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May 3, 2021

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, April 28, 2021 via teleconference, Clinton County, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
Simon Conroy, Area 4
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

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

The meeting was held remotely via teleconference in accordance with Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order 202.101 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the public had the opportunity to attend the meeting via an audio link.

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call.

Legislator Waldron motioned to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2021 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

The meeting format did not include public comment. Members of the public were asked to express their concerns/comments by emailing: legislature@clintoncountygov.com.

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.

Resolution #252 has been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee's recommendations from the April 12th meeting.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 10th has been cancelled.

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, May 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

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

Legislator Conroy commended Renee McFarlin, the Economic Development Director, on her accomplishments.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

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

The Committee was polled on Resolution #253 on the agenda.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 5th 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, and Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, were present to provide a brief update on COVID-19 cases and vaccinations.

Mr. Kanoza reported the positive daily cases are decreasing, with numbers in the single digits the past few days. There have been 4,623 confirmed positive cases since the Pandemic began. There are currently 64 cases in isolation. CVPH has six positive cases and SUNY Plattsburgh has nine students in isolation. Mr. Kanoza stated about 60 percent of the population has been vaccinated.

Legislator Castine asked if posting metrics of what age groups are currently positive would help promote vaccination. Mr. Kanoza responded that it is the general community middle aged and younger, school-age children and SUNY Plattsburgh students (primarily off-campus). A vast majority of these positive cases are asymptomatic.

Legislator Kretser inquired if any local businesses or establishments have made it a mandatory requirement for employees to be vaccinated. Mr. Kanoza said he has not heard of any yet, but there are some private colleges that are requiring this in order to attend.

Legislator Waldron inquired if she were to host an event at her business for vaccinated patrons only if the mask mandate would still be required. Mr. Kanoza responded that it would still be a requirement but there is more leniency with outdoor seating.

Mr. Kanoza stated this coming weekend there will be homebound vaccinations given of the Moderna vaccine, with about 40 residents on this list. There was also a POD clinic held at the Saranac Fire Department with 26 first doses administered and 306 second doses given at Clinton Community College.

Mr. Day reported the State vaccination site is now open for walk-ins. The site is seeing less people for vaccination so many of the employees have transferred. Next month will be the closure for the first dose of the vaccine.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 4th at 4:30 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

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

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 11th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

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

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

On April 27th there was a tour conducted of the Runway Closure Project with various County employees and area legislators. They were pleased with the progress of this Project and look forward to the runway re-opening on June 23rd. Legislator Hall thanked Mr. Zurlo and Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, for their attendance of the tour.

Resolutions #254 through #265 have been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee's recommendations.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th 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 Committee was polled on Resolutions #266 through #269 on the agenda.

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

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #270 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 10th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the next Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 7th.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report but requested an Executive Session to discuss pending contractual relationships.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported as of April 26th, the funds from the American Rescue Plan had not been received by the County yet.

Mr. Zurlo also mentioned Resolution #'s 255, 257, 259 and 261 have a local share cost associated with them and the cost is reimbursed under the CARES Act funding.

Chairperson's Report – Legislator Henry

Chairperson Henry reported how pleased he is with the progress of the Airport Runway Closure Project and also thanked Legislator Hall for his invitation of the tour.

Chairperson Henry reminded the Legislature that the next Regular Session and Finance Committee meetings will be held in person in the Legislative Chambers. Masks will be required.

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

Resolutions #252 through #269 were approved.

Resolution #270 titled, "Authorizing a Lease/Purchase Agreement for Purchase of a 2021 Case CX160D Excavator" was moved by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this purchase was approved in the 2021 Budget and will be paid for through the Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS). The County will be responsible for only the interest payments.

Resolutions #271 through #279 were approved.

Resolution #280 titled, "Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the New York State Department of Health" was moved by Legislator Hughes and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo explained this MOU is for reimbursement of overtime costs for two County employees that worked as safety officers at the State vaccination site.

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

Resolutions #281 through #283 were approved.

Legislator Conroy motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Peryea motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:29 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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