

Chairperson Harry McManus called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. All legislators were present.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to accept the minutes of the December 27, 2017 Regular Session and the minutes of the January 3, 2018 Organizational Meeting, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-0) Vacancy – Area 3.

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Legislature.

Joey Trombley of Chazy, New York, addressed the Legislature regarding the vacancy in Legislative Area 3. Mr. Trombley respectfully requested the Legislature consider holding a special election (rather than appointing an individual) to fill the vacancy of Legislative Area 3, vacated when Sam Dyer was elected Beekmantown Town Supervisor. He asked that the Legislature allow the residents of Area 3 to decide who should represent them.

Cathy Devins, Chazy Town Board member, also requested a special election so the people could decide who should represent them.

Terry Sears of Chazy, New York also stated he feels the people of Area 3 should be allowed to choose their next Legislative representative.

There being no one further who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson McManus moved on to committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Robert Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Committee met earlier and Chris Kreig, the Airport Manager, discussed Essential Air Service proposals in executive session. Resolution #25 and Resolutions #32 through #35 under Waive Rule 13.2 have been placed upon the agenda.

Legislator Hall reported all legislators voted to recommend SkyWest Airlines to the United States Department of Transportation as Plattsburgh International Airport's Essential Air Service provider. Legislator Hall noted the hiring of Jack Penning of Volaire Aviation was essential in the search for an airline with a wide selection of connecting flights. He reported there were six airlines that submitted proposals for Essential Air Services. Legislator Hall noted that SkyWest Airlines will be branded United Express and as such will have tremendous connectivity out of Dulles. Legislator Hall thanked Chris Krieg, the Airport Manager, Jack Penning, the Legislators, Michael Zurlo and Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown for their efforts in bringing this project to fruition.

Legislator Conroy congratulated Legislator Hall for his efforts in making this project a reality. He noted this is incredible news for Clinton County and the residents of northern New York.

Legislator Dame reported this proposal justifies the \$40 million investment the Legislators voted on years ago. He added, if approved by the New York Department of Transportation, it will help to grow the business community for Plattsburgh, as well as the economy of Plattsburgh. Additionally, it will help pay and fund airport operations through parking and facility charges. He congratulated Legislator Hall in suggesting the County hire a consultant in the search for a new airline and reported if this comes to fruition, this definitely will be money well spent.

Chairperson McManus reported he has been involved with the Plattsburgh International Airport since 2007, and this is a culmination of 10-15 years of dedication. He noted the efforts of Plattsburgh International Airport Committee Chairperson Robert Hall, former Plattsburgh International Airport Committee Chairperson, Robert Heins, former Clinton County Chairperson James Langley, along with Chris Kreig, the Airport Manager, who have been dedicated in the pursuit of this acquisition, so Clinton County residents have access to the flights of major carriers.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

Mr. Coffey requested an executive session to discuss Opioid Litigation and the Associated Builders, Inc. and Luck Brothers, Inc. versus Clinton County regarding the Plattsburgh International Airport litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report

There being no further business to come before the Board, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted unless otherwise noted:

Resolutions #10 through #26 were approved.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-0) Vacancy – Area 3.

Resolutions #27 through #34 were approved.

Resolution #35 titled, “Awarding Bid for Renovation of Three Multi-Purpose Buildings Project and Renovation of Two Industrial Buildings Project – Upstate Airport Initiative (UAI) Bid Package No. 5 – Plattsburgh International Airport” Carried (9-0-0) Vacancy – Area 3.

Legislator Rosenquest expressed concern not because of the project, but because of the monies that have been committed to this project and the project bid coming in over the amount of the monies allocated to the project.

Resolution #36 was approved.

After Chairperson McManus asked if there were any other public comments, Randy Trombley of Plattsburgh, New York, inquired if SkyWest Airlines would be travelling to Dulles Airport or Reagan National Airport. Chairperson McManus replied Dulles Airport.

Legislator Keenan motioned to enter into executive session at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-0) Vacancy – Area 3.

Legislator Hall motioned to exit executive session at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (9-0-0) Vacancy – Area 3.

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-0) Vacancy – Area 3.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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