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February 29, 2016

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Colin Read, Area 4
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
Tabitha Trombley, Executive Secretary

Chairperson 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 Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2016 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (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 called for standing committee and liaison reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th 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 Thursday, March 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the next County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee met Tuesday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. Paul Grasso, Jr., the President and CEO of The Development Corporation and Gary Douglas, the President and CEO of Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting to present an overview on Economic Development Initiatives.

Legislator Rosenquest reported Resolution #105 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation to fund \$3,000 in Occupancy Tax Funds to assist with an infrastructure analysis at the former Clinton County Airport property.

Legislator Rosenquest reported Resolution #103 appointing Dr. Curt Gervick and Kevin Farrington to the Clinton County Planning Board and Resolution #104 designating Rodney Brown as Section 3 Coordinator for Clinton County have been placed on the agenda.

Legislator Rosenquest stated the next Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7th at 5:15 p.m. Chris Kreig, the Airport Manager, John Redden, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services; and Jerie Reid, the Director of Public Health have been invited.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Chairperson McManus stated if any of the Legislators have a request for Tobacco Settlement funding, they should contact Legislator Dame.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Committee met earlier. Resolutions #106, #107, and #109 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #108 has been withdrawn.

Mr. Hall reported the renovations to Plattsburgh International Airport are really moving along well and anticipates no difficulty in meeting the project's deadline.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, February 22nd at 6:15 p.m. He reported Diana Livermore, the Administrative Assistant to the District Attorney, presented Resolutions #110 through #112 which have been placed on the agenda.

Legislator Beach reported Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, updated the Committee on the status of the new 911 system and the status of repairs in connection with transforming the Bookmobile into a Mobile Command Center. He advised the work provided is at little to no cost to the County. Legislator Beach stated if the County would like to see a quicker turnaround, then the costs associated with the transformation will increase.

Legislator Beach reported Dave Marcoux, the Director of the Probation Department, discussed the Quarterly Grant Status Report.

He reported Sheriff David Favro advised there is a new State Law which allows counties to transfer County inmates into State custody if the inmates require intensive medical treatment, and the

State facility has a bed available. This new law helps the County to reduce a huge amount of time and cost for medical treatment for inmates with severe or life threatening illnesses. Legislator Beach advised there are also changes being made statewide to Marine Patrol. He reported Sheriff Favro will be meeting with Senator Elizabeth Little concerning the lack of funding and is very hopeful that some of the funding will be returned to the Clinton County Marine Patrol.

Mr. Zurlo, stated although Marine Patrol is a very positive and important service, it is a non-mandated service. Therefore, when the funding is reduced, it becomes more of a County Cost. Legislator Dame asked to be kept apprised of any changes concerning the funding for this service and feels it will need to be revisited by the Legislature should the funding fall short.

Frank Mercier, the STOP-DWI Coordinator, discussed the January, 2016 Public Safety Report.

Resolutions #113 through #121 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Legislator Beach reported next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee met on Monday, February 22nd at 5:15 p.m.

Legislator Timmons reported Resolutions #123 and #124 were approved by the Committee and have been placed on the agenda. Additionally, Resolution #135 has been added to the agenda to award the bid for an Airless Truck-Mounted Striping Machine.

Legislator Timmons reported the Committee had an extensive discussion on Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT), most notably, the condition of the bus fleet. He stated although Clinton County has been awarded Capital Funding for the purchase of new buses, the Planning Department is still awaiting approval from New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to purchase new buses.

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

Liaison Reports

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Clinton Community College Board of Trustees formed a Search Committee for a new president and are in the process of sending out a Request for Proposals (RFPs).

Mr. Zurlo stated Bernard Basset has replaced William Morgan as the Gubernatorial appointment on the Clinton Community College Board of Trustees.

Soil and Water – Legislators Dyer and Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Soil and Water does have additional funding for Highway Departments if they have an issue with erosion on roadsides.

Legislator Dyer reported Soil and Water will be able to fund all seven requests this year. He stated this almost never happens.

Staff Reports

James Coffey, Clinton County Attorney, requested to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the work history and employment matters concerning Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant Paul Rissetto.

Mr. Zurlo stated the Director of Emergency Services advised of flooding in the County mainly due to frozen culverts. The Clinton County Highway Department has been assisting with thawing the frozen culverts. He also reported New York State Electric and Gas had 269 customers without power in the Towns of Ellenburg, Altona and Black Brook due to trees on the power lines.

Chairperson McManus reported he attended his first Economic Regional Development Conference. He advised of the updates to the Economic Development Initiatives that the Governor had put forward. One of the initiatives was a \$300,000 Tax Relief Program for small businesses. Chairperson McManus reported there are over 20,000 small businesses in Clinton County alone that qualify for this program. He also reported the Water Infrastructure funds in the amount of \$250,000,000 may be available for Clinton County municipalities to apply for. There is a \$100,000,000 available for Downtown Revitalization Program for ten cities. Chairperson McManus felt Plattsburgh could be one city that would be considered. He stated \$750,000,000 will be awarded to fund the Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI), and finally there will be \$200,000,000 for the Upstate Revitalization for Airports which will be issued to five airports.

Chairperson McManus reported he spoke with a representative from the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) while attending the Economic Regional Development Conference as to what services they provide to the North Country. The following are just a few of the services provided by ANCA:

- Provided technical assistance in Keeseville for local food access;
- Organized efforts in the Town of Plattsburgh to obtain discounts for solar projects;
- Sponsor workshops for municipal leaders for solar energy projects in their communities; and
- They have “Green Banks” which will benefit clean energy projects and provide loans to people in Clinton County.

Chairperson McManus reported he and Legislator Keenan will be meeting with the Town of Schuyler Falls Supervisor and one of the Town Board members to move forward toward a solution with Casella Waste Management, Inc. regarding the current issue created in Clinton County wherein Casella Waste Management, Inc. changed from scales to the cubic yard which has increased the dump fee to the residents by almost 500 percent. Chairperson McManus stated the fee increase is not what the change was designed for.

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

Resolutions #102 through #107 were approved. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #108 titled, "Authorizing Contract with C & S Engineers, Inc. – Plattsburgh International Airport" was withdrawn.

Resolutions #109 through #115 were approved. Legislator Timmons abstained. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Resolutions #116 through #133 were approved. Carried (10-0-0).

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

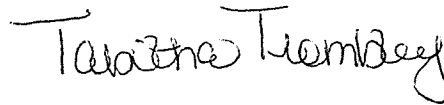
Resolution #134 through #137 was approved. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus entertained a motion from Legislator Dame to enter into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Dyer motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. (Carried 10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Tabitha Trombley
Executive Secretary