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May 8, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

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

EXCUSED: Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

Deputy Chairperson Hall 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. Chairperson McManus asked to be excused.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (9-0-1).

Deputy Chairperson Hall asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 4:30 p.m. The Committee will continue discussing proposed changes to parking at the Clinton County Government Center. As such, all Legislators are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

Mr. Zurlo announced the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be moving their monthly meetings from the second Tuesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. to the second Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Children and Family Services Committee met Tuesday, May 7th at 5:15 p.m. and discussed Resolutions #335 and #336 which have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

John Redden, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss budget concerns pertaining to domestic violence, Persons in Need of Supervision, the ban on plastic bags, the status of MHAB, Raise the Age and Cost Avoidance/Program Integrity Initiatives.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4th 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.

Martine Gonyo, the Director of Real Property, was present to discuss her reappointment, as well as software updates for the ACES Project and tentative tax roll figures.

Renee McFarlin, the Director of Economic Development, was present to discuss the Clean Energy Communities: Solar for All and Open C-PACE programs and a grant application for the Environmental Protection Agency Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Grant.

Lastly, the Committee continued its discussions on requests for tobacco settlement funding. A resolution will be presented at the May 22nd Regular Session.

Resolutions #337 through #340 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendations.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5th at 6:15 p.m.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee met Tuesday, May 7th at 4:30 p.m.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss Resolutions #341 through #344 which have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation. John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, was present to discuss Resolution #345.

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

Human Services Committee - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee was polled on Resolutions #346 through #348 which have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee met at 5:15 p.m. on May 6, 2019 and reviewed 22 items. There are 21 resolutions on the agenda that reflect the Committee's recommendations. Some noteworthy items were the creation of a permanent, full-time Account Clerk/Typist - Public Defender's Office (100 percent Grant funded) and the reappointment of the County Administrator for a five-year term through June 13, 2024. Resolution #351 for Reallocation of Probation Titles was withdrawn. This was disapproved in Committee but will be reheard at a subsequent meeting.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Deputy Chairperson Hall reported the fit-out of Building 2774 is underway for tenant Nova Cab. The Airport Director spent several hours with CDC Real Estate on Monday, May 6th to review the buildings at the Airport that are available for lease in order for CDC to gain sufficient knowledge to provide the County with market value lease rates for each building.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 5:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee was polled on Resolutions #370 and #371 which have been placed on the agenda.

The Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13th has been cancelled.

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the next Board of Health meeting will be held Thursday, May 30th at 7 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported all Legislators were provided with a travel guide from the Chamber of Commerce.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported Clinton Community College will be holding its commencement exercise Friday, May 17th at 6 p.m.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21st.

Discipline Review – Legislators Rosenquest and Hall, Mr. Zurlo

Legislator Rosenquest reported they are in the process of scheduling a meeting.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislators Keenan and Waldron

Legislator Keenan reported the next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 16th in Lake George.

Soil and Water – Legislators Henry and Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting will be held Thursday, May 16th.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported there was a board retreat at Akwesasne which went very well.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and collective negotiations.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated he would like to add potential litigation regarding Volo Aviation to the list of items to be discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Zurlo reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee meetings will be moved to the second Monday of the month and will begin at 4:30 p.m. The Health Committee will move from a 5:15 p.m. start time to 4:30 p.m., and the Children and Family Services Committee will move from a 6:15 p.m. start time to 5:15 p.m.

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

Resolutions #332 through #350 were approved. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #351 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #352 through #376 were approved. Carried (9-0-1).

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

Resolutions #377 was approved. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Dame thanked Mr. Zurlo for his service and for taking on another five years as Clinton County Administrator. Legislator Dame stated Mr. Zurlo is the glue that holds the County together. Clinton County will be in good hands for another five years.

Legislator Hall stated everyone is overly excited to have him here another five years. He does a fantastic job.

Mr. Zurlo thanked the Legislature for its support. Mr. Zurlo thanked Rodney Brown, Legislative Office staff, department heads and the labor force that takes great pride in their work.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Keenan motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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