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October 10, 2013

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, October 9, 2013 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Robert Butler, Area 6
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
John Gallagher, Area 9
Robert Heins, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
James Langley, Jr., Area 7, Chairperson
Harry McManus, Area 1
Sara Rowden, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
William Favreau, County Attorney
Katherine Brown, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Langley called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Legislator Butler motioned to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2013 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Dyer. (Carried 10-0-0).

Chairperson Langley asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one to address the Legislature, Chairperson Langley called for standing committee and liaison reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Handicap Ramp Project outside the Surrogate Building will be starting in the very near future.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th at 5:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the County Operations Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st was cancelled. Resolution #752 is included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th at 6:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, October 2nd. The Committee unanimously agreed to proceed with the Terminal Building Expansion Project based on the 2030 forecast of 305,000 enplanements.

Resolutions #753 through #760 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation. Resolution #760 will authorize the County Treasurer to appropriate and transfer funding from the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the Village of Champlain.

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

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 3rd was cancelled. Resolutions #761 and #762 are included on the agenda for Mental Health and Addiction Services and Resolutions #763 through #766 are included on the agenda for the Health Department as a result of a poll of the Committee.

The next meeting of the Health Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported the Personnel Committee met earlier this evening. Resolutions #779 through #798 are included on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next meeting will be scheduled in November.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Heins

Legislator Heins reported Resolutions #767 and #768 are included on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

Legislator Heins reported enplanements this year, to date, has passed the total for 2012.

Mr. Zurlo reported Allegiant Air scores their cities based on revenue achieved and cost at a facility. The Plattsburgh International Airport is scoring very high in all of its markets, which would potentially lead Allegiant Air to look at other destinations out of Plattsburgh; however, no decisions have been made. They are pleased with our service.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Strategic Planning Tourism Committee met Friday, October 4th. A number of items were discussed. The American Windsurfing Tour had a good turnout with many people coming from great distances to participate and observe. Additionally, the Battle of Plattsburgh will be celebrating its 200th year anniversary in 2014.

Legislator Rowden noted a new liaison will have to be appointed in 2014 as the County's representative for the Chamber of Commerce.

Legislator Rowden reported Governor Cuomo recently announced the signing of a series of new laws that will continue the State's efforts to better market and promote New York wine by designating portions of the State highways near wineries and vineyards as Wine Trails. The Governor gave the official designation to the Adirondack Coast Wine Trail, which connects seven wineries including Amazing Grace Vineyard and Winery, ELFS Farm Winery & Cidermill, Everett Orchards, Hid-In-Pines Vineyard, Stonehouse Vineyard, The Champlain Wine Company and Vesco Ridge Vineyards.

Legislator Rowden reported the Chamber's Business after Hours will be held at ELFS Farm Winery & Cidermill on Thursday, October 17th.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported he was asked by the Cooperative Extension to invite the Legislature to the Extension's annual meeting which will be held Tuesday, November 12th at 6 p.m. at the Butcher Block Restaurant. The Extension will be recognizing Joseph Giroux as the "Friend of the Extension" for this year for Mr. Giroux's contributions to agriculture in Clinton County.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported all Legislators have been provided with information regarding the Thursday, October 17th Intercounty meeting in Clinton County. A tour and presentation of The Strand Theater will be provided starting at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow at the Ground Round Restaurant in Plattsburgh.

Mr. Zurlo reported he attended the Joint Meeting of the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks and the Western Intercounty Association which was held at the New York State Association of Counties 2013 Fall Seminar on Friday, September 27th. Mr. Zurlo noted a topic of debate was the Six Ballot Initiatives which will have an impact on municipalities in the Adirondack Region. The Intercounty Committee is asking for Clinton County's support on these endeavors.

Soil and Water – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Soil and Water Conservation District Office is closed due to the Government shut down. The office space they lease is through the United States Department of Agriculture. No meetings will be scheduled until the Government shutdown ends. Field work continues to be conducted as much as possible.

Staff Reports

County Attorney William Favreau requested an Executive Session to discuss the sale of real property.

Legislator Butler asked Legislator Dyer if he was successful in contacting the Outback Riders All-Terrain Vehicle Club. Legislator Dyer replied he did speak with Steve McLean and he spoke with an individual involved with a snowmobile club and all-terrain vehicle club who has offered to assist Mr. McLean. Legislator Dyer noted that it looks like the old Standish Road may be cleaned up.

The following Resolutions were approved unless otherwise noted.

Resolutions #750 through #752 were approved.

Resolution #753 titled, "Increasing Mortgage Recording Tax Administration Monies for Clinton County – County Clerk"

Legislator Dame motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Keenan.

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated this Resolution was amended at the request of the Finance Committee. A clause was added to the Resolution stating Clinton County will notify municipalities of this change. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #754 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish a Capital Project titled, "Runway 17-35 Pavement Joint Re-Sealing Construction Capital Project – Plattsburgh International Airport"

Legislator Rowden motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Heins.

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution, as well as Resolutions #755 and #756, is the formal step in establishing these capital projects. He indicated grant funding was previously accepted by separate resolution for each of these projects. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #755 through #774 were approved.

Resolution #775 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program Grant – Health Department"

Legislator Rowden motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Legislator Beach.

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is a Federally-funded Program. He indicated funds will be available to continue this Program during the Government shutdown. He further stated the State appropriated funding which was previously received from the Federal Government to operate this Program during the shutdown. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #776 through #778 were approved.

Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Heins to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #779 through #797 were approved.

Resolution #798 titled, "Resolution Opposing the Closure of Chateaugay Correctional Facility"

Chairperson Langley stated Franklin County has requested Clinton County's support in opposing the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's plans to close the Chateaugay Correctional Facility in 2014. The Legislature agreed to support a resolution in opposition of the closure of the Chateaugay Correctional Facility. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Mr. Zurlo to enter into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss the sale of real property, seconded by Legislator Rowden. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business, Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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