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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Chairperson, Area 3
John Gallagher, Area 9
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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
James Coffey, County Attorney
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

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

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

Legislator Gallagher motioned to accept the minutes of the January 14th Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

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 Resolution #65 has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 5th was cancelled.

Mr. Zurlo reported Governor Andrew Cuomo included funding in his proposed budget for Juvenile Jurisdiction, which increases the age of criminology to 18 years of age. The concern is that County Government may realize increased costs for the Department of Social Services and the Probation Department. Mr. Zurlo reported he wants to be sure costs will not be mandated for local taxpayers if the Bill does pass.

Legislator Waldron reported she spoke to Mark Lavigne, Deputy Director of New York Association of Counties (NYSAC), in regards to this issue. Mr. Lavigne stated it is proposed that non-violent offenders under 18 years of age will be placed on probation.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported Resolutions #51 and #64 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 5th was cancelled. Resolutions will be polled Friday, February 6th and placed on the Wednesday, February 11th Regular Session agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported Resolutions #52 and #63 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Langley

Legislator Langley reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier. An update was provided regarding the construction of the Terminal Building. There was discussion on the rental car parking lot being relocated closer to the Terminal building and the rehabilitation of a building for detailing and washing the vehicles. Legislator Langley reported additional revenue has been received for the flight line renovations, as well as renovations to Building #2774 through New York State Grant monies.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported the next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Community Services – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Community Services Board met Tuesday, January 27th. The Board reviewed budget components for Community Services.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported Amy Ivy remains the Interim Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Clinton County. There are two more interviews scheduled for the Director of Cooperative Extension.

Intercounty – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met in Little Falls, New York at the Overlook Mansion. Mark Lavigne of NYSAC updated the Committee on the

State-of-the-State address. Legislator Waldron reported Vincent Bono from Herkimer County is the new Chairperson of the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks.

Legislator Waldron reported broadband will become available to areas that do not have access to internet service. She asked Legislators to compile a list of roads within their districts that do not have service.

Mr. Zurlo reported broadband is included in the proposed New York State budget, which is part of the \$5.4 million settlement money, so that rural areas may obtain internet service.

Legislator Dame reported Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy recently spoke in Lake Placid and pledged that those areas in New York State without access to internet service would have internet service by 2017.

Soil and Water – Legislators Dyer and Read

Chairperson Dyer reported Peter Hagar is the new Director of the Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District. He reported a no-till drill was purchased two years ago which has covered enough ground with grant money and, with farmers paying \$20 per acre, the no-till drill is paid for. The National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) reported 92 applications have been completed for 2015's grant funds.

Grievance – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported the Grievance Committee met Monday, January 26th. The Committee's decision was given to Personnel Director Kim Kinblom who communicated to the parties involved. The grievance was sustained. Mr. Zurlo reported the grievance was not a County personnel issue but a Clinton Community College issue that involved a member of the Civil Service Employees' Association (CSEA) Collective Bargaining Agreement covered under the County's Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Workforce Investment – Legislator Read

Legislator Zurlo reported he attended a meeting in which John VanNattan, Chairperson of the North Country Workforce Investment Board, and Sylvie Nelson, the new Executive Director of the North Country Workforce Investment Board, were present. Both plan on attending an upcoming Regular Session to speak.

Staff Reports

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss a matter of litigation regarding Susan Castine, Casella Waste Systems, Inc. and C.D. Perry.

Mr. Zurlo reported Kathy Brown of the Legislative Office will be mailing NYSAC itineraries to Legislators on Thursday, January 29th.

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

Resolution #51 was approved.

Resolution #52 titled, “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for E-Prescription Software – Nursing Home”

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported the current provider cannot provide the New York State Public Health Law mandated service for practitioners to issue electronic prescriptions for controlled and non-controlled substances. The State Legislature is considering passing a Bill to provide an extension to the March 27, 2015 deadline. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #53 through #62 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #63 and #64 were approved.

Resolution #65 titled, “Awarding Bid for the Clinton County Highway Department Plattsburgh and Ellenburg Facilities Fuel Management System – Buildings and Grounds”

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported the estimate for the Fuel Dispensing System was approximately \$50,000 higher. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Dame asked if Mr. Coffey was required to state the reason for entering Executive Session. Mr. Coffey replied the Susan Castine matter has been an on-going matter, Casella Waste Systems, Inc. is regarding the employment of a corporation and C.D. Perry may turn into litigation.

Legislator Read inquired if the nature of entering Executive Session should be stated, without going into detail. Mr. Coffey replied no.

Legislator Gallagher motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss the above-mentioned matters, seconded by Legislator Hall. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Dame motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. (Carried 10-0-0).

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

There being no further business, Chairperson Dyer entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell
Senior Stenographer