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December 17, 2017

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, December 13, 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, 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
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2017 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus reported there is a public hearing regarding the inclusion of lands to the Clinton County Agricultural District. Mr. Zurlo read the Notice of Public Hearing.

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

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Board regarding this issue.

There being no speakers, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to close the public hearing at 7:11 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th was cancelled.

Children and Family Services – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th was cancelled. Resolution #967 was polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Economic Development and County Operations – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier. Resolutions #968 through #971 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. The Real Property Office discussed the City of Plattsburgh Multiple Listing Services (MLS). Laurie Williams discussed the Saranac River Trail Greenway. Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, discussed a request to contract with MJ Engineering to complete the leveraging of the Downtown Redevelopment Study. He discussed the acceptance of the 2016 Local Waterfront Program Grant and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Village of Tupper Lake. Barbara Foster, the Director of Information Technology, presented a possible initiative to provide back-up storage for the County Information Technology needs.

Finance – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met Monday and Tuesday, November 27th and November 28th. Resolutions #972 through #976 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Resolutions #977 through #981 have been polled and placed on the agenda. The public hearing on the 2018 County budget was held Wednesday, December 6th. Resolution #963 has been placed on the agenda to adopt the 2018 County budget.

Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th was cancelled. Resolutions #982 through #988 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Human Services – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met Tuesday, December 12th. Resolutions #989 and #990 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Personnel – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, December 4th was cancelled. Resolutions #1022 through #1035 under Waive Rule 13.2 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Legislator Dyer noted the December 12th Human Services Committee meeting was very good and informative. He thanked Legislator Keenan.

Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the next meeting of the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 27th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, December 11th was cancelled. Resolutions #991 through #1001 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Transportation – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, December 11th was cancelled. Resolutions #1002 through #1007 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Liaison Reports

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Clinton Community College commencement is scheduled for Friday, December 15th at 6 p.m. All Legislators have been invited.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board met Tuesday, December 12th and discussed the application for the Adirondack Rural Health Care Network Grant, the Mobile Crisis Unit for mental health and substance abuse and updates on counseling and treatment options at the Clinton County Jail.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting for Cooperative Extension is scheduled for January, 2018.

Intercounty – Legislative Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the next meeting of the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled January, 2018. Clinton County will be hosting the meeting.

LCLG Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the next meeting of the LCLG Regional Planning Board is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th.

Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Soil and Water is scheduled to meet the week of December 18th.

Staff Reports

Mr. Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation involving Luck Brothers, Inc. and Empire State Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. versus Clinton County and Saranac Power Partners versus Clinton County which is an Article 7 proceeding concerning the current PILOT with the County and the Town.

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

Resolution #963 titled, “Adopting 2018 Clinton County Budget”

Discussion: Legislator Dame requested the levy figure included in the resolution be corrected. He stated the 2018 County budget is a very solid budget. He thanked Mr. Zurlo and County managers and employees of the County who contribute to services provided to residents. The Legislature can be very proud that a minuscule tax rate increase and the tax levy has been under one percent.

Legislator Dyer reported the Legislature did a good job controlling spending. He thanked Mr. Zurlo and his staff for making the job of Legislators easier.

Chairperson McManus reported even though the requests of department heads are not always approved, the department heads are satisfied and know they are doing their best. The department heads and Mr. Zurlo have a very good relationship.

Legislator Beach reported he does not take Mr. Zurlo and his team for granted. He and his managers are doing an excellent job. Even though department heads may not receive the approval requested, they always have a backup plan.

Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #964 through #972 were approved.

Resolution #973 titled, "Amending Resolution #902 dated November 23, 2010 titled, "Amending Resolution #529 dated July 14, 2004 titled, "Approving Personnel Committee Recommendation for Creation of Two Permanent, Part-Time Police Dispatcher Positions" – Sheriff's Department"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported the language requested at the Finance Committee meeting has been incorporated in the resolution. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #974 was approved.

Resolution #975 titled, "Authorizing Agreements with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the Purchase and Maintenance of Equipment to Upgrade the Clinton County Interoperable Radio System for Use throughout Clinton County – Emergency Services"

Discussion: Legislator Dyer commended the Motorola Solutions, Inc. representatives for a good contract. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #976 through #1008 were approved.

Resolution #1009 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Decrease the Petty Cash Account for the Board of Elections – Board of Elections"

Discussion: Legislator Hall asked Mr. Zurlo to explain the resolution. Mr. Zurlo stated the Board of Elections previously had a petty cash account. The Board of Elections advised the Treasurer's office they no longer need the petty cash account. The resolution dissolves the petty cash account. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #1010 through #1017 were approved.

Resolution #1018 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Transfer Landfill Revenue to the General Fund – Treasurer's Office"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this is revenue in the County's 2018 budget. The resolution is necessary to bring the money from the Landfill Budget to the General Fund. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #1019 through #1021 were approved.

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

Resolutions #1022 through #1038 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:28 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell
Senior Stenographer