

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to accept the minutes of the March 9th Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus invited Matt Rine, an OTB Scholarship winner who graduated from Peru Central School, and Legislator Pete Keenan to the podium. Legislator Keenan presented Mr. Rine with a \$500 scholarship and congratulated him for successfully completing his first semester at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

Chairperson McManus recognized Kathy Recchia, Decentralization Grant Coordinator, from the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts. Ms. Recchia distributed information regarding the program and announced the 2016 Quad-County Decentralization Awards. (A copy of the handouts are attached and made part of the minutes).

Board of Elections Commissioner Gregory Campbell (on behalf of the Board of Elections Department) addressed the Legislature regarding a proposed Resolution (#199 on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2) which would authorize a contract with Clear Ballot Group, Inc. Mr. Campbell explained Clear Ballot Group, Inc. has developed a system of scanning absentee ballots which would replace the hand-counting method which is currently being used. Mr. Campbell explained the functionality of the equipment and noted this high-speed scanner scans approximately 1,600 ballots per hour and would certainly cut down on the amount of time that it takes to count the absentee ballots. Mr. Campbell also pointed out this system has a post-election audit tool.

Mr. Campbell stated the original cost of the software and training on the program would be \$45,000. Due to the fact that Clinton County would be the first County in the State to use the program, Clear Ballot Group, Inc. has significantly reduced the cost from \$45,000 to \$22,500. Mr. Campbell reported available funding currently exists in the SHOEBOX Grant.

There being no one further 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 Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet Wednesday, April 13th at 4:30 p.m. at 130 Arizona Avenue. A tour of the building will be provided. All Legislators are invited to attend this meeting.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th at 6:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Read

The next County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee – Legislator Rosenquest

The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4th at 6:15 p.m. Resolution #176 has been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

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

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th following the Finance Committee meeting.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

The Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier this afternoon and discussed Resolutions #177 and #178.

Legislator Hall reported the Airport is coming along beautifully. It is anticipated that the new ticket counter will be completed by the end of April.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Beach

The Public Safety Committee met Monday, March 14th. Frank Mercier, the STOP-DWI Coordinator; Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services; Richelle Gregory, the Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center and Dave Marcoux, the Director of Probation were present to discuss their items.

Resolutions #179 through #191 have been placed on tonight's agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Timmons

The Transportation Committee met Monday, March 14th. Resolutions #192 and #193 were discussed at the meeting.

There were two items of good news to share with the Committee. First, the County received the State Transit Operating Assistance “clean-up” check from the New York State Department of Transportation, and the amount was slightly more than received by the County for the previous year. In addition to all other revenues of the system, the clean-up check was sufficient to cover all 2015 operating expenses of CCPT without the County needing to expend the \$55,000 of County funding that had been included in the 2015 budget.

The second bit of good news was the NYSDOT finally concluded negotiations with a bus manufacturing company, Matthews Buses, which will enable the County to order new buses off the State contract instead of going out to bid for new buses. Because of the lengthy delay in getting to this point, however, the cost of the buses has increased and the amount of funding received by the County from NYSDOT is no longer sufficient to cover 90 percent of the cost of seven new buses. The Planning Office is exploring the possible purchase of a mix of gasoline and diesel vehicles that might allow the purchase of seven new buses without the County expending more than the 10 percent share we are obligated to provide.

Richard Ticehurst, Local Manager for McDonald Transit Associates, Inc., was invited to discuss a variety of matters related to CCPT.

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Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Jonathan Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Board of Health met Monday, March 14th (at the same time of the Transportation Committee and Public Safety Committee meetings); therefore, he was unable to attend.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Chamber of Commerce meeting was cancelled this month.

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Dame reported he and Legislator Rosenquest attended the last Clinton Community College Board meeting. The name of the new manufacturing building has been decided upon. The building will be named the Institute of Manufacturing at Clinton Community College (IMATCCC).

Legislator Rosenquest noted the Request for Proposals (RFPs) previously had apprenticeship language included in the RFP which requested contractors to have certified apprenticeship programs. The language, unfortunately, was removed. There is a great need for training a hands-on workforce which we are losing in the community. Legislator Rosenquest stated he felt this was very unfortunate the language was taken out of the RFP.

Chairperson McManus asked if people with apprenticeship programs will still bid on the project.

Legislator Rosenquest stated this will not preclude anyone from bidding on the project.

Legislator Dame reported bidders will be notified that this apprenticeship language has been removed from the Request for Proposals. It will set the project back by a couple of weeks for responses to the new RFPs to come in. It is anticipated this will bring a larger pool of contractors to submit bids.

Legislator Read noted he, too, was very pleased to see the apprenticeship language included in the initial RFP. He felt we would be training the next generation of kids in this area with these skills, and we would be "walking what we talk." He was also very disappointed to see the apprenticeship language removed so quickly without comment or discussion. It was very frustrating. Legislator Read stated the County Legislature is the largest supporter of Clinton Community College as it pays more than its fair share. The symbolism of reversing this decision without consultation with the primary donor was very disappointing. He asked if in any way, this could revert back to the initial intent.

Legislator Rosenquest replied the Board of Trustees felt that with the initial language, they would not receive an ample amount of bids due to the language being included in the RFP.

Legislator Dame added the Board of Trustees felt that with leaving in the apprenticeship program language in the RFP that they would leave some contractors out of the bidding process and it might affect the bids. Their number one concern was to have a cost-effective project. It was not to degenerate the apprenticeship programs, it was a construction decision, and he feels the Board gave the matter considerable deliberation.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Cooperative Extension entered into a contract with the Beekmantown Central School District to provide 4-H programs as part of the three-year grant.

A Blue Grass Music Youth Group has been established and is being funded by an individual who wishes to remain anonymous. Currently, there are 23 youth involved in this group which has become very popular, and there is a waiting line on some instruments.

The Food on the Farm Program is doing very well. Attendance was 400 last year and this year, that number increased to 700.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks will meet Thursday March 24th in Franklin County.

Soil and Water – Legislators Dyer and Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the meeting has been moved to Thursday, March 31st.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Workforce Development Board met earlier in the month in Saranac Lake. Management of the Plattsburgh Housing Authority discussed the shortage of housing in our area and reported that 99 percent of available housing is full.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

James Coffey, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss the Turtle Island Trust litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo provided an update on the foreclosure process, reporting there are currently 61 parcels remaining. Last year, there were 57 parcels that were brought to auction. All monies are due in the office by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 25th in guaranteed funds.

Chairperson – Legislator Harry McManus

Chairperson McManus reported he attended a meeting of the Town Supervisors' Association last week. Town supervisors are interested in looking at codes enforcement and human resources as a potential county function.

Chairperson McManus reported Essex County will be taking over its first districts due to difficulty in procuring volunteers. A meeting with EMS, Chairperson McManus and Public Safety Chairperson Jon Beach will be set up to discuss this matter.

Mr. Zurlo has asked Kimberly Banker, the County Purchasing Agent, to reach out to town supervisors to discuss the power of consortium buying which will assist townships in reducing expenses.

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

Resolutions #176 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Lime Creative - Planning Department" was moved by Legislator Rosenquest and seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (9-0-1-1). Legislator Read abstained.

Resolution #177 was approved.

Resolution #178 titled, "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the Renovation of Building #2774 – Plattsburgh International Airport" was moved by Legislator Hall, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest stated the decision to renovate Building #2744 which has been slated to generate additional income for some time, was a step in the right direction. Legislator Hall stated hopefully, the County will be able to do this to more buildings. Mr. Zurlo reported funding will be slated to come out of the Retained Earning Fund. If the Legislature wishes to utilize funding from the Tobacco Settlement once it is received, funding can come out of that funding source as well.

Resolutions #179 through #192 were approved.

Resolution #193 titled, "Authorizing Various Contracts with McDonald Transit Associates, Inc. – Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT)" was moved by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest stated this is a contract renewal. It was made pretty clear that the system, in its current form, has not been working. McDonald Transit Associates, Inc. has been given one year to turn things around as there are still some issues. This second year is their opportunity to grow on what they have learned over this last year. Legislator Rosenquest stated public transportation has a direct impact on the quality of life and jobs in our region. People who rely on reliable public transportation are people who need that system the most (they do not have cars, they do not drive or are unable to drive, those in wheelchairs, etc. still need to get to work). It is important to have buses that work, routes that are not cancelled, a sufficient number of abled mechanics to work on the vehicles, a sufficient number of drivers, etc. These items are extremely important to have a successful transportation program. This has been made very clear to McDonald Transit Associates, Inc.

Resolutions #194 through #197 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #198 and #199 were approved.

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melody Lemieux".

Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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2016 QUAD-COUNTY GRANT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE, NEW YORK--The Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts (ALCA) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016 Quad-County Decentralization Grant Awards. The recipients represent artists and cultural organizations in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, and Hamilton Counties.

Decentralization is a regrant program intended to help promote the arts throughout New York State. Decentralization Grants are made possible through the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

2016 Grants will be awarded to 35 community arts projects and 5 teaching artist projects as follows:

Community Arts

- 30 City: The Children's Mural Project
- Adirondack Regional Theatre Young Director's Series for "Shrek"
- Adirondack Regional Theatre for Peter Regnier's Bravo Zulu
- Adirondack Youth Orchestra Association Spring and Fall Concerts
- Adirondack Wind Ensemble
- Appleby Foundation: Rebecca Kelly Ballet's OnStage Dance Program
- Appleby Foundation: Tahawus Center Cultural Programming Summer Series
- CEF Library System for Stan Ransom: Developing Imagination through Storytelling
- Champlain Valley Voices: Voices of Spring
- Chateaugay Revitalization Committee for Megan Nemier-Green and the Chateaugay Theatre Camp
- Chazy Music Theatre for "Bye, Bye, Birdie"

- City of Plattsburgh for Adk. Dance Co.: A Midsummer Night's Dream & an Evening of Arts
- Elizabethtown Social Center: Summer Performing Arts Series
- Essex Community Concert Series 2016
- Essex Theatre Company for "Next to Normal"
- Fulton Chain of Lakes Performing Arts Council, Inc.: An Evening With the Symphony
- Jay Entertainment & Music Society for Tara Twomey-Mulvey and Mountain to Mountain Children's Theatre Workshops
- Jay Entertainment & Music Society for Norte Maar and Au Sable River Valley Studio Tour
- Long Lake Calvary United Methodist Church for Long Lake Friends of Music Series
- CVW Long Lake Public Library: Journey with John Muir: Exploring the Wilderness of Our Lives
- Piano by Nature Concert Series 2016
- Saranac Lake Rotary Foundation for Helen Demong and the Northern Lights Choir Adirondack Folk Opera: Spring Concert
- St. Williams on Long Point: Thursday Evenings on the Lake
- Saranac Lake Rotary Foundation for Hobofest
- Ticonderoga Festival Guild Arts, Arts Trek Heritage Festival
- Ticonderoga Festival Guild Players
- Ticonderoga Heritage Museum: That's Art
- Town of Indian Lake for Cabin Fever Players "Mary Poppins"
- Town of Inlet: Sunset by the Lake Concert Series
- Town of Keene: Music from the Back Porch
- Town of Long Lake: Hey Jude
- Town of Long Lake: The Joey Thomas Big Band
- Village of Malone: Art in the Park, Building Confidence through Art
- Village of Saranac Lake: Music on the Green
- Whallonsburg Grange: A Celebration of the Power of Music

Arts Education Projects

- Amy Guglielmo: Diversity through the Arts: Saranac Elementary School
- Amy Guglielmo: Modern Art Masters at Rouses Point Elementary School

- Bucky Seiden: A Vital Bridge in a Student's Educational Journey: Ceramic Mosaic Mural with No. Clinton Central School District
- Elizabeth Lee: Patterns in Nature Photography at Westport Central School
- Saranac Lake Rotary Foundation for Glenn McClure: Adirondack Abolition: Musical Composition & History with Saranac Lake Central School District

The 2016 Decentralization Grant Award recipients will be honored at an Award Ceremony on April 30 at the Adirondack Carousel where they will have the opportunity to present their projects in an informal setting.

Decentralization Grant Coordinator Kathleen Recchia shares some insight into the event, "This is our second, four-county DEC Awards Ceremony and the first time we are taking it outside the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts. We're so excited to be hosting the event at the Adirondack Carousel which is itself a remarkable demonstration of Adirondack artists at work. It's great to be able to share that with artists from all over the North Country and give them all a chance to present their own projects and discuss opportunities for partnership," Recchia said.

For more information call: 518-708-3606 or check the ALCA website at: www.adirondackarts.org