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September 14, 2015

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, September 9, 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

EXCUSED: Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

Chairperson Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown conducted roll call. Legislator Waldron asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the August 26th Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson Dyer stated there is a public hearing regarding proposed Local Law #3 of 2015 titled, "Amending Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2012, titled, "Amending Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2011 titled, "Amending Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2008 titled, "Clinton County Room Occupancy Tax Law." Chairperson Dyer asked Mr. Brown to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Hall motioned to open the public hearing at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Legislator Read. Carried (9-0-1). Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature regarding this Local Law. There being no one who wished to address the Legislature, Legislator Gallagher motioned to close the public hearing at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Legislator Read. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Dyer stated there was also a public hearing regarding a grant application to be submitted to the New York State Housing Trust Fund Office of Community Renewal. He asked Mr. Brown to read the notice of public hearing. Legislator Hall motioned to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Legislator Read. Carried (9-0-1). Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature regarding this grant application. There being no one who wished to address the Legislature regarding this matter, Legislator Hall motioned to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Read. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one who wished to address the Legislature, 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 at 5:15 p.m. Resolutions #616 through #619 and have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Legislator Read reported the Committee was provided with an update on the progress to repair water damages on the newly-renovated office space in the Human Services Center. Chairperson Dyer stated he and Legislator Hall met with the new State Commissioner of Social Services, Samuel Roberts, on Tuesday, September 8th, and toured the recently-renovated space. He stated he was highly impressed with the renovations.

Legislator Read reported the County is moving forward with the engineering study for the recently-acquired Arizona Avenue property.

The next meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 5:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the County Operations Committee met at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution #621 through #625 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the committee's recommendation, as well as Resolution #661 which has been placed under Waive Rule 13.2. The Committee was provided with an update on the Title VI Plan. Legislator Read thanked Rodney Brown for being willing to serve as Title VI Coordinator.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Representatives from the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce were present to present their 2016 budget request which is included on the agenda under Resolution #627.

Resolution #626 which establishes the 2015 Master Plan Projects has also been placed on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Legislator Langley stated the County Legislature recently provided First Weekends of Plattsburgh with funding from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to purchase a tent. Legislator Langley stated he was very disappointed to read in the newspaper that the tent had been intentionally cut the first time it was used, and there was no insurance on the tent. He questioned if the Legislature should ask if insurance will be placed on items such as this in the future. Legislator Gallagher reported he heard Foster's Tent is looking into making the necessary repairs to the tent.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee met Thursday, September 3rd.

Legislator Beach reported the Committee was updated on collection revenues from Mental Health and Addiction Services. The County is less in the negative than what was predicted.

Resolutions #628 through #630 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

Chairperson Dyer stated when he met with Commissioner Roberts, the Commissioner talked about having different agencies work together towards the same common goal and stressed the importance of having agencies know what is going on with other agencies. Mental illness was a large part of the discussion. Legislator Beach stated Jerie Reid is integrating information out to the community not only to include what the Health Department is doing, but what other County departments are doing as well.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met Wednesday, September 2nd. Resolutions #631 through #634 are included on the agenda.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported the Personnel Committee met at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 and reviewed 17 items. There are six new position resolutions (five of them are in the Health Department which are due to a variety of grants) which allow the positions to be fully funded and in addition, the creation of two part-time positions from one vacant full-time position representing a \$22,000 savings. There are two resolutions regarding reclassification requests, one which is fully grant funded in the Health Department and the other in Mental Health and Addiction due to a recent Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) audit. There is one resolution for a replacement position for a Nutritionist in the Health Department from part-time to full-time which is also fully funded through a grant. There are eight resolutions for backfill requests. A telephone poll may be conducted to backfill a Mental Health and Addiction Counselor, if needed, for the satellite offices.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported the next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, September 14th has been changed from 6:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Legislator Hall asked staff to inform department heads of the time change.

Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, September 14th has been moved to Tuesday, September 15th at 5:15 p.m. Resolution #653 has been placed on the agenda.

Liaison Reports

Lake Champlain/Lake George (LC/LG) Regional Planning Board – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported the LC/LG Regional Planning Board held its annual meeting last month.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

County Attorney James Coffey did not have a report.

Deputy County Administrator – Rodney Brown

Mr. Brown reported each Legislator received two Battle of Plattsburgh Admission buttons. Legislators have also been invited to the Zebulon Pike Picnic which will be held Friday, September 11th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor auditorium of City Hall.

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

Resolutions #614 through #621 were approved.

Resolution #622 titled, “Authorizing 2015 Local Waterfront Revitalization Grant Application and Acceptance – Planning Department”

Legislator McManus motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (8-0-1-1). Legislator Read abstained.

Resolution #623 titled, “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for Adirondack Wine Coast Trail Social Media Services – Planning Department”

Legislator Keenan motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (8-0-1-1). Legislator Read abstained.

Resolutions #624 through #659 were approved.

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

Resolutions #660 and #661 were approved.

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

There being no further business, Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 7:32 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer