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August 27, 2020

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Simon Conroy, Area 4
Calvin Castine, Area 1
Robert Hall, Area 10
Patrick McGill, Area 8
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim M. Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney
John Kanoza, Director of Public Health

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. He welcomed everyone back to the Legislative Chambers to Regular Session.

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

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Peryea

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

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 14th 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 meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 1st has been cancelled.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. A tour of the Imperial Dam was recently held.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee was polled on Resolution #484 on August 21st. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:15 p.m. Representatives from the North Country Chamber of Commerce will be presenting its 2021 Marketing Plan. A copy of the Plan is in the Legislative Office if anyone would like to review the binder. Ray DiPasquale, the President of Clinton Community College, will be presenting the College's 2020-2021 budget request.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 1st at 4:30 p.m.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, reported there has been a total of 148 COVID-19 cases in Clinton County with three recent cases since Saturday, August 22nd. Two active cases are in isolation. There have been 119 probable cases, with 117 having recovered. Approximately 24,904 people have been tested in Clinton County.

Mr. Kanoza reported there were 43 SUNY Plattsburgh students that are being disciplined through suspension due to their attending a large party at Sailor's Beach where there was no social distancing, and they were not wearing masks. He stated our local college's safety plans have been stellar. The County Sheriff's Department, City Police and campus security have been working together. Mr. Kanoza indicated that the next big issues will be students in grades K-12. Schools are working extremely hard to have a safe reopening.

Human Services Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Human Services Committee was polled on Resolution #485 which is on the agenda. The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd has been cancelled.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Henry

Chairperson Henry reported the next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Resolutions #489, #491 and #492 have been placed on the agenda. Resolution #490 has been withdrawn

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, provided updates on airlines and tenants.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee discussed Resolution #486 at its meeting of August 5, 2020, and the Committee was polled on Resolutions #487 and #488 on Friday, August 21st.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator McGill

Legislator McGill reported the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Chairperson Henry

Chairperson Henry reported the Board of Health met Monday, August 17th at 7 p.m. The Committee reviewed the Budget. The next meeting will be held Monday, September 21st at 7 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported representatives from the Chamber of Commerce will be presenting its 2021 Marketing Plan at the next Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reiterated that President Ray DiPasquale will be presenting the 2020-2021 budget request at the next Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported Cooperative Extension continues to work on its 2021 budget with anticipation of an approximate 20 percent decrease in state funding.

Soil and Water – Legislators Peryea, Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting will be held Thursday, August 27th.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next meeting of the Workforce Development Board will be held Friday, September 11th.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported department budgets are being submitted to his office and are due by September 2nd. Department Heads have been doing well in reducing their requests. There will be many tough decisions to make in the upcoming weeks.

A sales tax report will be presented to the Finance Committee on Wednesday, September 2nd. Mr. Zurlo reported the County is approximately \$1.3 million below 2019.

Chairperson's Report – Mark Henry

The Chairperson 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 #484 through #489 were approved.

Resolution #490 titled, "Amending Plattsburgh International Airport Rates and Charges" was withdrawn.

Resolutions #491 through #500 were approved. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:47 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Legislator McGill. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 5:59 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

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

Resolution #501 titled, "Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the County of Clinton and the Civil Service Employees' Association, Inc., Local 1000; AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Clinton County Units 6450 and 6466 of Local 884" was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Peryea stated William Chase, the Supervisor for the Town of Dannemora, is requesting a meeting to discuss several issues with the County. The County contacted Town Supervisors; however, a mutually-agreed upon date could not be determined.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator McGill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melody Lemieux". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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