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December 29, 2014

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County
Legislature held Tuesday, December 23, 2014 in the Legislative Chambers, 137
Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3, Chairperson
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

EXCUSED: John Gallagher, Area 9

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

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

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown conducted roll call. Chairperson Dyer stated Legislator Gallagher asked to be excused, but he would listen in by phone.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2014 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature. Robert Butler, Off Track Betting (OTB) Director, provided a brief report on OTB activities.

Mr. Butler reported a new location for OTB is being set up at the corner of the Military Turnpike and Route 3 (at the former Brian LaPier Motors location) as the previous location did not seem to be generating as much revenue as they had hoped it would. All Legislators will be invited to the open house which will be scheduled in January. The County's revenue this year is approximately \$60,000 which is far less than what it was five years ago. Mr. Butler stated he is hopeful the new location will generate more revenue due to the high traffic count.

Mr. Butler reported Governor Andrew Cuomo chose Schenectady County for the location of a new casino. Had the Governor chose the Rensselaer location, Clinton County could have potentially received an extra \$200,000 annually. Mr. Butler stated he was unsure if Clinton County will be receiving any revenue from the new casino. Mr. Butler stated he has an OTB meeting scheduled for January 5th, and he should learn more at that meeting.

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

Committee Reports

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee was polled on Resolution #931.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee was polled on Resolutions #937 through #940.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier this evening. The Committee acted on a number of resolutions which are included on tonight's agenda. The Committee discussed the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Airport Engineer. A resolution to award the RFQ will be placed on next month's agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce - Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the December meeting of the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee was cancelled. Committee members were provided with meeting dates for 2015.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported he and Legislator Keenan attended Clinton Community College's Winter Commencement ceremony on Friday, December 12th. Approximately 120 students graduated.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported Cooperative Extension continues to accept applications for Amy Ivy's Executive Director position. In the meantime, Ms. Ivy has agreed to continue working for a few more months until a replacement is hired.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks held its last meeting on Thursday, November 20th in Warren County. There is no meeting scheduled for December. The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 22nd where the Committee will be selecting the new host County,

Herkimer County. Legislator Langley stated he has enjoyed serving on this Committee and serving as Chairperson during 2014. Legislator Waldron has expressed interest in serving on this Committee in 2015, and he would like to offer Ms. Waldron's name to Chairperson Dyer for consideration.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported documents for the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board have been signed and returned for payment.

Grievance Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported the Grievance Committee met Wednesday, December 17th to discuss two grievances. The Committee forwarded their recommendations to the Personnel Director who will inform the grievants of the Committee's decisions.

Soil and Water Conservation Board – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the Soil and Water Conservation Board recently met to discuss several personnel issues and responsibilities of Board members.

Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the Workforce Investment Board has not recently met. He asked if Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, could set up a time for Legislators to meet the new Executive Director, Silvy Nelson. Mr. Brown replied Mr. Zurlo has been in contact with the Workforce Investment Board, and they have suggested several potential meeting dates in late January.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss 11-87/George Moore and Castine vs. Clinton County.

Deputy County Administrator – Rodney Brown

Mr. Brown reported the New York State Association of Counties will be holding its 2015 Legislative Conference February 2nd through 4th at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany. If Legislators are interested in attending the conference, please inform Kathy Brown in the Legislative Office by Monday, January 5th.

Chairperson Dyer complimented James Coffey, Esq. on his recent article published in the winter edition of the Municipal Lawyer regarding the efficiencies of municipal governments, noting Clinton County compares favorably among counties in New York State.

Legislator Gallagher indicated he would be ending the conference call at this point.

The following Resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #926 through #928 were approved.

Resolution #929 titled, “Approving Appointments to the Clinton Community College Board of Trustees – Clinton Community College/Legislature” was approved 8-0-1-1. (Legislator Gallagher was excused, Legislator McManus abstained). Carried.

Resolutions #930 through #940 were approved.

Resolution #941 titled, “Awarding Bid for Snow Plowing and Removal – Plattsburgh International Airport”

Discussion: Chairperson Dyer asked if the low bidder’s equipment (Commercial Site Services, Inc.) was sufficient to carry out snow removal services at the Plattsburgh International Airport. Legislator Langley replied yes, and stated the equipment has been approved. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #942 through #969 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #970 was approved.

Legislator McManus motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Legislator Langley. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator McManus motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #971 titled, "Voiding Purchase from Clinton County Auction Town of Champlain" was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Keenan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

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