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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January 25, 2012 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2  
Robert Butler, Area 6  
Samuel Dyer, Area 3  
Robert Heins, Area 10  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
James Langley, Jr., Chairperson, Area 7  
Harry McManus, Area 1  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Sara Rowden, Area 4

EXCUSED: John Gallagher, Area 9

ALSO PRESENT: Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
William Favreau, County Attorney  
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Langley called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

Legislator Butler offered a motion to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2012 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 9-0-1).

Legislator Butler presented the 2011 Off Track Betting Scholarship Award to Stephanie Omlin who is currently attending Plattsburgh State University.

Legislator McManus introduced Alexa King from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Ms. King distributed the calendar and annual report for Clinton County Cooperative Extension. This highlights Cooperative Extension's proudest achievements for 2011 and provides future events.

Chairperson Langley asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one to address the Legislature, Chairperson Langley called for standing committee and liaison reports.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Buildings and Grounds – Legislator Dyer**

Legislator Dyer reported that he spoke with James Cleveland, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. The sprinkler heads at the Department of Social Services and the renovations in the men's bathroom at the Old Courthouse have been completed.

#### **County Operations – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the next County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Finance – Legislator Rowden**

Legislator Rowden reported the next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was rescheduled from Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> due to Legislators attending the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) 2012 Legislative Conference.

#### **Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Heins**

Legislator Heins reported on the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting that took place today at 5:15 p.m. McFarland-Johnson, Inc. and URS delivered a presentation regarding the Terminal Expansion Project. Legislator Heins reported that the parking proposal will be submitted for Environmental Assessment to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Included in the proposal are a parking garage and additional surface parking. The decision regarding the selection of a parking garage or expanded surface parking does not have to be made at this point, but it is better to include it all now than have to revisit it in the future.

Legislator Heins reported there was discussion about the entrance and egress to Route 22. The two options presented were 1) a lighted facility with a stop light, and 2) a roundabout. After further discussion of pros and cons, to include cost and traffic movement, the consensus of the Committee was made to select the roundabout.

Legislator Heins reported that some of the interior design of the Terminal Building was changed to have one large hold room in the concourse rather than have separate rooms for passengers to wait to board aircraft. There was discussion on the external design of the Terminal Building which fits in well with what the facility looks like now.

Legislator Heins reported that shuttle service to Montreal was discussed. There was discussion on the renovation of Nose Docks #1 and #2. The final enplanements for 2011 were approximately 138,000, which is up approximately 45 percent from 2010.

Legislator Heins will schedule an orientation at the Plattsburgh International Airport for new legislators. A date will be announced at the Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Session.

### **Transportation – Legislator McManus**

Legislator McManus reported the next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. Legislators have been provided with a copy of the January, 2012 Highway Report.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rowden**

Legislator Rowden reported the arts community is coordinating with the Plattsburgh International Airport and the Business Bureau in writing grants which would involve displaying art work at the Plattsburgh International Airport.

Legislator Rowden reported that Shelly Powers of the Chamber of Commerce asked that she distribute to Legislators the brochure for the Adirondack Coast. Ms. Powers stated that emphasis is being placed on the Battle of 1812 which will have its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported that he plans to introduce himself to Clinton Community College President John Jablonski in the near future.

### **Board of Health – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported that the Board of Health is considering expanding the Board to include restaurant owners and those involved in construction or industrial fields. The Smoking Policy was discussed at the meeting.

### **InterCounty – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported that he attended the InterCounty Committee meeting in Ford Edward in Washington County on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. He stated the Committee has much respect for Sam Trombley.

## **Soil and Water – Legislator Dyer**

Legislator Dyer reported that District Manager Steve Mahoney will be retiring. The new District Manager, Sarah Fitzwater, will be completing wetland determinations on farms.

Legislator Dyer reported the New York State Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement and Control Grant for \$1.75 million on four farms was submitted. The farms include Adirondack, Remillard, Hiddenview and Sunderland.

Legislator Dyer reported the 2012 Annual Work Plan was approved. Tom Everett agreed to serve for another three-year term pending reappointment by the Clinton County Legislature.

Legislator Rowden reported that she had been on the Soil and Water Committee since becoming a Legislator. She stated Steve Mahoney is an amazing man and is incredibly knowledgeable and respected throughout New York State.

## **Staff Reports**

County Attorney William Favreau requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, and he invited County Treasurer Joseph Giroux to attend.

Mr. Brown reported that Legislators have information regarding the NYSAC Conference included in their packets. He requested that any Legislators who have questions or changes regarding the NYSAC Conference to contact Kathy Brown in the Legislative Office.

Mr. Brown requested an Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations with the CSEA Unit and a matter regarding the proposed sale of real property.

There being no further business, Chairperson Langley moved onto resolutions. The following resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #35 through #61 were approved.

Resolution #62 titled, "Approving Appointments to the Nursing Home Advisory Board"

Legislator Keenan motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Heins. (Carried 9-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Butler requested that Shirley Otten be removed from the resolution. (Carried 9-0-1).

Legislator Heins commended Legislator Dame for appointing Sally Sears-Mack to the Nursing Home Advisory Board.

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

Resolution #63 was approved.

Mr. Brown stated that he needed a formal recommendation from the Legislature with regard to Essential Air Service at the Plattsburgh International Airport. Sovereign Air, Inc. and Air Choice One do not meet the requirements of the Request for Proposals (RFPs) due to 1) their lack of an operating certificate for commercial service, and 2) they propose to serve a small hub airport instead of a medium or large hub airport. The only airline that met all requirements of the RFP was Pen Air. Mr. Brown stated that Pen Air has the strongest proposal based on the times of the flights as well as the Boston destination. A recommendation needs to be provided to the Federal Department of Transportation by Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. It was the consensus of the Legislature to recommend Pen Air.

Legislator Butler motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Legislators Beach and Dyer. (Carried 9-0-1).

Legislator Heins motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:26 p.m., seconded by Legislator Beach. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson Langley asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

There being no further business, Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Beach to adjourn Regular Session at 8:27 p.m., seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanene Bell  
Senior Stenographer