCC) since 1990, thanked the Legislature for their support through the trying financial times that the College is currently experiencing. He expressed his complete faith, as a senior faculty member, in President Ray DiPasquale. He feels President DiPasquale is a breath of fresh air, and he has confidence that President DiPasquale will see CCC through this period. Additionally, he stated he believes the College will be the great college that CCC has always been, up on the hill. "Harvard on the hill" will continue.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus stated there is a second public hearing regarding the Additions of Viable Agricultural Lands to Clinton County Agricultural District 7C. He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing. The notice was read by Mr. Zurlo.

Legislator Hall motioned to open the public hearing at 7:08 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Board on the proposed addition of viable agricultural lands to Clinton County Agricultural District 7C.

Legislator Keenan motioned to close the public hearing at 7:09 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

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 Committee - Legislator Peryea**

Legislator Peryea reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last

Regular Session. However, the Oak Street Parking Lot Project is now complete and open for use.

Resolution #699 has been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

#### **Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> has been cancelled.

#### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. However, discussion on the former Clinton County Airport is ongoing. Renee McFarlin, the Clinton County Economic Development Director, is currently trying to schedule a meeting of all involved parties to discuss the best development of that site.

Resolutions #695 through #698 have been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Additionally, he noted that Garry Douglas and Kristy Kennedy from the Chamber of Commerce will be in attendance at the next Finance Committee meeting to discuss the 2020 Marketing Plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Health Committee - Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

#### **Human Services Committee - Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Director, provided updates on United States Customs, tenants, airlines, as well as the C & S Engineers, Inc. Master Service Agreement and a request for use of space by community groups.

Resolutions #676 through #685 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Public Safety Committee - Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

### **Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #686 through #689 were polled and have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Board of Health – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Committee met Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

#### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Chamber of Commerce will present the 2020 Marketing Plan at the next Finance Committee meeting which will be held Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County (SPARCC) will be hosting the second annual “Live Well, Be Well” event at McComb Park that is geared toward people that are in recovery. Legislator Conroy has provided copies of the informational fliers to Legislators.

Michael Carpenter, President of MHAB and founder of the event, stated it is a fun and free event originally designed to help the recovery community but is open to the public. The event will be held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 12-5 p.m.

**Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Committee met last week and approved the budget.

**Grievance Committee – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the Grievance Committee met Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss a grievance in the Buildings and Grounds department. He noted the decision has been forwarded to all involved parties. Mr. Zurlo stated he believes the Committee’s presence will be requested for a similar grievance.

**Soil and Water – Legislators Timmons and Henry**

Legislator Timmons reported the Soil and Water Conservation Board met Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

He also noted two vacant technician positions have been filled.

**Staff Reports**

**County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.**

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, requested an executive session to discuss a labor contract matter with regard to potential lease and litigation.

**County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report.

Chairperson McManus requested an executive session to discuss the sale or lease of real property.

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

Resolutions #673 titled “Adopting the Clinton Community College Budget”

Discussion: Legislator Conroy stated a large increase in the CCC budget is requested this year, and a larger share is being required from Clinton County. He supports the budget request and believes the College is moving in the right direction.

Legislator Rosenquest stated he believes the College needed to devise a spending/funding plan and is impressed with the plan they have drafted.

Legislator Dame thanked his colleagues for their support of the College, as well as the taxpayers.

Legislator McManus stated this is his 12<sup>th</sup> budget vote, and he believes CCC is a major part of the collective and successful future of Clinton County. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #674 through #694 were approved.

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

Resolution #695 was approved.

Resolution #696 titled, "Respectfully Requesting Governor Andrew Cuomo Instruct the Division of Budget to Release the Funding from the Aid to Localities Grant"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated in the recently-passed state budget, there was an amount of money provided for electronic poll books, and there was an additional amount in the Aid to Localities budget of \$10 million state-wide. There was speculation that the Department of Budget may not release those funds, however, the Department of Budget has stated the funds will be released. The Board of Elections, in discussion with the State Board of Elections, requested the Legislature pass this resolution and forward on to the appropriate parties. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #697 and #698 were approved.

Resolution #699 titled, "Authorizing Contract with KAS Environmental Science and Engineering"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is the last piece of the puzzle to start the project in Dannemora. The tentative start date is the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:48 p.m., seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat  
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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