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May 12, 2023

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, May 10, 2023 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4
Calvin Castine, Area 1
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: Robert Hall, Area 10

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 asked to be excused.

Legislator Kretser motioned to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2023 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one 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 meeting scheduled for Monday, May 8th was cancelled.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, May 2nd.

Christine Peters, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Out-of-State Travel.”

Ms. Peters also discussed the Rural Youth Justice Workforce Initiative, Refugees and the monthly statistics for March, 2023.

Plattsburgh Cares also attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Migrant issue in the North Country.

Resolutions #352 through #354 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th was cancelled.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, May 3rd.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss the 2023 Sales Tax Charts, In Rem Foreclosure and the 2023 1st Quarter Occupancy Tax.

The Legislature held further discussion on the 2023 Tobacco Settlement Funding and finalized funding decisions.

Resolutions #355 and #356 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes reported the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #357 on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, May 2nd.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, was present to discuss the resolution, "Amending Resolution #129 dated March 10, 2021 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Stericycle, Inc."

Darleen Collins, the Director of the Office for the Aging, was also present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Volunteer Stipend Program Acceptance" and "Authorizing Contract with Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Volunteer."

Kevin LeBoeuf, the Director of Veterans' Services, was also in attendance to discuss the monthly statistics for April, 2023.

Resolutions #358 through #360 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th at 4:15 p.m.

Legislator Peryea also noted he attended the Senior Celebration and there was a great turnout.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee met on Monday, May 1st.

Resolutions #361 through #373 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Hall, Mr. Zurlo reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee

has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #374 and #375 on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, May 1st.

Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, 2023-2024 Probation State Aid Block Grant Funding and Program Plan.”

Jami Rock, the Administrative Assistant at the Child Advocacy Center, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Various Contracts” and “Authorizing Adirondack Foundation Grant Acceptance.”

Kelly Donoghue, the Assistant Director of Emergency Services, was also in attendance to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Transfer Funds from the E911 Surcharge Reserve to the E911 Budget.”

Resolutions #376 through #381 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 8th was cancelled.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 12th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported graduation is Friday, May 19th and to please let Toni in the Legislative Office or Tammy Villanueva at Clinton Community College know of your availability.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Hughes

On behalf of Legislator Waldron, Legislator Hughes reported the meeting was in Lewis County and Unconventional Concepts provided a tour of an old missile silo. Statewide Purchasing Alliance also attended to give a presentation.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher reminded the Legislature that Assistant County Attorney Gary Favro will be attending the next Regular Session on Wednesday, May 24th.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report.

Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Henry requested an Executive Session to discuss a matter of public safety.

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

Resolutions #352 through #355 were approved.

Resolution #356 titled, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate and Transfer Funding from the Tobacco Reserve Fund for 2023 Projects” was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolutions #357 through #378 were approved.

Resolution #379 titled, “Authorizing Various Contracts” was motioned by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Ms. Kelleher noted that Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was recently honored with the Liberty Bell award and for her work on establishing the Child Advocacy Center in Clinton County.

Resolutions #380 and #381 were approved.

Resolution #382 titled, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant” was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolution #384 titled, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Re-Appropriate 2022 Funds for Various Accounts” was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolutions #385 through #387 were approved.

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

Resolution #388 titled, "Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Located at 88 Connecticut Road" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (9-0-1).

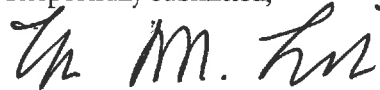
Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted the offer previously discussed in Executive Session was approved.

Legislator Kretser motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Timmons motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hughes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin M. Light". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin M. Light
Senior Typist

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