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October 26, 2023

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, October 25, 2023 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4  
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: Calvin Castine, Area 1

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 Castine asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2023 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. 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 – Legislator Bezio**

Legislator Bezio reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Legislator Bezio invited the Legislature to attend an overview of the new boilers installed at the Office of Mental Health and Addictions on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

#### **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 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron 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, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons**

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

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #772 through #775 on the agenda.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo stated he will be distributing the updated Legislative meeting calendar to include the Budget meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **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, November 1<sup>st</sup> 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 next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

### **Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 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 the resolutions, “Authorizing Snow Removal Equipment Project Grant Amendment” and “Authorizing Contract with TDI Repair Facility.”

Mr. Kreig also provided an airline, tenant and staffing update.

Resolutions #776 and #777 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

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

Legislator Hall wanted to extend his thanks to James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, for his assistance with the new boiler at the Connecticut Avenue location.

### **Public Safety Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo**

On behalf of Legislator Castine, Mr. Zurlo reported the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser**

Legislator Kretser reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #778 and #779 on the agenda.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Board of Health – Legislator Potiker**

Legislator Potiker reported the Board of Health met on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. A resolution was passed and Jeff Sisson, the Public Health Director, provided a presentation on Corporate Compliance. The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Potiker**

Mr. Zurlo noted the Legislature received the 2024 solar eclipse t-shirts and the Taste of the North Country passes from the Chamber of Commerce.

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

Legislator Timmons reported the Committee met on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. He noted it was decided to end the contract with the local regional agricultural teams. This was decided because the Committee has been asking for several years what these teams were doing for the Counties and they have refused to answer.

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

Legislator Waldron stated the meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> in Franklin County has been cancelled.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Ms. Kelleher requested an executive session to provide an update on contractual matters.

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

Mr. Zurlo stated the first resolution on the agenda moves the Regular Session from Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> to Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

### **Chairpersons Report**

The Chairperson 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 #771 through #776 were approved.

Resolution #777 titled, "Authorizing Contract with TDI Repair Facility" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Hall stated the Committee is looking into other alternatives due to the high hourly rate. He is hoping to possibly solve this matter through the Personnel Committee.

Resolutions #778 through #781 were approved.

Resolution #782 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYSOMH) Veterans' Peer-to-Peer Support Program (Dwyer Grant)" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is the Dwyer Grant funding those on the Human Services Committee have heard about. This funding goes to the Community Services Board (CSB) and is then appropriated to the programs that Kevin LeBoeuf, the Veterans' Services Director, and his Veterans' groups decide upon.

Resolutions #783 through #788 were approved.

Legislator Waldron motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Kretser motioned to exit Executive Session at 5:43 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Bezio stated West Point Academy has mentioned sending five buses of cadets to Plattsburgh for the solar eclipse occurring on April 8, 2024. Legislator Bezio is wondering if the County will promote this or will the North Country Chamber of Commerce. Legislator Hall stated the Airport would provide a great viewing location and will contact Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, to find out more information.

Legislator Peryea stated he has received phone calls from constituents regarding the Canadian Border crossing and residents not feeling safe. Legislator Peryea would like a letter drafted to Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Senator Charles Schumer about getting more Border Patrol agents in the area. Mr. Zurlo stated the migrant issue in New York City is not the same people coming from the northern border and offered to draft a letter on behalf of the Legislature. Legislator Waldron inquired if the County is tracking the influx. Mr. Zurlo noted the County is tracking those that go to the Department of Social Services and noted most, if not all, decide not to remain in Clinton County. Mr. Zurlo stated he will send the Legislature a copy of a news article from the Albany Times Union regarding migrant issues in Franklin County.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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