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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, July 13, 2022 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4
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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy 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 Kretser motioned to accept the minutes of the June 22, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Kathleen Kasparzak, of 22 Pristine Drive, Plattsburgh, New York, a member of the New York Citizens Audit (NYCA), reviewed the resolution presented to the Legislature at the last Regular Session held on Wednesday, June 22nd.

Beth Ashebranner, of 20 Lynde Street, Plattsburgh, New York, continued to read excerpts of the resolution to the Legislature.

James Vanetten, of 276 Miner Farm Road, Altona, New York, stated a few election facts to the Legislature.

Kimberly and Ed Boyce, of 32 Laura Drive, Morrisonville, New York, also spoke about some Clinton County election facts.

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported the Committee met on Monday, July 11th.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, was present to discuss the pending Government Center Brick Study. Jim Abdallah, of Architectural, Engineering and Design Associates (AEDA), P.C. was also present to provide an update on the Department of Social Services Ramp Project.

The Committee also discussed the status of the Energy Performance Contract with Wendel Companies. A Project Development Agreement will be executed shortly. Projects contained therein should start next spring.

Resolution #453 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, July 5th.

John Redden, the Commissioner of Social Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Safe Harbour Grant Application and Acceptance" and "Authorizing Contract with Days Inn by Wyndham."

Resolutions #454 through #459 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The Committee was also polled on Resolution #460.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 13th was cancelled.

Resolution #518 has been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

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

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, July 6th.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss the 2022 Foreclosure Auction, the 2022 Sales Tax Chart and the Correction of Errors Report.

Resolution #461 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes reported the Health Committee met on Wednesday, July 6th.

Debra Demers-Matott, the Deputy Director of Community Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Approving Appointment to the Community Services Board – Developmental Disabilities Services Subcommittee" and "Authorizing the New York State Office of Mental Health Workforce Grant Application and Acceptance."

Jeff Sisson, the Director of Public Health, was present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Various Motels." Mr. Sisson also discussed the Health Department Report for June, 2022 and the Director's Report for May, 2022.

Resolutions #462 through #465 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The Committee was also polled on Resolution #466.

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

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, July 5th.

Jody Mercaldi, the Administrative Assistant for the Office for the Aging, was present to discuss two resolutions titled, “Authorizing Contract with Jade Lam” and “Authorizing Contract with Karen Fitzgerald.”

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, was present to discuss the resolution, “Amending Resolution #585 dated November 10, 2020 titled, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2021.”

Kevin LeBoeuf, the Director of the Veterans’ Service Agency, was present to discuss monthly statistics and the VA’s Expansion of Presumptive Conditions and the impact moving forward.

Resolutions #467 through #469 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee met on Thursday, July 7th.

Resolutions #470 through #486 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 1st at 5:00 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 several resolutions including, “Awarding Bid for the Exit Lane Portal Modifications Project,” “Authorizing Lease Extension with Adirondack Salt and Sand, LLC” and “Authorizing Lease Agreement Extension with Company Two Fire for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Vehicle.”

Mr. Kreig also discussed a tenant and airline update.

Resolutions #487 through #492 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

Resolution #489 has been withdrawn.

Resolution #515 has also been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

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

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, July 7th.

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Central Square Technologies,” “Approving Appointments to the Fire Advisory Board” and “Awarding Bid for Generator Maintenance.”

Andrew Wylie, the District Attorney, was also in attendance to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing Out-of-State Travel.”

Hilary Rogers, the Public Defender, was also present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with New York State Defenders Association, Inc.” and “Authorizing Contract with Mesa Contract, Inc. d/b/a Exterus Business Furniture.”

Resolutions #493 through #503 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser reported the Transportation Committee met on Monday, July 11th.

Shannon Thayer, the Senior Planner for Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT), was present to discuss increasing the driver hourly starting wage and the potential project for Safe Streets for All Action Plan.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was also present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for various Materials and Services as needed for the Year 2023” and “Authorizing United States Department of Transportation Bridge Investment Program Grant Application.” Mr. Weiss also provided an update on the Military Turnpike Grant Award.

Resolutions #504 through #507 have been placed on the agenda.

Resolution #516 has also been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

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

LIAISON REPORTS

Clinton Community College – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported John Kowal, the President of Clinton Community College, wanted to extend his appreciation for the Legislator turnout at the luncheon held earlier in the day.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Agricultural Tour will be on Friday, September 16th.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated Hamilton County will be hosting the Intercounty of the Adirondacks meeting on Thursday, July 28th. The meeting will be held at the Adirondack Experience – The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake. David Kahn, the Executive Director of Adirondack Experience, will be giving a presentation. The next Intercounty of the Adirondacks meeting will be held in September at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Fall Conference.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislators Hughes and Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated there was a meeting held on Tuesday, July 12th. Some of the topics of discussion were staffing, the 2023 Budget and salary conversations and the 2022 Forward Together Conference. There was also discussion on loan updates that occurred during the COVID-19 Pandemic and pre-COVID. The Board also adopted a resolution extending video conferencing.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher asked for an Executive Session to discuss several contractual matters.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo also asked for an Executive Session to discuss a matter regarding the sale and lease of real property.

Chairpersons Report

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 #453 through #456 were approved.

Resolution #457 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Franklin, Essex, Hamilton – Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (FEH-BOCES)” was motioned by Legislator Potiker and seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Mr. Zurlo stated this was a joint application and Clinton County is the recipient of the funds to pass through to the other Counties.

Resolution #458 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc.” was motioned by Legislator Bezio and seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolution #459 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Hamilton County Department of Social Services (HC DSS)" was motioned by Legislator Potiker and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolutions #460 through #488 were approved.

Resolution #489 was withdrawn.

Resolution #490 was approved.

Resolution #491 titled, "Authorizing Lease Extension with Adirondack Salt and Sand, LLC" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Peryea abstained.

Resolutions #492 through #514 were approved.

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

Resolutions #515 through #518 were approved.


Legislator Waldron motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Peryea motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:49 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #519 through #521 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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