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November 23, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Monday, November 21, 2022 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4
Calvin Castine, Area 1
Robert Hall, Deputy Chairperson, Area 10
Wendell Hughes, Area 8
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7

EXCUSED: Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Gary Favro, Assistant County Attorney

Deputy Chairperson Hall called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislators Henry and Waldron have asked to be excused.

Legislator Timmons motioned to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-2).

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

Diane Wardell, of Plattsburgh, New York, thanked the Legislature for their good work. She invited the Legislature to attend a Plattsburgh Cares Program, on Friday, December 9th at the Newman Center at 7 p.m., for a presentation on the tens of thousands of people that have funneled through our area crossing into Canada in the Town of Champlain at Roxham Road. She noted Janet McFetridge, will be presenting facts, followed by a slideshow accompanied by the music of composer Adrian Carr and concluding with a narrative by Ms. McFetridge. The group is strictly humanitarian, passing out gloves, hats and coats to the individuals who arrive unprepared for the weather. Mr. Zurlo asked that the information regarding the event be emailed to him and he will provide it to the Legislators. (A copy of the information provided has been attached and made part of the minutes.)

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

Deputy Chairperson Hall reported there is a public hearing on Local Law #1 titled, "A Local Law Authorizing the County to Hold Virtual Public Meetings, According with Chapter 56, Part WW of the Laws of 2022, Amending Section 103 of the Open Meetings Law." He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

The Clerk of the Board read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Timmons motioned to open the public hearing at 5:20 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-2).

Deputy Chairperson Hall asked if anyone present wished to address the Board regarding this matter.

There being no one who wished to speak, Deputy Chairperson Hall entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

Legislator Hughes motioned to close the public hearing at 5:20 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (8-0-2).

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee scheduled for Monday, November 14th was cancelled.

Resolution #871 was polled and has been placed on the agenda.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 4:00 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 next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Waldron, Mr. Zurlo reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

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

The next Finance Committee meetings are scheduled for Monday, November 28th and Tuesday, November 29th at 4:00 p.m. to review the 2023 budget.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

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

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th at 4:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

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

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Deputy County Administrator Kim Kinblom

On behalf of Legislator Henry, Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, reported the Personnel Committee met on Monday, November 7th.

Resolutions #872 through #886 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 5th 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 “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for a Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Sweeper” and “Amending Plattsburgh International Airport Rates and Charges.” Mr. Kreig also provided the Committee with a tenant update and a staffing update.

Resolutions #887 through #898 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 28th 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.

Resolution #899 was discussed at the November 7th Public Safety Committee meeting and has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Resolution #900 was polled and has been placed on the agenda.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser reported the Transportation Committee met on Monday, November 14th.

Shannon Thayer, the Senior Planner, was present to discuss a staffing update and 2023 Route Changes.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was also present to discuss resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with Palette Stone Corporation” and “Awarding Bid for the Replacement of the True Brook Road Bridge over True Brook, BIN 3358320.”

Resolutions #901 through #904 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 12th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Zurlo stated he believes there to be two resolutions for additions to the Board of Health that will be going through the legislative process.

Community Services Board – Legislator Castine

Mr. Zurlo stated the Community Services Board is now on the list of contract agencies in the Recommended Budget, as it is a pathway to receive Opioid Settlement funding to the community (as is required by the Attorney General settlement documents.)

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Board had their annual meeting on Tuesday, November 15th and while there has been transition, the Board is full and ready for next year.

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

Mr. Zurlo stated the County has made progress obtaining the broadband data that the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board was looking for. He reported the document from the Public Service Commission was executed today and the information will then be provided to him and subsequently to the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board. Legislator Hughes reported that Beth Gilles, the Director of the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board, sent her thanks to the Board.

Soil and Water – Legislators Peryea and Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated he distributed a handout (which has been attached and made part of the minutes) from Pete Hagar, the District Manager for the Soil and Water Conservation District, regarding the programs and funding provided to the Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District from the State.

STAFF REPORTS

Assistant County Attorney – Gary Favro, Esq.

Mr. Favro did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo requested an Executive Session to discuss a matter of collective negotiations. Secondly, Mr. Zurlo reported, as stated by Legislator Timmons, the Recommended Budget is before each legislator. He urged the Board to thoroughly review the text and stated he looks forward to the budget discussion on November 28, 2022.

Deputy Chairpersons Report

Deputy Chairperson Hall did not have a report.

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

Resolution #869 was approved.

Resolution #870 titled, “Adopting a Local Law #1 of 2022 titled, “A Local Law Authorizing the County to Hold Virtual Public Meetings, According with Chapter 56, Part WW of the Laws of 2022, Amending Section 103 of the Open Meetings Law” was motioned by Legislator Hughes and seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated if the Legislature passes this local law, under Waive Rule 13.2, the statute indicates the Legislature must also pass a policy and procedures document and that resolution is available should Local Law #1 be adopted. The policy and procedures resolution has been placed on each legislator's desk for consideration.

Resolutions #871 through #883 were approved.

Resolution #884 titled, "Approving Reappointment of Karl T. Weiss, P.E. as Clinton County Highway Superintendent" was motioned by Legislator Kretser and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Deputy Chairperson Hall stated he believes the County is making a very wise choice with the reappointment of Mr. Weiss.

Resolutions #885 through #890 were approved.

Resolution #891 titled, "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for a Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Sweeper" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated you will find in the Capital Equipment section of the Recommended Budget that Airport Director Chris Kreig also requested a Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Sweeper (with a cost of \$350,000) in his budget. Mr. Zurlo is recommending denial of that request as it is in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Legislator Timmons inquired if the County would be responsible for a five percent share if the Federal government provides funding for that piece of equipment. Mr. Zurlo responded yes, but a far better option than paying 100 percent.

Resolutions #892 through #896 were approved.

Resolution #897 titled, "Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Corporate Flight Management, Inc. d/b/a Contour Airlines" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted this was not an obligation of Contour Airlines and he feels this action indicates their desire to be here in Plattsburgh, New York and that they want to work with the County.

Resolutions #898 through #905 were approved.

Resolution #906 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the 2022 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Various Program Grants" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolutions #907 and #908 were approved.

Resolution #909 titled, "Congratulating Joseph F. Musso on His Exemplary Service with the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc." was motioned by Legislator Bezio and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated Mr. Musso will be presented with his plaque at an upcoming Regular Session.

Legislator Hughes motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolution #910 titled, "Establishing Procedures for Member Videoconferencing Pursuant to Public Officers Law § 103-a" was motioned by Legislator Kretser and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the procedures is made part of this resolution and will be placed on the County website.

Legislator Timmons motioned to enter Executive Session at 5:47 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Potiker motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolution #911 titled, "Authorizing the Chairperson to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) 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 motioned by Legislator Hughes and seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported Ms. Kinblom will be making those changes, as were discussed, and will be working with the Union on this authorization. The County will not execute the document unless those changes are agreed to.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Kretser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat

Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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Janet McFetridge, Plattsburgh Cares board member
Paula Allen, internationally-acclaimed photographer
Adrian Carr, grammy-nominated composer/pianist

Friday, December 9th, 6:30 pm
Newman Center, 90 Broad St, Plattsburgh NY

The public is invited to the Plattsburgh PREMIERE of *THE BACK DOOR*, a collaboration between Janet McFetridge, social justice activist and recipient of the 2019 Spirit of John Brown Freedom Award; Paula Allen, photographer; and Adrian Carr, composer/pianist

STOP. It is illegal to cross the border here or any place other than a Port of Entry. You will be detained and arrested if you cross here.

This is the sign read by tens of thousands of asylum seekers at the end of a long journey from distant places like Central America, Africa, and the Middle East. They've taken planes, trains, and buses to reach an irregular border crossing between Champlain, New York and Canada named **Roxham Road**, about 20 miles north of Plattsburgh.

Six days a week, since early 2017, Janet McFedtridge greets the often frightened and apprehensive individuals and families who find their way to this dead end road. She exhibits a rare kindness, showing the way to the path to a safer, more hopeful life in Canada.

"I want these people to know that the last American they meet before leaving the country cares what happens to them," said McFetridge.

In July 2018, Paula Allen began to document the depth of courage and strength humans possess under desperate circumstances and Janet's humanitarian gestures of handing a toy to each child or a warm item of clothing to an asylum seeker whose material possessions are reduced to a suitcase or satchel.

Allen's presentation will be accompanied by Adrian Carr on the piano. Join us to learn the amazing story of how and why Roxham Road has become a modern-day underground railroad

These gatherings are by \$10 donation, students are free.

If you are able, please bring a small item of outerwear (gloves, hat, scarves) or a small stuffed animal that Janet can pass along to refugees.

For more information contact Diana at dmwardell76@gmail.com

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**Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District
2022 Fall Update**

- The District held 3 tire recycling events in 2022 and collected over 3,000 tires from residents at no charge.
- Our 4th year of Emerald Ash Borer trapping has found an increasing number of EAB beetles across northern Clinton County as well as in the City of Plattsburgh.
- The District continued our roadside erosion hydroseeding program and seeded 9 acres of roadside ditches.
- District technicians planned and oversaw implementation of 1,345 acres of cover crops. Funding was available from several grant sources to reimburse 16 farms a total of \$93,486.
- The District applied for and was awarded \$453,863.00 from the Round 28 of the NYS Ag Non-Point Source grant program for the construction of a waste storage facility and cover crops on one dairy farm in Beekmantown.
- The District applied for and was awarded \$620,580 .00 from the Round 6 of the NYS Climate Resilient Farming grant program for the installation of a waste storage cover and flare on one dairy farm in Peru.
- The District is currently managing and overseeing implementation of State and Federal grant awards valued at \$2,518,588.80