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January 9, 2014

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, January 8, 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  
John Gallagher, Area 9  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
James Langley, Jr., Area 7  
Harry McManus, Area 1  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Colin Read, Area 4 (via teleconference)

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
James Coffey, County Attorney  
Katherine Brown, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Dyer 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. Legislator Read had asked to be excused; however, he joined the meeting via teleconference.

Legislator Keenan motioned to accept the minutes of the December 23<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dame. (Carried 9-0-1).

Legislator Waldron presented an Off-Track Betting Scholarship Award in the amount of \$500 to Rachel Lamora who attends Clinton Community College. Ms. Lamora is a 2013 high school graduate of Seton Catholic Central School.

Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Chairperson Dyer recognized Kimberly Davis, Clinton County Treasurer. Ms. Davis addressed the Legislature regarding Resolution #15 on the agenda titled, "Approving Clinton County Investment Policy for 2014." Ms. Davis stated this Policy is normally passed at the beginning of the year; however, since there are new Legislators on the Board this year, as well as herself being new, she is here to review the resolution and answer any questions the Legislators might have. Mr. Zurlo asked if the only change to the Policy is the amount listed under Section One – Depositories. Ms. Davis replied yes, that is correct. Mr. Zurlo indicated usually this resolution goes to the Finance Committee; however, the full Board was polled on this resolution on January 3, 2014. He stated this item is not controversial in any manner. Ms. Davis further stated she did not want to wait until February to have this resolution acted upon.

There being no one else to address the Legislature, Chairperson Dyer stated that due to Committee assignments just being announced this evening, the Committee and Liaison Reports portion of the meeting will be dispensed.

### **Staff Reports**

County Attorney James Coffey stated he had no report.

Mr. Zurlo requested an Executive Session to discuss a matter of collective negotiations. He also reminded Legislators of the 2014 NYSAC Legislative Conference which will be held in Albany from February 3-5, 2014. Mr. Zurlo asked Legislators to contact Kathy Brown in the Legislative Office by Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> if they plan to attend. He recommended the newly-elected Legislators sign up for the Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> orientation session for newly-elected and appointed officials if they plan to attend the conference.

Chairperson Dyer reported on a letter regarding the Interstate 98 Transportation Corridor "Rooftop Highway." Mr. Zurlo distributed a copy of the letter Chairperson Dyer referenced to all Legislators. He asked Legislators to review the letter for their input. Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator, reported Jason Clark is a member of the Development Authority of the North Country located in St. Lawrence County. The Development Authority of the North Country is a non-profit development corporation in that specific area of New York State. Mr. Brown stated the proposed Interstate 98 is clearly more critical for the western side of New York State. They have been supporting this concept and have been enlisting support for funding to move this project along. Mr. Brown stated earlier today in Governor Cuomo's state-of-the-State address, the Governor gave support to launching a study on the subject. Mr. Brown stated Interstate 87 would roughly parallel Route 11 across the top of

New York State. Mr. Brown stated Mr. Clark is seeking endorsement of the Clinton County Legislature for the completion of funding of this highway. Mr. Zurlo stated this is not a new issue, but Chairperson Dyer does not want to act on this prior to discussing this with the Legislature.

Legislator Gallagher asked if there is a website for additional information regarding this. Mr. Brown will look into this and will advise.

Mr. Brown stated a few years ago, he and former Legislator Samuel Trombley attend meetings regarding this project for a couple of years, with Legislator McManus joining at the end of those meetings being held. The discussions from those meetings lead to making recommendations for several improvements to the exiting Route 11 Coordinator rather than full endorsement of Interstate 98 and would be a more flexible project. The Development Authority of the North Country is not satisfied with that and has kept pressing the issue for full support of Interstate 98.

Legislator McManus asked if we are looking for a resolution. Mr. Zurlo replied no resolution is necessary this evening. He further stated the first page of the letter was distributed only – the second page consists of signatory lines from the Chairperson of the counties involved. Authorizing the Chairperson to sign this letter would require an authorizing resolution.

Legislator Waldron asked if any new jobs would be created in Clinton County as a result of this project. Mr. Brown replied there were a number of hearings on this concept. There was belief that there would be far less employment impacted in Clinton County than in some of the western counties. Much of the travel is north and south in Clinton County. Interstate 98 would be east and west travel. Mr. Zurlo indicated there would obviously be a large amount of temporary jobs associated with this project.

Mr. Brown stated the question is, for what the benefits this might provide is this worth the cost to New York State to go forward.

Mr. Zurlo stated it is clear that they are asking the support of the larger highway. Legislator Langley stated essentially, upon signature, Clinton County would be endorsing this project. Chairperson Dyer stated he would not sign anything without the support of this Legislature.

Legislator Gallagher noted the work would be done at the prevailing wage rate, but questioned who would get awarded the contract. He noted when Interstate 87 was being constructed years ago, many local jobs created.

Mr. Zurlo stated a resolution can be done at one of the upcoming meetings.

Legislator McManus remarked if Clinton County is the only County that does not support this it would not be well received.

Chairperson Dyer stated before voting on the resolutions this evening, he wanted to note the Finance Committee was polled on Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> on several resolutions included on the agenda this, would be conspicuous by its absence.

The following Resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #10 through #20 were approved.

Legislator McManus stated he received an email from the Environmental Committee of the League of Women Voters who are concerned about transportation in Clinton County. They also would like to discuss fracking and the process of air presentation. Legislator McManus has scheduled a meeting

to meet with the League of Women Voters on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Legislative Conference Room. He encouraged Legislators to attend.

Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss a matter of collective negotiations, seconded by Legislators Beach and Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:49 p.m., seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (9-0-1).

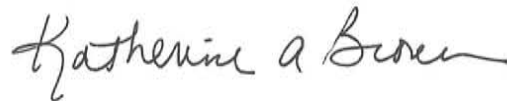
Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Dame to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #21 titled, "Authorizing the Chairperson to Execute Agreements By and Between the County of Clinton and CSEA Local 1000/AFSCME, AFL/CIO, Clinton County Unit 6450 & 6466 of Local 884, Clinton County Sheriff's Unit 6450-01 of Local 884 and Clinton County Deputy Sheriffs' Police Benevolent Association" was added to the agenda.

Legislator Dame motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business, Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Legislator Langley. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine A. Brown  
Senior Stenographer