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August 19, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, August 14, 2019 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Simon Conroy, Area 4  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Mark Henry, Area 3  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
Harry McManus, Area 1, Chairperson  
Francis Peryea, Area 2  
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
Jacqueline Kelleher, 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 Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the July 24, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

## **Committee Reports**

### **Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Peryea**

Legislator Peryea reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, provided updates on the Oak Street and Government Center Parking Lot Projects. Additionally, Mr. Cleveland provided an update on the demolition project in the Village of Dannemora which is tentatively scheduled to commence the first week in September.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

### **Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Children and Family Services Committee met Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Carela of Literacy Volunteers of Clinton County provided a brief presentation on the services provided by Literacy Volunteers.

John Redden, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss the Family First Prevention Act Plan of Action, the USDA proposed regulations to tighten Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility, and he reviewed statistics for June, 2019.

Resolutions #584 through #594 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier in the evening.

Rodney Brown, the Planning Director, and Renee McFarlin, Executive Director of the Industrial Development Agency, provided a thorough update on the grant application to the Economic Development Administration.

Ms. McFarlin also discussed a potential solar project with Active Solar on the former County Airport property.

Resolutions #595 through #601 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

## **Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Representatives from Lumsden and McCormick presented its 2018 audit findings. The County remains in good fiscal health.

Ray DiPasquale, President of Clinton Community College, and Mary Blaine, Comptroller, presented the College's 2019-2020 budget request. Resolution #602 on tonight's agenda will authorize the Clerk to advertise for a public hearing on the budget at the August 28<sup>th</sup> Regular Session.

Resolutions #602 and #603 have been placed on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

## **Health Committee - Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee met Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, discussed the Quarterly Grant Report, the June 2019 Director's Report, the Health Department Report for June, the Public Health Connection and the Quality Corner Report.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss Resolutions #608 through #611.

Resolutions #604 through #611 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

### **Human Services Committee - Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee met at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019. Several items of importance were: replacement of permanent, part-time Environmental Services Worker with a full-time position as a settlement to the grievance for the Nursing Home, creation of a permanent, part-time Case Manager for the Elderly Services in order to provide services for the Caregiver Program as there were no responses to RFP's, to correct the inconsistencies in salaries for positions in both the Public Defender's and District Attorney's office, the Committee developed a guideline to authorize the DA and PD to hire their assistants at an appropriate step that equates to the number of years of relevant attorney experience up to a Grade 11, Step 10, which will be reviewed by the Personnel Director prior to any formal salary offer, and the creation of Mental Health Clinician III for the Child Advocacy Center was tabled.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee was polled on Resolution #645 on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Public Safety Committee - Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Many of the departments reporting to this committee presented routine resolutions for applying for and accepting grants to support department programs.

Resolutions #646 through #655 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Resolutions #670 and #671 have been added under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

### **Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee met Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

James Bosley, Planning Technician, was present to discuss Clinton County Public Transit driver pay and benefits for the 2020 budget, fares, local contributions and hold harmless payments and the State Transportation Operating Assistance formula rate increase.

Resolutions #656 and #657 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Board of Health – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Board of Health will meet Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

#### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee met Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and discussed the 2020 Marketing Plan. The Marketing Plan will be presented at the next Finance Committee meeting which will be held Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County (SPARCC) will be hosting the second annual "Live Well, Be Well" event at McComb Park that is geared toward people that are in recovery. Legislator Conroy will provide copies of the informational fliers to Legislators.

#### **Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Grievance Committee – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the Grievance Committee will meet Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Legislative Conference Room.

## **Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met in Lowville, New York on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. The Committee had a very lengthy discussion on the disputed 27-mile snowmobile trail. The environmentalists are defining “timber” as anything that is less than three feet tall. Snowmobile trail maintenance is becoming a huge issue. More discussions will be forthcoming at the Joint Intercounty Legislative meeting.

## **Soil and Water – Legislators Timmons and Henry**

Legislator Timmons reported the Soil and Water Conservation Board will meet Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Workforce Development Board will be having its Annual Business and Education Expo.

## **Staff Reports**

### **County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.**

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, requested an executive session to discuss a contractual matter with regard to potential litigation. The attorneys for the City of Plattsburgh Retirees’ Association filed their motion to amend their order relating to the undertaking fee.

### **County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report.

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

Resolutions #584 through #593 were approved. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #594 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Northeastern Family Institute Vermont, Inc.”

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this particular contract will provide training for Peru Elementary and Intermediate Schools. Social Services plans on opening up the training to other local schools in the future. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #595 through #599 were approved.

Resolution #600 titled, “Approving Additions of Viable Agricultural Lands to Clinton County Agricultural District 7C” was withdrawn.

Resolutions #601 through #633 were approved.

Resolution #634 titled, "Approving the Creation of a Permanent, Part-Time Case Manager for the Elderly Services Position – Office for the Aging"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted this service had previously been provided via a contract. The previous contractor's pay was very high. The County opted to choose a different provider that was not up to the task. The County sought additional bids, but none were received. The cost of the part-time Case Manager is less than what we were paying for the contracted individual. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #635 through #669 were approved.

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

Resolutions #670 through #672 were approved.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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Principal Stenographer

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