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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, October 12, 2016 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: 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
Sara Rowden, Area 4
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
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

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.

Legislator Keenan motioned to accept the minutes of the September 28th Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Legislature. There being no one who wished to do so, the Chairperson moved onto Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier this evening.

The Committee discussed the status of current and past Master Plan Projects and was provided with an update on the Elevator Project from James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

Resolution #705 on the agenda will authorize a contract amendment with K & L Plumbing and Heating, Inc.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee met Thursday, October 6th. The Committee discussed several issues: the Families First Prevention Services Act, temporary housing audits, the State takeover of Medicaid and Federal child care mandates. The Committee also discussed opioid statistics. The County Coroner, David Donah, and the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, John Redden, were present to discuss this issue.

Resolution #706 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd at 6:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee - Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the County Operations Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #707 through #709.

Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee met Tuesday, October 11th.

Caitlin Wargo and Jamie Rogers of the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) were present to discuss programs offered by their organization and to request funding for ANCA in the 2017 County budget.

The Committee further reviewed Tobacco Settlement funding requests. Resolution #755 has been included on tonight's agenda for action under Waive Rule 13.2 to approve funding for eight of the nine requests, though several of the requests were only partially funded.

Lastly, the Committee discussed the future of the Committee and the legislative role in economic development and have recommended to the Chairperson that the activities of the Committee be transferred to the County Operations Committee and that the consolidated Committee be renamed, "Economic Development and County Operations Committee." Chairperson McManus accepted the recommendation and indicated he would implement it in the near future.

Finance Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, October 5th. Several individuals presented requests for Tobacco Settlement funding.

Lisa Shovan, the Officer in Charge at Clinton Community College, provided a presentation regarding the George Moore Building Capital Project.

Representatives from Casella Waste Management were present to discuss a lease extension agreement and SEQRA Resolution for the landfill.

Resolutions #711 through #714 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 5th was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolution #719 on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd following the Finance Committee meeting.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Personnel Committee met October 3rd and reviewed eight items. The two creations of new positions are for temporary positions in Emergency Services and the Board of Elections. Also, the legislative directive regarding personnel requests through 2016 has been implemented.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the escalators have been delivered, and they should be up and running in the near future. The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Beach

Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown reported on behalf of Legislator Beach. The Public Safety Committee met Tuesday, October 11th. Resolutions #729 through #735 and Resolution #754 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation. Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director and Aaron LeFebvre from the Sheriff's Department were present to discuss several items.

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

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee met Thursday, October 6th.

Resolutions #736 through #747 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The Committee discussed the removal of the Kent Falls Road Bridge. Members of the Saranac River Trail Committee were present to discuss the ongoing Saranac River Greenway Initiative and their possible interest in the use of the Kent Falls Road Bridge. The Committee concluded the County should proceed with its efforts to secure funding for the removal of the bridge and preserve the right-of-way for possible future installation of a pedestrian bridge as part of the Saranac River Trail.

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Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Chamber of Commerce met October 8th to discuss issues of increasing tourist traffic in downtown Plattsburgh and raising awareness for Small Business Saturday. The next meeting will be held Friday, November 4th.

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Dame reported the community is awaiting the selection of the future president of Clinton Community College. The announcement will be made public after it gets to SUNY Central on November 3rd.

Community Services Board – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden stated following the election next month, she will no longer be serving as Legislator. She stated she feels it is very important for the Legislature to continue having a liaison to the Community Services Board with the widespread issues of heroin and opiate addictions in the County. Chairperson McManus noted the Legislature will continue having a liaison to the Community Services Board.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Cooperative Extension will meet Tuesday, October 18th.

Intercounty – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported Clinton County will be hosting the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2016. Members will meet at the Koffee Kat for coffee and donuts at 10 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., the group will walk to Trinity Park to begin a walking tour with Matt Boire of the Greater Adirondack Ghost & Tour Co. Mr. Boire will provide the group with a one hour, fifteen-minute tour, “Dr. Beaumont’s Tour of Terror” in Downtown Plattsburgh (weather permitting). If there is inclement weather, Mr. Boire will speak to the group in the Legislative Chambers. Lunch will follow at the Valcour Brewing Company (49 Ohio Avenue). Legislator Waldron asked Legislators to RSVP to the Legislative Office staff by Friday, October 21st.

Soil and Water – Legislators Dyer and Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Soil and Water is looking into flooding issues on County roads in Harkness.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Workforce Development Board meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, November 10th.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

James Coffey, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss IKO Manufacturing which manufactured shingles that have been installed on a County-owned building, Champlain Center North, LLC vs. Town of Plattsburgh, CSEA contract negotiations and an update on the Risetto litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

The County Administrator did not have a report.

Chairperson’s Report – Legislator Harry McManus

The Chairperson 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 #705 through #753 were approved.

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

Resolution #754 was approved.

Resolution #755 titled, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate and Transfer Funding from the Tobacco Reserve Fund – Treasurer’s Office” was moved by Legislator Dame and seconded by Legislator Rowden.

Discussion: Legislator Dyer stated he had issues with item 1 (Cornell Cooperative Extension’s kitchen renovations, item 6 (Clinton Community College’s medical supplies and safety equipment) and item 7 (Clinton Community College’s CPR/AED Training). Legislator Dyer asked if the requests would be discussed separately or one by one. Legislator Dyer stated he was not in favor of Cornell Cooperative Extension’s kitchen renovation or Clinton Community College’s two requests. He believes the College’s items could be funded some other way (fundraisers, etc.).

Mr. Zurlo stated the motion on the floor was to move these as a whole package. Legislator Dyer stated he would vote no on the Resolution. Legislator Hall stated it was the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendation to move the full package forward. Legislator Rosenquest stated there would be no problem voting on individual requests one by one in the future.

Resolution #755 was approved by a vote of 8-1-1 (Legislator Dyer voted no).

Resolution #756 was approved.

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Waldron motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rowden. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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