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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held on Wednesday, September 11, 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., Chairperson, Area 7
Harry McManus, Area 1
Sara Rowden, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
Van Crockett, Assistant County Attorney
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Langley 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 Dyer offered a motion to accept the minutes of the August 28, 2013 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Butler. (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 Committee – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Government Center Complex Security Camera Project is complete. This was a 2007 Master Plan Project. The Highway Department's Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Project is 98 percent complete.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th at 5:15 p.m.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the County Operations Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd was cancelled. Resolutions #683 through #685 have been placed on the agenda for the Planning Department and Resolution #686 has been placed on the agenda for the Real Property Office as a result of a poll of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st at 6:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, September 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Representatives from the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce presented their 2014 Marketing Plan. Resolution #687 on the agenda will approve the Chamber's State Aid Application.

Resolution #688 concurs with the Clinton Community College Board of Trustees' recommendation to approve the Project for emergency power for the Stafford Building and the Forrence Building. There is no County cost involved as 50 percent will come from the New York State Office of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and 50 percent through the State University of New York (SUNY) Construction Fund.

Laurie Williams, Coordinator of Health Education at the Clinton County Health Department, on behalf of the Saranac River Trail Adhoc Committee, requested \$5,450 from Tobacco Settlement Funds for the Saranac River Trail. Monies would be used to establish a website, to revise/redesign a brochure for community distribution, to establish the Committee as

a 501c3 entity and to fund mileage and travel costs. Resolution #689 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 5th was cancelled. Resolutions #690 through #694 have been placed on the agenda for the Health Department and Resolution #695 has been placed on the agenda for Mental Health and Addiction Services as a result of a poll of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported Resolutions #696 through #700 have been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

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

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Heins

Legislator Heins reported that enplanements have increased at the Plattsburgh International Airport. Resolution #701 has been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th at 5:15 p.m. in which McFarland-Johnson will be present. The property for the future alert facility will be discussed.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Butler

Mr. Butler reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, September 9th. Resolutions #702 through #710 have been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

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

Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported the Transportation Committee met Monday, September 9th at 5:15 p.m.

There was discussion on the possible rehabilitation of the Mill Hill Road Bridge. The Mill Hill Road Bridge was closed on March 23, 2005 due to structural deficiencies identified by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Bridge Inspection Unit. Sandra Senecal, Supervisor of the Town of AuSable, and Council members Jim King and Scott Zmijewski were present and shared their input. There was also discussion on the traffic congestion resulting from the Mill Hill Road Bridge being closed and impacts on emergency response vehicles.

There was discussion on a request from the Outback Riders ATV Club to temporarily use a portion of the Standish Road to continue their trail system from the Hamlet of Lyon Mountain to the Standish Road and eventually attaching to the Wolf Pond Road in Franklin County. Steve McLean, President of the Outback Riders ATV Club, was present with other club members. Mr. McLean provided the Committee with a map for possible trail alternatives and requested temporary use of the Standish Road until such trails could be developed. There was discussion on the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law and what was allowed under said Law and the passing of a Local Law by the County to allow such use. The Committee requested Mr. McLean review an alternate trail route that could facilitate the ATV trail reestablishment. This matter will be placed on the Monday, November 18th Transportation Committee meeting agenda for further discussion.

Resolutions #711 and #712 have been placed on the agenda for the Highway Department, and Resolution #713 has been placed on the agenda for Clinton County Public Transit as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Community Services – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the Community Services Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 24th.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator McManus

Legislator McManus reported Cooperative Extension met Tuesday, September 10th for a strategic planning session. There will be a vote at the next meeting on the new missions that Cooperative Extension will be working on.

Legislator McManus reported that the Agricultural Tour of Clinton County is scheduled for Friday, September 20th from 9 a.m. through 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 4th.

InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled to meet Thursday, October 17th in Clinton County, New York.

Soil and Water Committee – Legislators Dyer and Rowden

Legislator Dyer reported the Soil and Water Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, September 19th.

Grievance Committee – Legislator Gallagher

Legislator Gallagher reported Grievance Committee members have been asked to submit possible dates to schedule a Grievance Committee meeting.

Staff Reports

Mr. Zurlo reported that departmental budgets were due today, September 11th. The auditing process will now begin. Individual meetings with Department Heads will be scheduled.

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

Resolutions #681 through #683 were approved.

Resolutions #684 and #685 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Clinton Abstract Company, Inc. – Planning Department" and "Authorizing Contract with Northern Snow and Dirt, Inc. – Planning Department"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported both Resolutions are linked to the former Brancato property resolution. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolution #685 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Northern Snow and Dirt, Inc. – Planning Department"

Discussion: Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown reported demolition of the structures located on the Brancato property in the Town of Ausable is to be completed before the deadline of Sunday, November 24, 2013. An appropriate solution to the deadline has been made so that the deadline can be extended if necessary. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #686 through #693 were approved.

Resolution #694 titled, "Authorizing Rabies Program Grant Amendment – Health Department"

Discussion: Legislator Butler inquired when the rabies drop was going to take place. It was reported that the drop took place last week. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolution #695 titled, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Champlain Valley Family Center - Mental Health and Addiction Services"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported that this Resolution was changed since the Health Committee poll. The grant increase was originally \$40,000. A State aid letter was received to reflect a \$40,500 increase. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #696 through #699 were approved.

Resolution #700 titled, "Approving Reclassification of a Permanent, Full-Time Equipment and Buildings Mechanic (PCN 2889) Position to Permanent, Full-Time Motor Equipment Operator Mechanic with Backfill – Solid Waste"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported the full-time Equipment and Buildings Mechanic position was unable to be filled at that title. The title was better aligned with the need of the position; therefore, this resulted in a reclassification of the position to full-time Motor Equipment Operator Mechanic. This is a Casella-funded position. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #701 through #710 were approved.

Resolution #711 titled, "Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100 Percent of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project and Appropriating Funds Therefore - Highway Department"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this Resolution guarantees the local share of funding for this Project. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolution #712 was approved.

Resolution #713 titled, "Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding between Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT) and Plattsburgh International Airport for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Maintenance – Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT)"

Discussion: Mr. Brown reported that the Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT) facility utilizes the HVAC employee at the Airport. The former HVAC position was vacated. The new employee earns less money. This Memorandum of Understanding changes the amount of money the employee earns. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #714 through #717 were approved.

Resolution #718 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Plattsburgh International Airport Fire Budget – Plattsburgh International Airport"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported that this Resolution recognizes excess revenue not accounted for in the Airport's budget for the fire truck. The excess revenue is directed to the purchase of the fire truck. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolutions #719 and #720 were approved.

Resolutions #721 and #722 titled, "Approving Appointments to the Clinton County Municipal Leasing Corporation – Legislature" and "Approving Appointments to the Clinton County Capital Resource Corporation – Legislature"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported that members of these boards are members of the Industrial Development Agency (IDA). The Clinton County Municipal Leasing Corporation (MLC) was a vehicle to finance the Clinton County Jail in 1986. The Clinton County Capital Resource Corporation (CRC) is the agency that allows some of the tools that the IDA brings to bear. The State Legislature changed the rules that IDAs could no longer assist in not-for-profit projects; therefore, the CRC was established which does have the ability. If the board felt it was an applicable project, benefits could be provided for that project. The CRC has not funded a project in the four years that the State Legislature changed the rules. (Carried 10-0-0).

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

Resolution #723 was approved.

Resolution #724 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Saranac River Trail Greenway Project – Planning Department"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this Resolution places the \$5,450 in Tobacco Settlement money in the proper accounts. (Carried 10-0-0).

Resolution #725 and #726 were approved.

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

There being no further business, Chairperson Langley entertained a motion from Legislator Gallagher to adjourn Regular Session at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell
Senior Stenographer