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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Monday, November 21, 2016 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Simon Conroy, Area 4
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Jonathan Beach, Area 2

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

Chairperson McManus 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 Beach asked to be excused.

Chairperson McManus asked to immediately proceed with Resolution #835 titled, "Appointing Simon Conroy as a Member of the Clinton County Legislature." Chairperson McManus invited John Zurlo, the County Clerk, to administer the Oath of Appointment of Legislator Conroy. Legislator Hall motioned to approve Resolution #835, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (8-0-1). (Area Seat 4 Vacant).

Chairperson McManus congratulated Simon Conroy for being elected as Area 4 County Legislator.

Chairperson McManus continued with the regular Order of Business.

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

Two employees were honored with plaques to commemorate thirty years of service to Clinton County. Joseph Musso, Senior Probation Officer, in the Probation Department was presented with a plaque from Legislator Robert Hall. Jean Rascoe, Accountant, in the Legislative Office was presented a plaque from Legislator Conroy and Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator.

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Legislature.

Sara Rowden, former Legislator of Area 4, thanked the current Legislators for their service. Ms. Rowden requested that all Legislators serving at the time the approval was granted to move the Clinton County Airport to the former Air Force Base be included in the Open House of Plattsburgh International Airport.

Chairperson McManus thanked Legislator Sara Rowden for filling in during this vacancy and noted her contribution in establishing the Occupancy Tax.

Julianna Jackson, a Clinton Community College faculty member, thanked the Legislature for their ongoing support of Clinton Community College. Ms. Jackson listed the accolades bestowed on Clinton Community College.

Windsor Brooklyn, a Clinton Community College student, provided the significance of the professors slated to be laid off. Ms. Brooklyn proposed to have students become involved to increase enrollment at Clinton Community College to help the economic situation.

Jessica Rigby, a Clinton Community College student, reiterated that the two professors are important to Clinton Community College.

Marvin Shaw, a Clinton Community College student, stated he was shocked and dismayed by

the retrenchment at Clinton Community College resulting in the laying off of two professors. Mr. Shaw requested that the Legislators ask the Clinton Community College Board of Trustees to reconsider their decision.

Forest Studebaker, a resident of Cumberland Head, stated he wanted to encourage the Clinton Community College Board to reconsider the way that decisions are made to lay off faculty.

Allison Milbourne, a Clinton Community College student, expressed the reasons why Professor Sami is so important to her and the College.

Jonathan Simons, a Clinton Community College student and Student Trustee for the Board of Directors, stated that Professor Sami counseled the Senate and spends extra time to provide as much assistance and support to the students as possible.

There being no one else who wished to address the Legislature, the Chairperson moved on to Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1st at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported Resolutions #840 and #841 were approved at the November 9th Committee meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee began review of the 2017 Recommended Budget last Thursday, November 17th and will meet again this evening at 7:45 p.m.

The public hearing on the 2017 Budget will be held Wednesday, December 7th at 7 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

Human Services Committee - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday, December 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Personnel Committee met at 5:30 p.m. on November 15th, 2016 and reviewed 14 items. There are 14 resolutions on the agenda that reflect the Committee's recommendations. All positions fell within the criteria designated by the Finance Committee: 1.) Revenue producing positions, 2.) Necessary for Public Safety and 3.) 100 percent Grant funded.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier in the day and discussed Resolutions #856 through #862 on the agenda.

The Airport Manager reported that the Air Service Marketing Study being conducted by Sixel Associates is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

The escalators and baggage carousels are the only major items that remain incomplete, and these items are expected to be accomplished before the end of the year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 28th at 5:15 p.m.

Legislator Hall noted when renovations are complete at the Plattsburgh International Airport and an Open House is scheduled, past Legislators will be invited.

Chairman McManus stated that he and Legislator Conroy toured the Plattsburgh International Airport last week and reminded all Legislators that Chris Kreig, the Airport Manager, is ready to accommodate any tours.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported Resolutions #863 through #878 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee met Monday, November 14th and discussed Resolutions #879 through #883.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Dame reported he was unable to attend the Board of Trustees meeting due to a schedule conflict. Legislator Rosenquest reported he did attend the meeting, and there is churn about the retrenchment and budget balancing issues. He stated that Forest Studebaker had a good point that the Trustees and the Faculty Association at Clinton Community College could work better together. Legislator Rosenquest feels that with a little more cooperation and communication, their working relationship could improve, and he feels optimistic about the future of Clinton Community College.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met last Thursday in Warren County and visited Angio Dynamics which produces and invents all types of catheters.

Ms. Waldron reported Intercounty is thankful for the legislation that Clinton County adopted regarding motorized access into the Boreas property.

Ms. Waldron stated Intercounty will be introducing a similar resolution, to Clinton County’s “Requesting the New York State Bureau of EMS not eliminate the EMT-CC Level of Certification” and will be adopting this at the next meeting.

Chairperson McManus stated he received a letter from Intercounty thanking the Clinton County Legislature for this resolution.

Soil and Water – Legislators Dyer and Timmons

Legislator Dyer reported the pit at Fesette’s is 95 percent complete. He and Legislator Timmons attended a Water Quality Coordinating meeting. Legislator Timmons reported there was discussion on how the State Beach can remain open, but not the City Beach. They believe the problem is not a human contaminate, they believe it is animal contaminate (the feathered kind, not the hoofed kind).

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

James Coffey, the County Attorney, requested the Legislature enter into Executive Session to discuss the Turtle Island Litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

The County Administrator did not have a report.

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

Resolutions #836 through #892 were approved.

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

Resolutions #893 and #894 were approved.

Legislator Dyer asked to discuss a Section 75 proceeding in Executive Session.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. to discuss Turtle Island Litigation and a Section 75 matter, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Keenan motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. and return to Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

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

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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