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July 12, 2012

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, July 11, 2012 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Robert Butler, Area 6
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
John Gallagher, Area 9
Pete Keenan, Area 5
James Langley, Jr., Chairperson, Area 7
Harry McManus, Area 1
Sara Rowden, Area 4

EXCUSED: Robert Heins, Area 10

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
William Favreau, County Attorney
Katherine Brown, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Langley called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. Legislator Heins asked to be excused.

Legislator Gallagher offered a motion to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2012 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dame. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson Langley proclaimed the week of July 16-23, 2012 as "Probation and Community Supervision Week" in Clinton County.

Chairperson Langley asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature. There being no one to address the Legislature, Chairperson Langley called for standing committee and liaison reports.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Finance Committee met Tuesday, July 10th at 5:15 p.m.

John Jablonski, President of Clinton Community College, was present to discuss the College's Heating Plant Capital Project.

Joseph Giroux, County Treasurer, provided the sales tax update. Sales tax continues to exceed budget projections.

Resolutions #519 through #521 are included on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Legislator Rowden reported the next meeting of the Finance Committee has been rescheduled from Wednesday, August 1st at 5:15 p.m. to Wednesday, August 8th at 5 p.m. prior to the Regular Session. Additionally, the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 5th has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 12th at 5 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported Resolutions #539 through #548 and #560 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Zurlo stated he and Personnel Committee Chairperson Gallagher discussed all of the requests with Personnel Director Alan Gibson. Each request met the criteria to be voted upon in the absence of a bi-monthly Personnel Committee meeting.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Chairperson Langley

Chairperson Langley reported that he, Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown and Airport Manager Chris Kreig traveled to the New York Airport District Office (NYADO) regarding the Terminal Building Expansion Project. Representatives from McFarland-Johnson, Inc. were also in attendance.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Tourism Committee is scheduled for Friday, July 13th. The Committee will be working on its 2013 Marketing Plan.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Mr. Zurlo reported he met with Clinton Community College President John Jablonski and Vice President of Administration Tom Moffett to begin discussions regarding the College's 2013 Budget Request.

Board of Health – Legislator Beach

Mr. Zurlo reported everything remains on course for the final transfer of ownership of the County's Home Health Agency to Home Care of Rochester (HCR). The Public Health Council has sent a letter to HCR acknowledging their approval. There are only two items pending which include the completion of Form 855A, Medicare Enrollment Application and a thirty-day letter to patients formally acknowledging the change in ownership. The targeted date for completion of the transfer is the end of August, 2012. Legislator Rowden asked the status of the transition process. Mr. Zurlo replied from everyone he has spoken with, he believes the transition is going smoothly. Legislator Butler indicated he has not received any calls from constituents voicing dissatisfaction in the new service. Mr. Zurlo stated statistics from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with regard to HCR are excellent and are a compilation of all of their service areas. Legislator Beach also stated the statistics from CMS are outstanding.

Intercounty - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the next meeting of the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled for Thursday, July 19th in Herkimer County.

Soil and Water Conservation District – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the next meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation District is scheduled for Thursday, July 19th at 7 p.m.

Grievance Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported a grievance hearing is in the process of being scheduled prior to Friday, August 10th.

Staff Reports

County Attorney William Favreau requested an Executive Session to discuss three potential litigation matters.

Mr. Zurlo stated he had no report.

There being no further business, Chairperson Langley moved onto resolutions.

The following resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #516 through #524 were approved.

Resolution #525 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Laura Holzer – Health Department" was withdrawn.

Resolution #526 was approved.

Resolution #527 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Children's Development Group – Health Department"

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated with regard to Resolutions #527 through #529 there is a County Cost. These Resolutions will authorize the addition of the Children's Development Group to the list of providers eligible to provide services for the Preschool Special Education Program in Clinton County. Mr. Zurlo stated the contract amount is the same as allocated previously to the Program. He further stated if a provider is needed, the original allocation will be split; this is not new money. Mr. Zurlo noted that most likely, the Keeseville and AuSable areas would be serviced by this provider. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #528 through #559 were approved.

Legislator Butler offered a motion to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #560 was approved.

Resolution #561 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Thomas Transportation Services LLC – Plattsburgh International Airport"

Discussion:

Legislator Dame asked if the small amount of money generated from this lease is worth the County's expense. Mr. Zurlo replied this is not a big money item; however, Thomas Transportation Services LLC is considering bringing in electricity, lighting and water to the parcel, at their expense. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Langley asked if there was any other business to come before the Legislature this evening.

Legislator Gallagher asked which County Department accepts cell phones no longer in use. Chairperson Langley replied it is the Social Services Department, and he should contact Deputy Commissioner John Redden.

Legislator Butler referenced a recent television program which discussed Departments of Social Services across the nation that permit Food Stamp Program recipients to redeem cigarettes, alcohol and lottery tickets. Mr. Zurlo replied he would check with Social Services Commissioner Jay LePage and get back to him regarding this issue.

Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Dyer to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the sale and lease of real property and potential litigation, seconded by Legislator Butler. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Gallagher offered a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. and return to Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business, Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Legislator Butler. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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