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January 31, 2017

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, January 25, 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 Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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 Rosenquest motioned to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2017 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Waldron presented the Off Track Betting (OTB) Scholarship Award to Emily Estus. Ms. Waldron also thanked Sydney Sue Garrant, the OTB Regional Director, for her efforts in making this award happen.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6th at 5:00 p.m. to briefly discuss one item. The next regular Economic Development and County Operation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th at 6 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, February 6th is regarding an assessing contract with one of the County's municipalities. The contract requires action by the Economic Development and County Operations Committee prior to the Personnel Committee meeting in order to effectuate the changes that would need to occur.

Finance – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported Resolution #32 has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported Resolutions #33 and #34 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1st at 6:15 p.m.

Personnel – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier. Resolutions #35 through #40 and #49 through #51 have been and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22nd at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo reported McFarland-Johnson, Inc. was present at the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee and provided an update on the Federal Inspection Station, which included the latest cost estimates and the time-frame for the project (details are available upon request).

Public Safety – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported Resolution #41 has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Resolution #42 has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce Strategic Tourism and Planning Committee met. He reported the preliminary approval of the Cuisine Trail has occurred, and final approval should occur in June. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2017.

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Clinton Community College Board of Trustees still has one

vacant seat.

Community Services – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported he and Mr. Zurlo interviewed the second candidate on Friday, January 20th for the Director of Community Services. He reported there is a follow-up call scheduled for Thursday, January 26th to discuss the two candidates and the open position.

Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th was cancelled.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Cooperative Extension had their Organizational meeting and Rod Sherman is now the Chairperson.

Intercounty – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported she will attend the Intercounty meeting tomorrow, January 26, 2017, in Essex County.

Soil and Water – Legislators Dyer and Timmons

Legislator Dyer reported Soil and Water recently had their organizational meeting where Chairperson Tom Everett noted this will be his last year as the Chairperson of the Board.

Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Workforce Investment Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 10th in Saranac Lake.

Staff Reports

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss the Risetto litigation.

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

Resolutions #32 through #35 were approved.

Resolution #36 titled “Authorizing Agreement with C & S Engineers, Inc. for Construction Administration and Observation Services for the Renovation of Building 2774”

Discussion: Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, reported this is an abatement project, and there is a minor amount of construction involved. Clinton County received money from the State for this project and when Clinton County submitted their \$38 million application, it was noted that the County already had money for this project. This item reduced the County’s request and increased the local share. When this current project is complete, Clinton County will go out to bid for another rehabilitation project of Building 2774. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #37 through #48 were approved.

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

Resolutions #49 through #51 were approved.

Chairperson McManus asked if there was anything further to come before the Legislature.

Legislator Dyer asked the status of the Pyramid Mall assessment. Mr. Coffey replied it is currently under an Article 78 proceeding and the litigation is ongoing.

Chairperson McManus entertained a motion from Legislator Keenan to enter into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss the above-mentioned matter, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Dyer motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:29 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator