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March 4, 2014

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, February 26, 2014 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Samuel Dyer, Area 3, Chairperson  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
James Langley, Jr., Area 7  
Harry McManus, Area 1  
Colin Read, Area 4  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: John Gallagher, Area 9

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
James Coffey, County Attorney  
Katherine Brown, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Legislator Keenan motioned to accept the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Beach. (Carried 9-0-1).

Legislator McManus presented an Off-Track Betting Scholarship Award in the amount of \$500 to Patricia Coupal who attends Plattsburgh State University College. Ms. Coupal is a 2013 high school graduate of Northeastern Clinton Central School.

Chairperson Dyer asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature. There being no one 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 next meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo reported the Surrogate Building's Exterior Ramp Project is completed.

#### **Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the next meeting of the Children and Family Services Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **County Operations Committee – Legislator Read**

Legislator Read reported the next meeting of the County Operations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

#### **Finance Committee – Legislator Dame**

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

#### **Health Committee – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported the next meeting of the Health Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan**

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

### **Personnel Committee – Mr. Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo reported Resolution #156 is included on the agenda for the Department of Social Services as a result of a poll of the Personnel Committee.

### **Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Langley**

Legislator Langley reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier this evening. Resolutions #157 through #162 are included on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. A presentation was made by the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce regarding Airport marketing and development. The Committee discussed the need for new de-icing equipment.

### **Public Safety Committee – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. He stated the railroad situation in Plattsburgh and throughout Clinton County will be included on the agenda for discussion. A Disaster Response Plan must be developed to insure safety in our communities.

### **Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus**

Legislator McManus reported the next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. He stated Interstate 98 will be discussed at the meeting. A resolution will be provided for consideration by the Committee, and then for future consideration by the full Board.

## **Liaison Reports**

### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Read**

Legislator Read reported he has attended a few meetings of the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee. He also reported the Legislative Breakfast Forum, sponsored by the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Plattsburgh.

### **Community Services – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported he was unable to attend the Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, but he will provide a report to the Legislature upon receipt of the meeting minutes.

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

Legislator Beach reported the Board of Health met Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Resolution #153 on the agenda will authorize the appointment of Dr. Kathleen Camelo to the Board of Health. Legislator Beach stated he and Mr. Zurlo will meet with the Board of Health on Wednesday and Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, regarding the Health Department's national accreditation site visit which will establish Clinton County as a leader in New York State. He noted only one other county in the State has achieved this status.

### **Intercounty – Legislator Langley**

Legislator Langley reported the next meeting of the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled for Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> in Essex County.

### **Soil and Water Conservation District – Legislator Read**

Legislator Read reported the February, 2014 meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation District was cancelled.

### **Grievance Committee – Legislator Langley**

Legislator Langley reported a meeting of the Grievance Committee is scheduled for Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the Personnel Office Conference Room.

### **Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Read**

Legislator Read reported the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has not met this year. He reported, however, that he will take part in WIB's contract negotiations. Mr. Zurlo indicated he has contacted Social Services Commissioner John Redden regarding this matter.

### **Staff Reports**

County Attorney James Coffey requested an executive session regarding a number of legal matters, many of which pertain to the County Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Zurlo reported he provided all Legislators with a copy of a memorandum from the New York State Association of Counties regarding lowering New York State's property tax burden.

The following Resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #153 through #158 were approved.

Resolution #159 titled, "Authorizing Contract with S & L Electric, Inc. – Plattsburgh International Airport" was withdrawn.

Resolutions #160 through #171 were approved.

Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Langley to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Beach. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #172 was approved.

Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Hall to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss matters of pending litigation regarding Bradley, Greenpoint Assets, Turtle Island Trust, and Filion matters, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator McManus to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business, Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Hall to adjourn Regular Session at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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