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October 27, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, October 26, 2022 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4  
Calvin Castine, Area 1  
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
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 5:15 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Geri Favreau, the President of the Board of the Clinton County Historical Association (CCHA) and Museum, was present to address the Legislature. Ms. Favreau thanked the Legislature for their continued support of the CCHA programs and museum and the hard work they do to preserve the history of Clinton County. Ms. Favreau stated the CCHA takes pride in preserving and promoting the history of the County and they do it for the Community to share the great history of this region. Ms. Favreau was happy to report the CCHA is working with two local authors that are writing books on World War I and the Catholic Summer School, and both are supported by grants that the CCHA applied for and will cover a portion of the printing and publishing. Ms. Favreau stated the CCHA is dedicated to the entire County, not just the Plattsburgh area, and their exhibits try to reflect that. Right now, there is a speakeasy which highlights prohibition in Mooers, Churubusco and Rouses Point. Ms. Favreau stated the CCHA collaborates with a lot of other museums and organizations and they have a strong relationship with SUNY Plattsburgh and the Plattsburgh Public Library and they also work with Vermont and Canada. Ms. Favreau stated recently, the CCHA had to replace their museum roof which was very costly and depleted their savings but will be working hard to fundraise to reestablish some of their savings in case of another major incident. Ms. Favreau stated they have been fortunate between grants, Tobacco Settlement Funding and donors, and try to do the right thing and spend the money in good ways. Lastly, Ms. Favreau thanked Nate and Connor from Clinton County's Central Stores and commended their work. Ms. Favreau also invited the Legislature to come to the museum and exhibits and congratulated Mr. Zurlo on his new appointment as President of the New York State Association of Counties.

Helen Nerska, the Director of the Clinton County Historical Association (CCHA), was present and stated the CCHA received an award from the Champlain Valley Heritage Partnership. This award was for the 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution. The suffrage anniversary event was called the Champlain Valley Suffrage Centennial Motorcade, which started in Plattsburgh on July 31<sup>st</sup> for four weekends and ended in Glens Falls on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Nerska stated Legislator Waldron was there to represent the Legislature as well as Legislator Hughes, who helped prepare the grounds for the event. Under this Grant, the CCHA has worked with 30 partner organizations to conduct 10 suffrage celebrations throughout that period and this culminated into the publication of that book. In fact, the Heritage Partnership donated more money to the CCHA to finish the book. The CCHA received an award for all of the work they did. Ms. Nerska stated she and Ms. Favreau may be the faces of the CCHA, but they could not have done it without the partners of their organization and volunteers who help coordinate these events. Ms. Nerska noted how Legislator Castine records all of their events and thanked him. Ms. Nerska stated the CCHA does not charge any money for any of the information or services that they provide. The CCHA also has a monthly column in The Sun Newspaper, which tries to cover topics from all over and encouraged everyone to share anything or any topic they feel should be covered. Lastly, the CCHA is also working with a third author and Ms. Nerska stated she is very excited to get our history published.

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 Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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, November 1<sup>st</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.

Resolution #789 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation from the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 9<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.

Resolution #790 on the agenda has been withdrawn and will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Committee was polled on Resolution #791 on the agenda.

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

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

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

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #792 and #793 on the agenda.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 7<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 resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with Alta Construction Equipment New York, LLC” and “Amending Resolution #565 dated August 17, 2022 titled, “Awarding Bid for Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Testing System Equipment.”

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

Resolutions #794 and #795 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

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

Legislator Kretser reported the Transportation Committee met on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Shannon Thayer, the Senior Planner for Clinton County Public Transit, was present to discuss resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with Spar-Kil-Kleen” and “Authorizing Section 5311 Federal Transit Administration Formula Grant for Rural Area Program Application for Years 2021 – 2023.”

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss resolution, “Rejecting Bid for One, New Self-Drive Work Platform and Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Re-Solicit Bids.”

Mr. Weiss also discussed his reappointment as Highway Superintendent.

Resolutions #796 through #798 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 14<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 17<sup>th</sup> and three resolutions were voted on. Robert Damone was present as he is filling the role as President of the Board of Health, if approved. Mr. Zurlo stated a formal letter from the Board of Health will need to be submitted to the Legislature and then a resolution can be then be brought to the Full Board.

### **Clinton Community College – Legislator Bezio**

Legislator Bezio reported due to a lack of quorum, the Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled.

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

Legislator Waldron reported Clinton County will be hosting the Intercounty of the Adirondacks meeting tomorrow, Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at BETA Technologies for a tour of their facility. Lunch and the business meeting will follow at Buster's Restaurant.

### **Workforce Development Board – Legislator Kretser**

Legislator Kretser reported Sylvie Nelson, the Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board, had hoped attend tonight's meeting to provide a brief update but was not able to and will attend the next scheduled Regular Session on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss contractual negotiations and the sale of real property.

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

Mr. Zurlo reported he and Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, are progressing through the County Budget and hope to get the recommended Budget to the Legislature on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Zurlo reported this is the year that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act money runs out, so there is a significant jump in certain departments budgets.

### **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.

Resolution #788 was approved.

Resolution #789 titled, "Authorizing Contract with New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG)" was motioned by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is the cost to bring electrical service to the pump station.

Resolution #790 has been withdrawn.

Resolution #791 titled, "Authorizing Various Contracts for Peer-to-Peer Services" was motioned by Legislator Peryea and seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is a result of the State of New York Dwyer Grant. The State provides funding to have the local Veterans' Offices come up with Veteran peer-to-peer contracts to assist struggling Veterans.

Resolutions #792 through #796 were approved.

Resolution #797 titled, "Authorizing Section 5311 Federal Transit Administration Formula Grant for Rural Area Program Application for Years 2021 – 2023" was motioned by Legislator Kretser and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is the Federal share of any new busses that the County receives. The State of New York also provides 10 percent and the County pays 10 percent for each bus purchased.

Resolutions #798 through #806 were approved.

Legislator Kretser motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:52 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Bezio motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:02 p.m., seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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