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September 30, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, September 25, 2019 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Simon Conroy, Area 4
 Mark Dame, Area 8
 Robert Hall, Area 10
 Mark Henry, Area 3
 Pete Keenan, Area 5
 Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
 Francis Peryea, Area 2
 Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
 Rob Timmons, Area 7
 Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
 Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
 Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney
 Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee was polled on Resolutions #775 and #776 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee under Waive Rule 13.2.

He reported the demolition project in the Village of Dannemora remains on schedule. Both buildings have been demolished, and the final rubble removal and site clean-up should be completed by the end of the week.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Legislator Conroy provided a statement to his fellow legislators, residents of Clinton County and his family, of the events of his personal life over the last 30 days. He apologized for his absence and announced his candidacy for the Chairpersonship of the Legislature.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the Health Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st at 4:30 p.m.

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the Human Services Committee was polled on Resolution #774 which has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame stated the Personnel Committee was polled on Resolutions #747 through #749 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier. C & S Engineers, Inc. provided a presentation to the Committee. Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, updated the Committee on tenants and the airline.

Resolutions #750 through #756 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee, as well as Resolutions #770 through #773 under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolution #757 which has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Transportation Committee was polled on Resolution #758 which has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Board of Health is scheduled to meet on Monday, October 21st at 7 p.m.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame read a letter from Clinton Community College (CCC) President Ray DiPasquale and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dave Favro, which was addressed to Chairperson McManus. The letter thanked the County for their outstanding support for the College and in helping the College through a challenging and fiscal year (of 2019).

Legislator Dame reported he attended Clinton Community College's Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, September 24th, where the Board thanked the County for their support and passed an Early Retirement Incentive Program that will be forwarded to the SUNY Chancellor for approval.

Mr. Zurlo reported the new operating chargeback rates for CCC have increased.

Intercounty Legislative Meeting of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated Intercounty met in Sullivan County on Wednesday, September 18th at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Conference. The Weather and Climate Business-Analytics Center provided a presentation on their mezzanine program that operates in New York State. She reported there are 126 mezzanines that are mini-weather stations that photograph the weather and gather the data to help with climate change. This program has been recognized as one of the largest programs internationally.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th.

Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the two new technicians that were recently hired have attended training sessions and are acclimating well with staff.

He reported the manure pit in Peru, New York is almost complete. It will incorporate a drag line where the manure will be injected into the ground as opposed to spreading it on the soil.

He also noted the hydro seeder is currently experiencing issues and will probably need to be replaced this year. This will lead to a slight increase in the budget.

Mr. Zurlo stated he met with Peter Hagar, District Manager of Soil and Water to review the budget and will give the Board his recommendations when he presents the budget to the Legislature.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss an update on the opioid litigation and a contractual letter at the Plattsburgh International Airport.

Mr. Zurlo stated he, Kim Kinblom, Personnel Director, and Ms. Kelleher met with the CSEA General Unit to negotiate the 2020 contract and had a good initial conversation.

He also noted that as Legislator Peryea previously stated, Resolution #775 awards the bid for the Construction Project for the Government Center Parking Lot and Resolution #777 authorizes the Chairperson to enter a contract with the City of Plattsburgh to establish said terms of the construction and enforcement of associated parking in that Center. This is the last step in this project, assuming that the City of Plattsburgh does the same at their Common Council meeting tomorrow, September 26th. Additionally, he stated the project should begin shortly and be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Zurlo also reminded the Legislature of the Agricultural Tour scheduled for Friday, October 11th from 8:30 a.m. through 1:45 p.m.

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

Legislator Conroy excused himself from the meeting at this point.

Resolutions #747 through #769 were approved.

Legislator Waldron motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1). (Mr. Conroy was excused.)

Resolutions #770 and #771 were approved. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #772 titled, “Authorizing Change Order #5 and Final with Murnane Building Contractors, Inc. – Light Industrial Manufacturing Facility Project -Upstate Airport Initiative (UAI) Project – Plattsburgh International Airport”

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo asked Mr. Brown to provide a brief overview of the status of the Upstate Airport Initiative (UAI) Projects. Mr. Brown reported the actual ground work was completed months ago with the exception of the Manufacturing Facility Building (that will be owned by The Development Corporation (TDC)) because the tenant requested additional work be completed after all of the other projects were completed. The deadline designated by New York State is November 1st and all reimbursements must be submitted by that date. He stated there were a number of outstanding claims that existed on this last project and the County needed to make those payments. He noted if the County failed to submit timely, then the County would be responsible for making those payments instead of using available Grant funding. Mr. Brown stated the consulting engineers were able to work with Murnane Builders, Inc. to finalize these Change Orders for submission and reimbursement.

Mr. Zurlo stated this allows for submission of final reimbursement requests which will allow for the remaining grant award funds to be distributed. Carried (9-0-1).

At this time, Legislator Conroy returned the meeting,

Resolutions #773 and #774 were approved. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #775 titled, "Awarding Bid for Government Center Parking Lot – Buildings and Grounds"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported the County received two bids, and both were well within the estimated cost. He stated the County's cost is reduced due to the upcoming agreement with the City and the contribution from the New York State Unified Court System (because the parking lot also houses court system employees) which allows for a funding source from the State of New York.

Resolutions #776 and #777 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:46 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator