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October 28, 2021

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, October 27, 2021 Clinton County, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
Robert Hall, Area 10
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Wendell Hughes, Area 8
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

VACANCY: Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2021 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Chairperson Henry reported there is a public hearing on the Local Law #3. He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Castine motioned to open the public hearing at 5:21 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone present wished to address the Board regarding this matter.

There being no one who wished to speak, Chairperson Henry entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

Legislator Hall motioned to close the public hearing at 5:22 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature on any other issue.

There being no one to address the Legislature, Chairperson Henry moved on to Committee Reports.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of the Buildings and Grounds Department, reported all rubber roofing, insulation and new roof drains have been installed for the Roof Replacement Project. The next step in the process is to raise the curbs around the equipment and finish the penthouse area over the stairwell. He noted there has been a slight delay in the completion of the Project due to the recent amount of rain.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 8th at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes stated the Health Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, provided an update, read my Legislator Hughes on COVID-19 cases and vaccinations. There are currently 166 active cases in isolation, with 25 being hospitalized at CVPH. SUNY Plattsburgh only had one employee in COVID-19 isolation, with no students at that time being listed as in isolation or under quarantine.

The County Health Department's vaccination clinic held last week on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at the Clinton Community College Gymnasium provided a total of 266 Pfizer vaccinations, with the majority of these vaccinations being booster shots provided to at-risk population groups.

Additionally, he noted the week of October 25, 2021, Champlain Valley Educational Services (CVES) school testing staff will be working with school nurses to start daily testing of staff and students who are symptomatic for COVID-19. In the weeks to come, CVES will be starting random (POOLED) testing for a specific percentage of students and staff within all K-12 schools in Clinton County on a weekly basis.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd at 4:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 9th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, was present to discuss a tenant update, the border reopening, installation of a carry-on belt on the Jetbridge on Gate 4 and several resolutions including “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2022.”

Also present was Joe Meszaros and Garrett Hain, representatives from Avflight Corporation to provide an update. Jeff Switzer, CEO of Tailwinds, LLC was also present to discuss the amendment to the restaurant lease agreement (in Executive Session).

Resolutions #778 through #789 have been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 1st at 5:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Transportation Committee met on Monday, October 18th.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss several resolutions including “Requesting Naming New York State Bridge in the Town of Plattsburgh after former New York State Trooper Brian S. Falb.”

Dr. Jerome Davis was also present to discuss “Bridge the Gap.”

Resolutions #790 through #793 have been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 8th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Clinton Community College – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported Clinton Community College and SUNY Plattsburgh signed an agreement this afternoon making for a smoother transition for Clinton Community College students and their credits to transfer to SUNY Plattsburgh. Mr. Zurlo noted it is a dual enrollment, meaning when a student applies and completes the requirements of an application to Clinton Community College they will be automatically enrolled in SUNY Plattsburgh without a new application process or application fee.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported they are still looking for a candidate to fill the Director’s position.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported there was a meeting on Tuesday, October 26th, but she was unable to attend. Ms. Waldron noted the meeting was in Essex County at Mount Van Hoevenburg, and is hoping to get the minutes from the meeting and will report back once they have been received.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report.

Chairperson’s Report – Legislator Henry

Chairperson Henry did not have a report.

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

Resolutions #776 through #779 were approved.

Resolution #780 titled, “Authorizing Lease Agreement with Adirondack Salt and Sand, LLC” was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-0-1-1). Legislator Peryea abstained.

Resolutions #781 through #798 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Resolutions #799 and #800 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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