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September 9, 2021

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, September 8, 2021, Clinton County, 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: Simon Conroy, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim M. 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 Conroy was excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2021 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Chairperson Henry reported there is a public hearing on the 2021-2022 Clinton Community College budget. He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Waldron motioned to open the public hearing at 5:18 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

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

Legislator Waldron stated the County is contributing 36 percent towards the Clinton Community College budget, which is more than one third, and urged New York State to contribute more funding.

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

Legislator Hughes motioned to close the public hearing at 5:20 p.m., seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (9-0-1).

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Timmons

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

The Buildings and Grounds Department has resumed COVID-19 advanced cleaning in Departments that have had exposure.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 20th at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 7th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #619 on the agenda.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th 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 this afternoon.

Glen Cutter, the Planning Director, was present to discuss resolutions, “Authorizing Application for Funding under the New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program” and “Authorizing the Clerk of the Clinton County Legislature to Advertise for a Public Hearing Regarding the Grant Application to be Submitted to the New York State Office of Housing and Community Renewal.”

Resolutions #620 through #623 have been placed on the agenda.

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

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

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

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss sales tax receipts and a resolution, “Authorizing Contract Extension with Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company.”

Kristy Kennedy and Alyssa Senecal, of the North-Country Chamber of Commerce, presented their 2022 Marketing Plan to the Committee.

Resolutions #624 through #628 have been placed on the agenda.

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

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, September 1st.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss several resolutions, including “Authorizing Vital Connections Grant Application and Acceptance.” Ms. Gregory also discussed Law Enforcement Diversion.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, was present to provide an update on COVID-19 cases and vaccinations. Mr. Kanoza stated there are about 14 to 15 new cases per day, with 110 active cases in isolation and 127 in quarantine. CVPH currently has 11 total positive cases, with two being residents of Clinton County. Mr. Kanoza stated 40 percent of these positive cases are breakthrough cases, meaning the individuals are fully vaccinated.

Mr. Kanoza spoke about the new testing site located on Hammond Lane that is being operated by CVPH. A doctor’s note is required to receive testing at this site. The County Health Department is still conducting testing on Monday’s, Wednesday’s and Friday’s at their Margaret street location. Mr. Kanoza mentioned the new contract with Mirimus, Inc. to conduct testing for schools which will be done through saliva testing.

Mr. Kanoza spoke about the upcoming vaccination clinics for migrant workers and the SUNY international students. Mr. Kanoza spoke about how well SUNY Plattsburgh has done on vaccinating students, with 75 percent of off-campus students now being fully vaccinated.

Legislator Hughes asked Mr. Kanoza if he had any recommendations. Mr. Kanoza stated to mask-up and socially distance. Mr. Kanoza hopes to see this spike last only a few months and is hopeful the next variant won't be as bad.

Resolutions #629 through #634 have been placed on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 6th at 4:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, September 7th.

Darleen Collins, the Director of Office of for the Aging, was present to discuss two resolutions and to provide an update on the Social Isolation Mini-Grant Project.

Kevin LeBeouf, the Director of Veterans' Services, was present to discuss August Monthly Statistics, the Topic Point Updates for the New York State Dwyer Grant and the Three Presumptive Conditions Related to Burn Pits for Gulf Theatre Veterans.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, was also present to provide an update on visitation and the New York State Mandatory Health-Care Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination.

Resolutions #635 and #636 have been placed on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

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

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 9th at 4:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

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

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #637 and #638 on the agenda.

Legislator Hall urged the importance of Resolution #638 and reiterated the need for the Airport to purchase a new fire truck rather than renting one.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 22nd 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 Thursday, September 9th at 5:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

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

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #639 and #640 on the agenda.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 20th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated Intercounty will be meeting during the upcoming New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Conference being held September 13th through 15th. Ms. Waldron stated the topic is on broadband and cellular service and urged fellow Legislators to attend if they could.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher stated she would like to request an Executive Session to discuss a matter of litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated Senator Dan Stec will be holding a press conference at the Clinton County Government Center on Thursday, September 9th at 12:30 p.m. The topic of the conference is the Canadian border closure.

Mr. Zurlo also reminded the Legislators to please respond to the recent e-mail from NYSAC regarding lunches at the conference.

Chairperson’s Report – Legislator Henry

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 #617 was approved.

Resolution #618 titled, “Authorizing the Clerk of the Clinton County Legislature to Advertise for a Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of the Year 2021 titled, “Amending Local Law #2 of the Year 2018, titled, “Amending Local Law #3 of the Year 2015, titled, “Amending Local Law #2 of the Year 2012, titled, “Amending Local Law #2 of the Year 2011, titled, “Amending Local Law #2 of the Year 2008 titled,

“Clinton County Room Occupancy Tax Law” was moved by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo explained this resolution has to be revised every three years.

Resolution #619 was approved.

Resolution #620 titled, “Authorizing Application for Funding under the New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program” was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo explained this resolution allows the Department to apply for the Grant, along with extending the current Grant period.

Resolution #621 was approved.

Resolution #622 titled, “Authorizing Petition to Annex Territory in the City of Plattsburgh to the Town of Plattsburgh” was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is a parcel of land owned by Clinton County consisting of 18 acres east of the Airport Terminal Building.

Resolutions #623 through #635 were approved.

Resolution #636 titled, “Authorizing Contract Amendment with North Country Home Services, Inc.” was moved by Legislator Peryea and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is funded through the Unmet Need Grant.

Resolutions #637 through #658 were approved.

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

Legislator Peryea motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:54 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Kretser motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:04 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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