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March 14, 2016

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Robbie Timmons, Area 7
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Colin Read, Area 4
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

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. All legislators were present.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2016 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, reported the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections has received the County's draft contract for the two buildings across from Clinton Correctional Facility. Ms. Davis reported delinquent taxpayers have until Monday, April 25th to pay their taxes to avoid property foreclosures. She reported there are 66 properties (38 residences, 26 vacant parcels, 2 businesses) that have unpaid taxes. Ms. Davis reported payment can be made at the County Treasurer's Office by cash, bank checks or credit card. The owner of the credit card must be present when paying by credit card. Mr. Zurlo reported there does not need to be an administrative change for the auctioneer's premium as Ms. Davis identified in the Wednesday, March 2nd Finance Committee meeting.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier. He reported there was discussion on the Master Plan for the upcoming year. Mr. Zurlo reported there will be two resolutions to be placed on the Wednesday, March 23rd Regular Session agenda. He reported the first resolution is regarding the 2016 Master Plan, and the second resolution will formalize funding for the 130 Arizona Avenue Project.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th at 130 Arizona Avenue, Plattsburgh. A time is yet to be determined. Legislator Read invited all Legislators to attend.

Children and Family Services – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Children and Family Services Committee met Thursday, March 3rd. John Redden, the Commissioner of Social Services, discussed the Governor's proposed budget impact, Federal legislation and the impact of opioids in the community. He provided statistics for the month of January, 2016.

Resolutions #138 through #140 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th at 6:15 p.m.

County Operations – Legislator Read

Legislator Read reported the County Operations Committee met earlier. He reported Resolutions #141 through #143 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Legislator Read reported there was discussion on the Symquest contract and, because the County has contracted with Symquest for over a year, the Committee has requested an audit be done to determine if there is a savings as was expected.

Economic Development – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee met Monday, March 7th. Chris Kreig, the Airport Manager and John Redden, the Commissioner of Social Services, provided an overview on grant initiatives, the grant writing process and grant identification.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4th at 6:15 p.m.

Finance – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, March 2nd. He reported there was discussion on sales tax, the 2016 Town/County Tax Installment Report, the Correction of Errors Report and an update on In Rem Foreclosure.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo reported there was discussion at the Finance Committee meeting in regards to Resolution #170. He reported the resolution authorizes money be moved to the proper grant cycle year.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 3rd was cancelled. Resolutions #144 through #148 have been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met Wednesday, March 2nd.

Crystal Carter, the Director of the Office for the Aging, reported the Office for the Aging is changing its database which is used for client tracking. The new system will be in place May 1st. Resolutions #149 through #151 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans' Service Agency, discussed February, 2016 monthly statistics. He reported there has been an increase in Disability Pension claims, primarily with nursing home cases, for military medals and records and inquiries regarding burial benefits.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th following the Finance Committee meeting.

Personnel – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported Resolutions #152 through #158 have been placed on the agenda through a poll of the Committee.

Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported Resolutions #159 through #163 have been placed on the agenda through a poll of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14th at 6:15 p.m. He asked if a Legislator would be interested in serving on the Community Services Board to please let him know.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported Resolution #175 has been placed on the agenda and will authorize the appointment of Devi Momot to the Clinton Community College Board of Trustees. He reported Ms. Momot is excellent in the community, very strong in business and would be a worthy addition to the Board of Trustees.

Intercounty – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met Thursday, February 25th in Fulton County, Town of Gloversville, New York. She reported a resolution was approved which opposed the minimum wage increase without examination to rural areas. Legislator Waldron reported there was discussion on the Governor's Broadband Initiative and how New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) could possibly assist with ideas to serve those communities that are not receiving service. She reported the cost is too high for rural communities to be served.

Staff Reports

County Attorney James Coffey requested an Executive Session to discuss work history and employment in regards to Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant Paul Risetto and Turtle Island as it relates to the potential sale or purchase of certain real property.

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

Resolutions #138 through #143 were approved.

Resolution #144 titled, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Primelink, Inc. – Mental Health and Addiction Services"

Discussion: Legislator Read abstained from the vote. (Carried 9-0-0-1).

Resolution #145 titled, "Authorizing Out-of-State Travel – Mental Health and Addiction Services"

The resolution was moved by Legislator Beach, seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. (Carried 10-0-0).

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest asked if the resolution will authorize the best use of Tobacco Settlement Funds. Mr. Zurlo replied that Peter Trout, the Director of Community Services, feels the travel is an applicable use of Tobacco Settlement Funds. He reported further discussion in regards to this issue will be held at the Wednesday, April 6th Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Zurlo reported the resolution will authorize the travel, but does not yet identify the funding source for the travel (either Tobacco Settlement Funds or Vital Access Program Funds).

Legislators Dyer and Read concurred with Legislator Rosenquest. Legislator Read reported the spirit of using Tobacco Settlement Funds is to identify projects which will create an ongoing benefit and revenue source for the community. Mr. Zurlo reported the Tobacco Settlement Funding Policy allows for tobacco-related use of the Tobacco Settlement Funds which is included in the resolution. He reported Vital Access Program (VAP) funding will be used for the travel should the Finance Committee disapprove of the use of Tobacco Settlement Funds.

Legislator Read and Chairperson McManus requested the last two sentences of the resolution be removed from the resolution. Mr. Zurlo reported the last two sentences show that levied dollars will not be used.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to remove the last two sentences of the resolution, seconded by Legislator Read. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #146 through #159 were approved.

Resolution #160 titled, "Authoring Change Order #21 with Murnane Building Contractors, Inc. – Plattsburgh International Airport"

Discussion: Legislator Dyer asked the reason it takes so much time for the Change Orders to be approved. Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, replied there have been negotiations between McFarland-Johnson, Inc. and Murnane Building Contractors, Inc. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #161 through #170 were approved.

Resolution #171 titled, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with AAR Absolute Auction and Realty – Treasurer's Office"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported the resolution codifies the ability for the County to exit the contract after one year. (Carried 10-0-0).

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

Resolution #172 titled, "Authorizing Quit Claim Deed with New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) for Parcel Located in the Town of Plattsburgh – Legislature"

Discussion: Legislator Read asked if there will be any property tax ramifications. Mr. Zurlo replied the property will become taxable to NYSEG. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #173 and #174 were approved.

Resolution #175 titled, "Approving Appointment to the Clinton Community College Board of Trustees – Clinton Community College"

Discussion: Legislator Hall inquired about the seven-year term for the Board of Trustees. Mr. Zurlo reported the seven-year term is a New York State statute which provides for the length of term and how the terms are staggered. (Carried 10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if there was anything else to come before the Legislature.

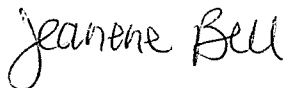
Legislator Dyer thanked the Health Department in regards to Food to the Farm through Cornell Cooperative Extension and, in particular, Judy Ross, the Senior Public Health Sanitarian and John Kanoza, the Director/Engineer of Environmental Health. He reported he is going to ask Legislator Beach, as Chairperson of the Health Committee, to look at the charges that were approved by prior Legislators in regards to permits. Legislator Dyer reported everyone who applied for a permit for this function was able to receive a permit. Legislator Rosenquest concurred with Legislator Dyer. He reported the Health Department responded in an excellent manner and worked very well with the vendors.

Chairperson McManus entertained a motion from Legislator Read to enter into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. (Carried 10-0-0).

Legislator Dyer motioned to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Read. (Carried 10-0-0).

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. (Carried 10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell
Senior Stenographer