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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Chairperson, Area 3
John Gallagher, Area 9
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
James Langley, Jr., Area 7
Harry McManus, Area 1
Colin Read, Area 4
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer
Robbie Timmons, Area 7 Legislator-Elect
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9 Legislator-Elect

Chairperson Dyer 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. All legislators were present.

Legislator Keenan motioned to accept the minutes of the October 28th Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hall. (Carried 10-0-0).

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier at 5:15 p.m.

Resolution #771 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation as well as Resolution #853 under Waive Rule 13.2.

The Committee discussed the progress on the Human Services Center First Floor Renovation Project. It is anticipated it will open in about a week, and a formal reopening ceremony will be scheduled.

The Committee also received an update on the 130 Arizona Avenue Project. The County's relationship with its engineer has been excellent. All projects have been on time and under budget.

The next meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron

The Children and Family Services Committee met Thursday, November 5th at 4:15 p.m.

John Redden, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, discussed Social Service programs and contracts for the year 2016.

Resolutions #772 through #782 are included on the agenda.

Mr. Zurlo reported Resolution #778 has been withdrawn as this was a duplication.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Read

The County Operations Committee met earlier at 5:45 p.m.

Resolutions #783 through #788 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Barbara Foster, the Director of the Information Technology Department, reviewed contracts for 2016 and discussed the potential of having Legislative meetings recorded and accessed by the public. This has been an ongoing discussion, and concrete recommendations will be made in the near future.

The mineral rights issue was also discussed. Several residents in the western region of Clinton County have been approached by a company who is requesting property owners pay \$5,000 up front or run the risk of having a company who has bought subsurface rights to start drilling on their property. An attorney who is defending the property owners provided the County Operations Committee with a briefing on this issue. The County has been asked to be kept apprised of this issue and to keep residents informed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Legislator McManus asked when Legislator Read expects a decision will be made in regard to videotaping legislative meetings. Legislator Read reported Ms. Foster is investigating what other jurisdictions do regarding this, and he is hoping in the next few months a determination will be made. Legislator McManus requested Legislator Read inform all Legislators when this matter will be discussed further in case they wished to attend the meeting.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

The Finance Committee met Wednesday, November 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Resolution #789 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Mr. Zurlo stated he has received an email from Lisa Shovan, Vice President for Administration and Finance at Clinton Community College, who indicated she has additional information requested regarding the Cooling Tower.

The Recommended Budget will be sent to Legislators this Friday, November 13th. The first meeting to discuss the Recommended Budget is Monday, November 16th at 5:15 p.m.

The public hearing on the 2016 County budget will be held Wednesday, December 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

The Health Committee met Monday, November 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Jerie Reid, the Director of Public Health, reviewed various contracts for 2016 and discussed several grants.

Peter Trout, the Director of Community Services, also reviewed various contracts for 2016, implementing a revised sliding scale fee schedule and discussed the accounts receivable report.

Resolutions #790 through #799 are included on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

The Human Services Committee met Wednesday, November 4th.

Resolutions #800 through 809 have been included on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Resolution #819 will authorize the reappointment of Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans' Service Agency, for an additional three-year term.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd at 5:15 p.m. before the public hearing on the 2016 County budget.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

The Personnel Committee met at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2015 and reviewed 12 items. There are 12 resolutions on the agenda that reflect the Committee's recommendations from this meeting. There is one new position resolution, creation of Equipment and Building Mechanic at the landfill, however, when an incumbent promotes into this new position, their prior position will be abolished, per resolution, not increasing the number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's). There is one resolution on the reclassification request for the Child Advocacy Center through the District Attorney's office reclassifying a part-time Victim Service Advocate with a full-time Administrative Assistant, which is 100 percent funded through the Office of Children and Family Services Grant. There is one resolution on the replacement requests for the Youth Bureau, changing a part-time to a full-time Project Coordinator, which is 100 percent fully funded. There are six resolutions for backfill requests. The committee also approved various contracts for Personnel for 2016, with the exception of health insurance rates as final rates have not been confirmed.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Langley

The Plattsburgh International Airport Committee was polled on Resolution #822 which has been place on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23rd at 4:30 p.m. at the Plattsburgh International Airport.

Legislator Langley reported the new concourse is open at the Airport, and it looks very nice.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Hall

The Public Safety Committee met Monday, November 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director, discussed grant applications and acceptances.

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, reviewed several contracts for 2016 and provided an update on the Crude Oil Task Force.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of the Child Advocacy Center, discussed several grant awards.

Resolutions #823 through #833 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The Committee is urging its managers to support contracting with as many local businesses as possible.

Legislator Hall reported Sheriff Dave Favro has informed him Clinton County will be reimbursed \$30,000 from New York State for expenses incurred regarding the escape of Dannemora convicts David Sweat and Richard Matt earlier this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus

The Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, November 9th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #834 through #836 which are included on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee did not meet this month. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2015.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported a committee has been formed to search for a new President of Clinton Community College.

Board of Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Board of Health will meet Monday, November 16th.

Legislator Beach received an email from Mandy Snay, the Director of Health, Planning and Promotion at the Health Department, informing him Clinton County has been recognized State-wide for its efforts in increasing physical activity and education in a publication, Healthy Neighborhoods Roundup.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks will meet Thursday, November 19th in Fulton County.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation regarding Plattsburgh International Airport.

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

Resolutions #769 through #777 were approved.

Resolution #778 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Primelink – Employment And Training,” has been withdrawn.

Resolution #779 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Proact, Inc.” was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Hall.

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated this is the discount card that many counties offer to uninsured and underinsured residents. Clinton County will begin publicizing this more as usage has decreased over the last couple of years. Since its inception, a savings in excess of \$5 million has been realized. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #780 was approved.

Resolution #781 was withdrawn (it was a duplicate of #780).

Resolutions #782 through #817 were approved.

Resolution #818 titled, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2016 – Personnel” was moved by Legislator Gallagher and seconded by Legislator McManus.

Discussion: Legislator Dame noted the Personnel Committee had a brief discussion regarding the Legal Services Contract for Labor Matters, noting the Legislature should look at this contract in the near future to see if there is a way to deliver this service in a more economical way. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #819 through #821 were approved.

Resolution #822 titled, "Awarding Bid for Snow Plowing and Removal – Plattsburgh International Airport" was moved by Legislator Langley and seconded by Legislator McManus.

Discussion: Chairperson Dyer commented one of the bidders listed a charge of \$10 per hour for a dump truck and questioned this low amount. Mr. Brown agreed this was a very low amount and stated he did not believe the company utilized the dump truck at all last winter. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #823 through #851 were approved.

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

Resolutions #852 and #853 were approved.

Chairperson Dyer asked if there was any other business to come before the Legislature.

Legislator Langley distributed a document which provided a detailed history of the County Legislature, with legislators' names, legislative areas, registered party and their dates of service. Legislator Langley noted there are only three legislators that have served 20 years or more: Donald Garrant (Area 10), Samuel Trombley (Area 2) and Richard Perry (Area 8). Legislator Langley suggested plaques commemorating these Legislators names and dates of service be installed at their former seats in the Legislative Chambers. The Legislature concurred with Legislator Langley.

Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Keenan to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Keenan motioned to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer