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November 13, 2023

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, November 8, 2023 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: 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

EXCUSED: David Bezio, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

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

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislator Bezio asked to be excused.

Legislator Hughes motioned to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2023 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson Henry moved onto the Committee Reports.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Bezio, Mr. Zurlo stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The meeting scheduled for Monday, November 13th has been cancelled.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker stated 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, November 14th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier.

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was in attendance to provide updates on the Clinton County Business Innovation Gateway (C-BIG), BETA Technologies, Inc. and the YMCA/BETA Technologies, Inc. Field Trip.

Ms. Ryan also discussed the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency Report.

David Randall, the Director of Information Technology, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Twinstare Technologies.”

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was also in attendance to discuss the resolutions, “Approving Appointments to the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board” and “Authorizing Contracts for Geographic Information System License Administration Services.”

David Souliere, the Republican Commissioner of the Board of Elections, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Carpenter Brothers Moving & Storage Company, Inc.”

Resolutions #789, #790 and #825 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the October 11th Committee meeting.

Resolutions #791 through #794 have also been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, November 1st.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, and Rebecca Murphy, the Deputy County Treasurer, were present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Close Various Nursing Home Capital Projects" and "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Various Accounts."

Ms. Davis also discussed 2023-2024 school installments, sales tax and 3rd Quarter Occupancy Tax.

The Committee also discussed the snowplow bid award resolutions for various County buildings, as well as, the Plattsburgh International Airport.

Resolutions #795 through #798 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes reported the Health Committee met on Wednesday, November 1st.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Behavioral Health Services North (BHSN), Inc." and "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Champlain Valley Family Center."

Jeff Sisson, the Public Health Director, was also in attendance to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2024" and "Authorizing Contract with Saranac Central School District."

Mr. Sisson also discussed the Director's Report, the Health Department Report, WIC Highlights, the Fall Safety Guide and the 3rd Quarter 2023 Grant Report.

Resolutions #799 through #802 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The Committee was also polled on Resolution #803 on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

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

The Committee was polled on Resolution #804 on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, November 6th.

Resolutions #827 through #842 have been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

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

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

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

Resolution #805 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation from the Wednesday, October 25th Committee meeting.

The Committee was also polled on Resolution #806 on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Legislator Hall stated it was announced that Breeze Airways will now offer flights to Orlando and Tampa, Florida from Plattsburgh International.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, November 6th.

Sheriff Dave Favro was in attendance to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing Law Enforcement Technology Grant Program Application and Acceptance" and "Authorizing Contract with National Eye Care, Inc."

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was also present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Contract Extension with Emergency Services Marketing Corporation, Inc." and "Authorizing FY2020 State Homeland Security Program Grant Extension."

Chad Deans, the Coroner, was also in attendance to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2024," "Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues" and "Amending Fee Schedule for Removal and Transportation of Decedents under the Coroner's Care."

Mr. Deans also discussed a morgue cooler.

Resolutions #807 through #817 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Resolution #826 has also been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

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

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

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

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

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Board of Health – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to provide advice of counsel for ongoing litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo invited the Legislature to a Thanksgiving luncheon being held at the Senior Citizens Council of Clinton County on Thursday, November 16th at 11:30 p.m.

Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Henry wanted to congratulate those who were recently elected across Clinton County. He extended his thanks for those who took the time to run, even if not successful, and the resources they used to try to make things better for the community.

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

Resolutions #789 through #793 were approved.

Resolution #794 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Carpenter Brothers Moving & Storage Company” was motioned by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the rate did not change and Commissioner David Souliere advised the contract increase is due to an anticipated third election in 2024.

Resolutions #795 through #825 were approved.

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

Resolution #826 titled, “Authorizing Second Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Grant Acceptance” was motioned by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is three more years of a fully-funded Public Defender’s Office, as

well as, a portion of money to improve quality in the 18-B panel run by Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Legal Defense of Indigent Defendants.

Resolutions #827 and #828 were approved.

Resolution #829 titled, "Approving Reclassification of a Vacant Permanent, Full-Time Licensed Practical Nurse Position Down to a Permanent, Full-Time Medical Clerk Typist Position with Backfill (PCN 3111)" was motioned by Legislator Kretser and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Hall asked to withdraw this resolution as he would like to discuss this further with Sheriff Favro next week.

Legislator Hall motioned to withdraw Resolution #829, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #830 through #842 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:43 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Waldron motioned to exit Executive Session at 5:46 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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