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March 4, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Mark Dame, Area 8  
Mark Henry, Area 3  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1  
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Simon Conroy, Area 4  
Robert Hall, Area 10

VACANT: Area 2

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney  
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. Legislators Conroy and Hall asked to be excused.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo reported the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Henry reported Resolution #159 has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Mr. Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo reported Resolutions #160 and #161 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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

Legislator Rosenquest reported Resolution #162 has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Health Committee - Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Human Services - Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier. Resolutions #163 through #170 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Public Safety Committee - Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolutions #171 and #172 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Liaison Reports**

**Board of Health – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry stated the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest stated the next Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame stated the bids for the Moore Building Project came in lower than what was anticipated. Legislator Rosenquest stated \$28 million has been invested in Clinton Community College in the past four years.

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

Legislator Timmons stated Food from the Farm is scheduled for Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2 p.m. through 5 p.m. at the Plattsburgh City Recreation Gym.

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

Legislator Waldron stated Intercounty is scheduled to meet Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in St. Lawrence County. Clinton County will be hosting the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> in which a tour of Clinton Correctional Facility will take place.

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

Legislator Keenan stated the next Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.**

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations in regards to the Correction Officers' Unit.

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

Resolution #157 titled, "Authorizing Out-of-State Travel – Sheriff's Department" was moved by Legislator Henry and seconded by Legislator Keenan.

Discussion: Legislator Dame voted no on the resolution. Carried (6-1-2-1).

Resolution #158 titled, "A Resolution Opposing the Proposed and Amended Executive State Budget Impacting Aid and Incentives to Municipalities and State Cost Shifts to Counties – Legislature" was moved by Legislator McManus and seconded by Legislator Dame.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this issue is a result in Governor Cuomo's 30-day amendments. He stated the Governor zeroed out the Aid to Municipalities (AIM) in his original proposal for towns and villages which resulted in uproar in certain towns, villages and some cities. The Governor's solution in the 30-day amendments was that County government should make up the difference using any potential gains they would see in enhanced internet sales tax. Mr. Zurlo stated it is another unfunded mandate should that happen. He stated if the Governor wishes to fund AIM, he should do so with State money. The State would also generate hundreds of millions of dollars in internet sales tax. The total for Clinton County in the amount of \$428,881 is the combined loss of AIM if it were zeroed out. Mr. Zurlo stated County governments do support AIM as a viable program and want the funding stream to remain where it is. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Resolutions #159 through #161 were approved.

Resolution #162 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. – Solid Waste" was moved by Legislator Rosenquest and seconded by Legislator Henry.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the cost for the corrective measures comes from the Landfill Reserve, not from the tax levy. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Resolutions #163 through #178 were approved.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Legislator Dame motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (7-0-2-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Waldron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell  
Senior Stenographer

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