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September 15, 2016

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, September 14, 2016 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Mark Dame, Area 8
Samuel Dyer, Area 3
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Sara Rowden, Area 4
Rob Timmons, Area 7

EXCUSED: Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
James Coffey, Esq., County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal 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. Legislator Waldron asked to be excused.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to accept the minutes of the August 24th Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Beach. (Carried 9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus invited Legislator Rob Timmons to the podium and invited Hunter and Riley Sartwell to join him to receive Resolutions recognizing their achievement of becoming Eagle Scouts. Riley Sartwell presented Thomas Quinn with a Mentor Pin and thanked Mr. Quinn for his leadership in helping Mr. Sartwell attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Thomas Quinn (former Scoutmaster of the troop in Peru, now serving as Chartered Organization representative) spoke about the Boy Scouts of America. He thanked the Legislature for recognizing these two young gentlemen on their achievement.

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone present wished to address the Legislature. There being no one who wished to do so, the Chairperson moved onto Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee Recap – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier at 5:15 p.m. and discussed Resolutions #616 and #617.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, discussed Master Plan Projects and provided an update on the status of the Nursing Home roof.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo reported he and Superintendent Cleveland met with the County's architect/engineer and the County Attorney regarding the poor condition of the Nursing Home's roof. There is a class action lawsuit on the types of shingles that were used. The Buildings and Grounds Committee and the architect are formulating a plan on how to address this issue.

County Operations Committee – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the County Operations Committee met earlier at 6:00 p.m. and discussed several items for the Board of Elections. The Board of Elections Commissioners discussed budgetary requests that they will be making. Copies of the proposed chargeback budgets will be provided to all Legislators.

The next County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee met Tuesday, September 6th at 5:15 p.m. Resolutions #621 and #622 (pertaining to contracts for Grant distributions) for the Planning Department have been included on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, September 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Garry Douglas, CEO and President of the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce, and Kristy Kennedy, Vice President of Marketing, were present to discuss the Chamber's 2017 Marketing Plan.

Resolution #623 and #624 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

Health Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 1st was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #625 through #631 on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #632 and #633.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5th at 6:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Dyer

Legislator Dyer reported the Personnel Committee met at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6th and reviewed 12 items. There are 11 resolutions on the agenda that reflect the Committee's recommendations. Resolution #641 will authorize a contract with Govolution, LLC for the Personnel Department to accept credit cards for exam fees. Resolution #645 will create a part-time Economic Development Director.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee was polled on Resolution #646 on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, September 12th.

Aaron Lefebvre, the STOP-DWI Coordinator, Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services and Andrew Wylie, the District Attorney were present.

Resolutions #647 through #660 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Due to the Columbus Day holiday, the next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee Recap – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee met Monday, September 12th at 5:15 p.m.

James Bosley, Clinton County Planning Technician, was present to discuss proposed changes to bus routes and capital grant funds that were recently awarded to Clinton County.

Resolution #661 will authorize a contract with SFII Plattsburgh, LLC to provide student passes for Clinton Community College students.

Al Rascoe, the Clinton County Highway Superintendent, was also present to discuss the pros and cons of removing the Kent Falls Road Bridge. Given a number of fatalities that have occurred as the result of individuals jumping from the upper truss of the structure and the likelihood of this occurring again in the future, the County will pursue funding in the hopes of removing the structure in its entirety.

Resolutions #662 through #666 have been placed on the agenda for the Highway Department.

Due to the Columbus Day holiday, the next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach reported the Board of Health will meet Monday, September 19th.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported representatives from the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce were present at the September 7th Finance Committee meeting and presented the 2017 Marketing Plan.

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Dame reported there are three finalists in the Presidential search that will be visiting Clinton Community College. Public forums will be held for the three candidates: Thursday, September 15th, Monday, September 19th and Thursday, September 22nd from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Stafford Center at Clinton Community College. Legislators are invited to attend to listen to their presentations and ask any questions. Legislators Dame and Rosenquest sat in on interviews and noted all three are high-caliber candidates.

Community Services Board – Legislator Rowden

Legislator Rowden reported the sole candidate for Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services withdrew her application. The Community Services Board will continue seeking applicants.

A community forum on Understanding Heroin and Prescription Opiate Abuse will be held next Tuesday, September 20th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Strand Theater. This event is being sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County organization. Legislator Rowden encouraged all Legislators to attend. Legislator Rosenquest noted heroin/opiate abuse is one of the most important issues facing Clinton County. The forum is a culmination of a coalition of for-profit, governmental organizations that have come together to identify potential solutions on how to solve this problem in our community.

Legislator Rowden stated this issue has had a significant impact on area businesses and their ability to retain employees who are struggling with addiction.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Cooperative Extension will meet Tuesday, September 20th.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported he attended a meeting in Lake George on Thursday, August 25th. Approximately \$2 million was awarded in grant funding. The City of Plattsburgh will be receiving a \$10,000 grant for the topographical survey of the US Oval parking lot.

Soil and Water – Legislators Dyer and Timmons

Legislator Dyer reported the next meeting will be Thursday, September 15th.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Workforce Development Board met Friday, September 9th in Saranac Lake. A Business and Education Forum will be held Wednesday, October 19th. The forum will be an organized effort to bridge the gap between students and the workforce. Legislator Rosenquest will provide further details to all Legislators.

Legislator Rosenquest is also working with the Workforce Development Board, CV Tec and Clinton Community College to take advantage of potential Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) funds for next year that are also focused on bridging the gap between education and workforce development.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – James Coffey, Esq.

The County Attorney did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

The County Administrator did not have a report.

Chairperson’s Report – Legislator Harry McManus

Chairperson McManus reported he has been asked by City of Plattsburgh Mayor James Calnon to serve as a member of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Committee. The first meeting will be held Thursday, September 15th. Chairperson McManus applauded the City of Plattsburgh for reaching out to Town of Plattsburgh officials and Clinton County officials to serve on this Committee. This meeting is open to the public.

Chairperson McManus reported he recently spoke at an Honor Flight ceremony. He noted this was a very moving experience and stated if Legislators have an opportunity to participate in a future Honor Flight, they should do so. Legislator Keenan noted the Honor Flights are very well organized.

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

Resolutions #616 through #644 were approved.

Resolution #645 titled, "Approving Creation of a Permanent, Part-Time Economic Development Director (PCN TBD) – Legislative Office" was moved by Legislator Dyer and seconded by Legislator Rosenquest.

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest stated the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee has been reviewing and deliberating for some time on this topic and urged his colleagues to approve this item.

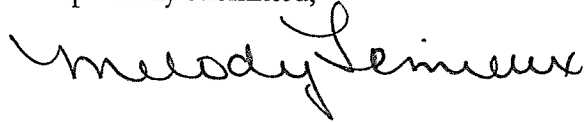
Legislator Dyer stated he is not against the creation of this position; however, he expressed concern that he feels the salary for this part-time position is quite high and feels the position should be advertised. Legislator Dyer then called for a slow roll call vote.

The Resolution was adopted by a vote of seven yes, one no (Legislator Dyer), one absent (Legislator Waldron) and one abstention (Legislator McManus).

Resolutions #646 through #681 were approved.

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dyer. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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