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STATE OF NEW YORK)

October 3, 2018

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, September 26, 2018 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2 (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)  
Simon Conroy, Area 4  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Mark Henry, Area 3  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. 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 Rosenquest was excused. Legislator Beach was in route to the meeting.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2018 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (8-0-2).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Geoffrey Barker addressed the Legislature. After reading past minutes of the County Legislature's Regular Sessions, he complimented Legislator Conroy for recognizing Volo Aviation as the best Fixed Base Operator (FBO) for anticipated growth at Plattsburgh International Airport. However, the selection was made for a new startup FBO as it would "keep the County's best interest in mind." He stated there is an understanding among many people in the aviation community that the bid was awarded using wrongfully-obtained data that prejudiced Volo Aviation and gave an unfair advantage to the selected Fixed Base Operator. He feels the two current FBO contracts should be rescinded and consolidated as a single contract back to Volo Aviation. In the Essential Air Service Contract rules and regulations, the Airport is in a binding contract to have SkyWest fly 12 flights per week using the aircraft of no more than a 50 passenger seat capacity. No other medium hub airline can serve this airport. If any of the rules are broken, then the \$3.3 million Essential Air Subsidy will be lost. Mr. Barker stated with regards to Tailwinds Restaurant at the Airport, he feels it is unfair to have an arbitrary utility rate. He also feels it is unfair to accept Canadian money at par at the restaurant. He feels the small concession stand that is there now is a good option and should be continued. He asked the Legislature to cut costs and taxes, and spend within means.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, addressed the Legislature regarding the State Comptroller's recent determination of Clinton County being under "susceptible to fiscal stress designation." She reported in the past two years, Clinton County has had no designation which is the best score that counties can get (that score is 0-44). She reported this year, Clinton County's score was 45. Ms. Davis explained this was anticipated due to cash flow for the Governor's Upstate Airport Initiative Projects. She explained the County lays out the funding for the projects and is later reimbursed. She explained the Comptroller's Office only looks at the General Fund, it does not look at any Reserves or any other available funds. She anticipates a similar score next year or a slight improvement. This score does not affect the county finances or the budget. Reserves are healthy. Ms. Davis reported we could have borrowed the funds to keep our fiscal stress score low, however she would never encumber the taxpayers of the County just so we would receive a low score that only looks at one portion of our total funds. In 2018, sales tax has increased, and we will most likely end the year with an additional \$1 million or more in sales tax revenue.

## **Committee Reports**

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

Legislator Timmons reported the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Henry reported the next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Conroy reported the next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

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

Mr. Zurlo reported on behalf of Legislator Rosenquest noting the Committee was polled on Resolutions #763 and #764. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 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, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Human Services - Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 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.

The Committee received an update on the Upstate Airport Initiative Grant Projects. While a couple of projects will likely be completed shortly after the scheduled completion date, most are on schedule for completion by the end of this month or shortly into October.

The Airport Director was not in attendance at the meeting as he was in Montreal with the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce meeting with prospective tenants to hopefully fill some of our new and renovated buildings.

The new restaurant in the terminal concourse looks terrific and operations are scheduled to start on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Resolutions #765 through #769 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #778 has also been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

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

### **Public Safety Committee - Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

### **Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported Resolution #777 has been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported there was a good turnout of Legislators who attended the Ag Tour on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. He also reported he recently met with Mike Zurlo and Mary Breyette, the Executive Director of Cooperative Extension, to review Cooperative Extension's 2019 budget request.

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

Legislator Waldron reported the Joint Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met in Rochester earlier in the day. James Doan was the guest speaker who spoke regarding commercial bee keepers and the problems they have had due to pesticides.

### **Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the next meeting of the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board will be held on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Warren County Office Building.

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

Legislator Timmons reported interviews for a second Technician position will be held Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Reports**

**County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo reported he attended the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) conference Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> in Rochester, New York. One of the issues discussed was Raise the Age. Many upset people are talking about concerns with reimbursement and plans as to where these youthful offenders will be housed. The State has reassured everyone that has been accounted for in the State’s fiscal plan. Clinton County’s fiscal plan has been submitted to the State. The Raise the Age Law goes into effect on October 1, 2018.

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

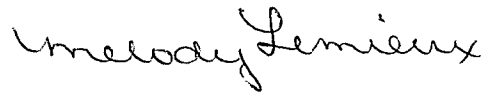
Resolutions #760 through #776 were approved.

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

Resolutions #777 through #781 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux  
Principal Stenographer

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