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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held on Monday, December 23, 2013 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

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

EXCUSED: John Gallagher, Area 9

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

Chairperson Langley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. Legislator Gallagher asked to be excused.

Legislator Butler offered a motion to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2013 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson Langley asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Joseph Musso, Senior Probation Officer and President of the Civil Services Employees' Association (CSEA) Union, said goodbye to Legislators Butler, Heins and Rowden. He thanked them for their time and effort in providing services to the citizens of Clinton County. He stated that the Union extends its appreciation as well.

William Rowden, residing in Plattsburgh, New York, thanked the Legislature for everything it has done. He thanked Legislators for supporting his wife, Legislator Sara Rowden, professionally and personally, especially when she was dealing with medical issues.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported that Resolution #1022 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported that "Get to Know Your Local Health Department" scheduled on Monday, December 16th in the second floor meeting room at the Old Courthouse Building was well received.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Mr. Zurlo reported the Personnel Committee met to discuss Personnel Director Alan Gibson's replacement after his retirement. Mr. Zurlo requested an Executive Session to discuss this matter further.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Heins

Legislator Heins reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met today at 5:15 p.m.

Legislator Heins congratulated Airport Manager Chris Kreig and his staff in dealing with the recent ice storm which resulted in the temporary closure of the Airport.

Legislator Heins reported on Resolution #1036 on the agenda which will approve the redesignation of an additional term in the 2014 Military Airport Program (MAP). He reported that if the application is approved, the Plattsburgh International Airport will be the only Airport in the country to be accepted to the fourth round of funding.

Legislator Heins reported that Resolution #1037 on the agenda will approve Supplemental Lease Agreement #1 with the United States Treasury. He sees a positive future with the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Legislator Heins stated that he sees a bright future ahead for the Plattsburgh International Airport.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden provided copies of the Do North magazine which is produced by the Plattsburgh State University College Journalism class.

Community Services – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported that the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center will remain open for inpatient care for adults. Services will be developed for children and adolescents. The increased need remains for services within the communities due to the closing of other psychiatric centers. It is hoped that money saved from the closures will be reinvested into the communities. Legislator Rowden feels that a liaison with the County and the Community Services Board is a critical part of County services.

Soil and Water – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Rowden reported that the Soil and Water Committee met Thursday, December 19th. She stated she is very impressed with the new leadership. Soil and Water is working with agriculture and tourism.

Legislator Dyer reported that Casella Waste Systems, Inc. will be contacting Soil and Water with dates to move the ag-plastic bales off farms to the Clinton County Landfill.

Staff Reports

County Attorney William Favreau requested an Executive Session to discuss a pending litigation matter.

Mr. Zurlo requested an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Chairperson Langley reported that the Office of Emergency Services did a great job during the recent ice storm. New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) did an outstanding job with 90 crews in Clinton County. Chairperson Langley stated that he received a call from the Governor's Office in which a number of individuals were teleconferenced. He noted there were many generators available for farms so that milking could continue.

Legislator Butler praised Chairperson Langley in serving 13 years with distinction and by providing outstanding leadership by example. He stated the Chairperson has been apolitical and highly effective. Legislator Butler thanked Chairperson Langley for his class leadership. He praised Legislators Heins and Rowden who have been role models in what a Legislature is and should be in the future. He stated that these individuals are outstanding Legislators and people. He praised Mr. Favreau's work which has been outstanding and highly noted. Legislator Butler stated that politics was tossed out of this Legislature 13 years ago. He hopes the new Board remains apolitical.

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

Resolutions #1022 and #1023 were approved.

Resolution #1024 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Behavioral Health Services North (BHSN), Inc. – Social Services"

Discussion: Legislator Rowden reported that she wrote the State grant referenced in this resolution in the 1980s. (Carried 9-0-1).

Resolutions #1025 through #1035 were approved.

Resolution #1036 titled, "Authorizing Consultant Agreement with C & S Engineers, Inc. for Engineering Services to Prepare Application for Military Airport Program (MAP) – Plattsburgh International Airport"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported that this resolution changed from earlier this evening in Committee, in that the contract amount reflects the words "Not to Exceed" \$9,700 which affords County staff to negotiate with the engineering company. (Carried 9-0-1).

Resolutions #1037 through #1039 were approved.

Resolution #1040 titled, "Adopting Clinton County Department of Probation/ATI Firearms Policy and Procedures – Probation Department" was withdrawn. (Carried 9-0-1).

Resolutions #1041 through #1047 were approved.

Resolution #1048 titled, "A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$108,917 Serial Bonds of the County of Clinton, New York, to Pay Part of the Cost of Improvements at the Plattsburgh International Airport, In and For Said County"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported that this resolution authorizes the County to pay the local share of smaller Capital Projects listed within the resolution that have been previously approved by the Legislature. (Carried 9-0-1).

Resolution #1049 titled, "A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Serial Bonds of the County of Clinton, New York, to Pay the Cost of the Reconstruction of County-Owned Buildings and for Said County"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported that this resolution authorizes the establishment of the current Master Plan. (Carried 9-0-1).

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

Resolutions #1050 and #1051 were approved.

Legislator Heins addressed each Legislator, the County Attorney, the County Administrator and the Deputy County Administrator. Legislator Heins stated it has been a pleasure to serve with these individuals, including previous Legislators Defayette, Paquette, Walker, Trombley, Giroux and Sears. He stated the time he has served as Legislator has been fun and positive, mostly because the Board has served

in an apolitical manner. The Board has worked for its constituents, and politics do not play a part in decision making.

Legislator Rowden addressed the Legislature stating that serving on the Board has been an incredibly great and positive experience. She stated that this type of Board is what the constituents of Clinton County want. She thanked Joe Lotemplio from the Press Republican in helping her to reach out to the community when she was going through her medical issues.

Chairperson Langley stated that he wrote letters to Legislators Butler, Heins and Rowden thanking them for their service as County Legislators.

Legislator Dame addressed the Legislature stating that it has been a pleasure to work with such a professional Board. He praised Legislator Rowden for her optimism, Legislator Butler for his legendary service and Legislator Heins for his professionalism and gentle demeanor.

Legislator McManus motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Legislator Beach. (Carried 9-0-1).

Legislator Beach motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. (Carried 9-0-1).

Resolutions #1052 through #1054 were approved.

Mr. Zurlo reminded Legislators that the Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 2nd at 5:15 p.m. Legislators were asked to arrive at 4:30 p.m. as the group photo will be taken. Dinner will follow at Anthony's Restaurant after the meeting.

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 8:08 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rowden. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell
Senior Stenographer