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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held on Wednesday, September 25, 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: Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
William Favreau, County Attorney  
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Langley called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown conducted roll call. All Legislators were present.

Legislator Butler offered a motion to accept the minutes of the September 11, 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 Committee – Legislator Dyer**

Legislator Dyer reported that Resolutions #727 and #728 have been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

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

#### **County Operations Committee – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported that Resolution #729 has been placed on the agenda as a result of a poll of the Committee.

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

#### **Finance Committee – Legislator Rowden**

Legislator Rowden reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Human Services Committee – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Personnel Committee – Legislator Gallagher**

Legislator Gallagher reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Heins**

Legislator Heins reported that the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier this evening. Representatives from McFarland-Johnson, Inc. and URS Corporation were present to discuss the Terminal Building Expansion Project. A cost analysis was provided based on enplanement projections, and funding concerns were clarified. Legislator Heins reported it was an excellent presentation. There will be further discussion on the Terminal Building Expansion Project at the Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> Finance Committee meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Transportation Committee – Legislator McManus**

Legislator McManus reported that the Transportation Committee met Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. He reported that the Transportation Committee unanimously voted to decline Essex County's request to rehabilitate the Mill Street Bridge. The Committee did offer to research the expansion of the Stone Arch Bridge.

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

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rowden**

Legislator Rowden reported that the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee is scheduled to meet Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Legislator Rowden reported that on Saturday and Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup>, the Lake Champlain Windsurfing Festival will take place at the Plattsburgh City Beach. Demonstrations, contests and other activities are scheduled.

Legislator Rowden reported that on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adirondack Coast Wine, Cider and Food Festival is scheduled to take place.

Legislator Heins reported that the Agricultural Tour held Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> was very informative.

#### **Community Services – Legislator Rowden**

Legislator Rowden reported that the Community Services Board met Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on the anticipated closure of the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center. Because the Psychiatric Center is a very large facility, there will be a definite savings from the closure. There is concern in regards to the savings that should be reinvested to the local communities who are going to be responsible for providing mental health services. There was also discussion on regulatory relief and finding providers to provide mental health services.

#### **Board of Health – Legislator Beach**

Legislator Beach reported that the Board of Health met on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was discussion on the Obesity Prevention in Pediatric Health Care Grant. Environmental Health provided a letter of support to the Standish water district. Legislator Beach reported that there was a review of the policies concerning violations and reducing fines. The 2014 Health Department budget was reviewed.

#### **InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the InterCounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks is scheduled to meet Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Clinton County. A tour of The Strand Theatre is scheduled. All Legislators are encouraged to attend.

### **Grievance Committee – Legislator Gallagher**

Legislator Gallagher reported that the Grievance Committee met Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Workforce Investment Board – Chairperson Langley**

Chairperson Langley reported that the Workforce Investment Board is scheduled to meet Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Staff Reports**

County Attorney William Favreau had no report.

Mr. Brown had no report.

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

Resolutions #727 through #748 were approved.

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

Resolution #749 was approved.

Legislator Butler commented that he feels any newly-elected Clinton County Sheriff, Clinton County Treasurer and Clinton County Clerk should not begin at the same level of salary as those in the current positions. Chairperson Langley suggested that Personnel Director Alan Gibson review this issue.

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 7:30 p.m., seconded by Legislator Heins. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell  
Senior Stenographer