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February 27, 2017

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, February 22, 2017 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

EXCUSED: Simon Conroy, Area 4
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator

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. Legislators Conroy and Dyer were excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (8-0-2).

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee was polled on Resolution #154 which has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee was polled on Resolution #116 which has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th at 6 p.m.

Finance – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1st at 6:15 p.m.

Personnel – Legislator Dyer

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, reported the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier this evening and discussed the Terminal Building Expansion, airlines and tenants. Resolutions #117 through #127 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety – Legislator Conroy

Mr. Zurlo reported Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Legal Defense, discussed Assigned Council. Resolution #128 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

David Marcoux, the Director of Probation, discussed the Quarterly Grant Report. Resolution #129 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Information was provided to the Committee on Uncollected Funds from the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Zurlo noted further details will become available. Resolutions #130 through #134 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Resolutions #135 through #139 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee for the District Attorney's Office.

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, discussed the FEMA Emergency Operation Center Seismic Assessment Program. Resolutions #140 through #143 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the committee discussed the Bridge NY program, a two-year program providing \$100 million each year for deficient bridges. The committee explored how the County can best maximize opportunities to have projects selected for funding.

A financial update was provided for Clinton County Public Transportation (CCPT) for the year ending 2016. A shortfall in revenues was expected requiring more County contribution. However, the total amount won't be determined until the final clean-up payment for 2016 is received from New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). Recommendations to increase revenues and decrease expenses will be provided at the March or April meeting.

Resolutions #144 through #150 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Legislator Timmons reported the next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for

Monday, March 13th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2017 at 8 a.m.

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame, Rosenquest

Legislator Dame reported there is a Progress Update and Tour of the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing on Monday, February 27 at 3:30 pm.

Mr. Zurlo reported Clinton Community College President Ray DiPasquale will be in attendance at the next Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 which would allow for the Legislators who have not yet met him to do so.

Legislator Rosenquest reported there has been progress on filling the Clinton Community College Board of Trustee vacancy, and the appointment will be on the next Regular Session meeting agenda. Legislator Rosenquest stated he will be in attendance when President Pasquale meets with the Presidential Search Committee for breakfast on March 9, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons distributed a brochure on *Food from the Farm*. Legislator Timmons reported Paul O'Connor from Cornell University was in attendance at the Cooperative Extension meeting, and he received a brief orientation. Legislator Timmons stated Mr. O'Connor helped with the Cooperative Extension's accreditation process this year and Mary Breyette's appointment as Executor Director.

InterCounty – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd in Greenwich, New York, which is located in Washington County.

Soil and Water - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the end-of year finances have been completed for 2016.

Staff Reports

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss the two litigations: the Risetto matter and the Mountain Lake Electric matter.

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

Resolutions #116 through #141 were approved.

Resolution #142, titled "Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues – Emergency Services"

Legislator Timmons asked to abstain from the vote. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Resolutions #143 through #153 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolution #154 was approved.

Resolution #155 titled, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation from the Probation Department’s Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Reserve Account – Probation Department”

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this resolution provides funding for a previously approved Resolution that authorizes the project.

Resolution #156 was approved.

Chairperson McManus asked if there was anything further to come before the Legislature. Legislator Timmons reported he attended the Champlain Valley Technical Education Center (CVTEC) Partnership Day and was very impressed with what is transpiring.

Chairperson McManus entertained a motion from Legislator Hall to enter into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss the above-mentioned issues, seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (8-0-2).

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator