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July 2, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, June 26, 2019 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Simon Conroy, Area 4  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Robert Hall, Area 10, Deputy Chairperson  
Mark Henry, Area 3  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
Francis Peryea, Area 2  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Harry McManus, Area 1  
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9, Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney  
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

Deputy Chairperson Hall 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. Chairperson McManus and Legislator Rosenquest asked to be excused.

Legislator Henry motioned to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (8-0-2).

Deputy Chairperson Hall asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one who wished to address the Legislature, Deputy Chairperson Hall moved on to Committee reports.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Peryea**

Legislator Peryea reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee was polled on Resolutions #511 and #512 which have been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

As a reminder, the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

#### **Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy stated the Legislative Office coordinated with Ed Hummel of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the County's contractor, Barton & Loguidice, to revise the dollar amounts of the grant application to the EDA that would increase the request from \$3 million to \$4.5 million. The grant application is scheduled to be submitted before the end of July.

The next Economic Development and County Operations meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest**

Mr. Zurlo reported the next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Health Committee - Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

**Human Services Committee - Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee was polled on Resolution #493 which has been placed on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session but was polled on Resolution #494 which has been placed on the agenda.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier. Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, provided updates to the Committee on airlines, tenants and construction. Additionally, C & S Engineers, Inc. addressed the Committee on the Upstate Airport Initiative, The Development Corporation (TDC) Building Project and a proposal for facility maintenance and tenant recruitment.

The Committee discussed Resolutions #495 through #502 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Public Safety Committee - Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolutions #503 through #510 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Liaison Reports**

**Board of Health – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the next Board of Health meeting will be held Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest**

Mr. Zurlo reported the Chamber of Commerce will present its Marketing Report to the Finance

Committee at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Finance Committee meeting.

**Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks– Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported she will be in Washington County on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislators Keenan, Waldron and Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown**

Legislator Waldron reported she attended a loan committee meeting on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Soil and Water Conservation Board – Legislators Henry and Timmons**

Legislator Timmons distributed a summary of the upcoming activities of Soil and Water Conservation for the summer months.

**Staff Reports**

**County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.**

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss three matters of pending or threatening litigation and collective bargaining.

**County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo reported the reauthorization of the Extreme Winter Recovery funding (enhanced Consolidated Highway Improvement Plan (CHIPS) funding) that was not included in the New York State budget was included in the additional Capital Bill passed at the end of the year. It is a total of over \$755,000 for the city, towns and villages of Clinton County; \$348,000 will go to Clinton County.

Legislator Dame inquired if the increased funds would affect the Capital Funds appropriated for the Highway Department. Mr. Zurlo replied no, but it will allow for more projects, the option to purchase any potential equipment (with a 10-year life span) or accelerate any existing programs.

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

Resolutions #493 through #496 were approved. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolution #497 titled, “Authorizing Lease Agreement with The Hertz Corporation – Plattsburgh International Airport” was moved by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Keenan.

Discussion: Legislator Dame stated he feels the rental rate per square foot (with maintenance, utilities, etc. included) for the car rental agencies in the new quick turn-around building at the Airport, is too low. He knows the Airport Director has worked diligently on this contract, and he feels it is an important service to the Airport and the community, but feels it is not the fairest return for the taxpayers at the current rate per foot (including additional fees.)

Legislator Timmons inquired on the previous contract amount being higher than the new contract amount. Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, replied that there are now three companies as opposed to two previously.

Legislator Timmons inquired on the duration of the lease. Legislator Hall replied it is for three years. Additionally, Legislator Hall noted that he agrees with Legislator Dame, that the rental rate is low, but feels the Airport needs the car rental services at the current time. He noted the Airport Director intends to renegotiate a higher gross percentage rate with the rental car company.

Legislator Dame stated with the low rent and minimal return to the taxpayers, he is not comfortable with the eight-year lease (which only includes minimal inflationary increases.)

Mr. Zurlo inquired if it is an automatic renewal. Mr. Brown replied it is the car rentals agencies option.

Legislator Conroy stated he believes the revenue sharing, including the additional fees received, is sufficient at this time, and puts the County in a good place.

Legislators Dame and Timmons both agreed they would be comfortable with a shorter lease period.

Legislator Waldron stated she feels comfortable with the current asking price per square foot plus the designated percentage of the gross sales.

Legislator Dame motioned to amend the resolution to reflect only the initial three-year term and to remove the renewal periods, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolution #498 titled, "Amending Lease Agreement with ELRAC, LLC – Plattsburgh International Airport" was moved by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Waldron.

Legislator Dame motioned to amend the resolution to reflect only the initial three-year term and to remove the renewal periods, seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolution #499 titled, "Amending Lease Agreement with Avis/Budget Group, Inc. – Plattsburgh International Airport" was moved by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Waldron.

Legislator Dame motioned to amend the resolution to reflect only the initial three-year term and to remove the renewal periods, seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #500 through #503 were approved.

Resolution #504 titled "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Relating to Shared Services for Assessment – Buildings and Grounds" was motioned by Legislator Peryea and seconded by Mr. Henry. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this is for the project in Dannemora and that all of the Department of Transportation (DOT) permits required by the consulting engineer to get bid documents, have been achieved. He noted the project will go out to bid in the immediate future.

Legislator Waldron thanked the Legislature and all involved in this project for allowing this project to be a priority.

Resolutions #505 through #510 were approved

Legislator Waldron motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-2).

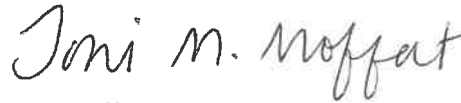
Resolutions #511 and #512 were approved.

Legislator Keenan motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Dame motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (8-0-2).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Waldron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Toni M. Moffat".

Toni Moffat  
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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