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November 10, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, November 9, 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

EXCUSED: 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 Waldron asked to be excused.

Legislator Kretser motioned to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Sam Dyer, a resident of West Chazy, wanted to extend his thanks to the County for the opportunity to sell Shields Vegetables at the Government Center and the support the County has provided over the past four months. He also thanked County staff for helping promote this. Mr. Dyer spoke about the Double-Up Program that the Health Department helped bring to fruition and it has allowed Shields Vegetables to match up to \$20 worth of a vegetable or meat purchase. Mr. Zurlo noted Mr. Dyer has done a great job over the years and if others expressed interest in doing this as well, the County would explore those opportunities.

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 scheduled for Monday, November 14th has been cancelled.

Mr. Zurlo noted the Bell Tower at the Government Center has been illuminated in green from November 7th through 13th in honor of Operation Green Light for the Veteran community.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, November 1st.

John Redden, the Commissioner of Social Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2023,” “Authorizing Safe Harbour Grant Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Adult Protective Services Grant Application and Acceptance.”

Mr. Redden also discussed the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), the 2023 Budget, the Public Health Emergency Extension and the Monthly Statistics for October, 2022.

Resolutions #807 through #822 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, December 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Timmons

On behalf of Legislator Waldron, Legislator Timmons reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier.

Tammy Lacey, the Director of Real Property, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Systems Development Group (SDG), Inc.”

David Randall, the Director of Information Technology, was also present to discuss two resolutions, “Authorizing FY2020 Cyber Security Grant Program Acceptance” and “Authorizing Contract with the City of Plattsburgh.” Mr. Randall also spoke to the Committee about the disposal of surplus Information Technology assets.

Glen Cutter, the Planning Director, provided an update on Planning Department Projects.

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, spoke about website development, an update on the Clinton Business Innovation Gateway (C-BIG) and an update regarding BETA Technologies.

Resolutions #823 through #825 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

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

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, November 2nd.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss the resolutions including, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Write-Off Uncollectible Weights and Measures Invoices,” “Authorizing Ongoing Contract with Munistat Services, Inc.” and “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 Funds to Various Accounts.”

Ms. Davis also discussed the 2022 Sales Tax Chart, the 3rd Quarter, 2022 Occupancy Tax and 2022-23 School Installments.

Resolutions #826 through #830 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The Committee was also polled on Resolution #831.

The next Finance Committee meetings are tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 29th and Tuesday, November 30th at 4:00 p.m. to review the 2023 budget.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes reported the Health Committee met on Wednesday, November 2nd.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract Amendment with the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Champlain Valley” and “Authorizing Contract Amendment with Rooted Compassion Counseling and

Consulting, LLC.” A discussion was also held on the Law Enforcement Mental Health Referral System.

Jeffrey Sisson, the Director of Public Health, was also in attendance to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Chimera Integrations, LLC.” Mr. Sisson also discussed the Director’s Report for September, 2022, the Health Department Report for October, 2022, the Grant Quarterly Report for the 3rd Quarter, 2022 and the Public Health Connection for October, 2022.

The Committee also discussed the topic of Bio Solids. Legislator Hughes also noted there is a tour at the Casella Organics Plant in Chateaugay, New York at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10th and asked the Legislature to attend if possible.

Resolutions #832 through #835 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th at 4:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, November 1st.

Darleen Collins, the Director of Office for the Aging, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Annual Update to the Four-Year Plan and Accepting Annual Implementation Plan,” “Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT)” and “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2023.”

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, was also in attendance to discuss two resolutions including, “Authorizing Payment of Mandatory Minimum Data Set (MDS) Continuing Education Fees” and “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2023.”

Kevin LeBoeuf, the Director of the Veterans’ Service Agency, provided a handout on the Monthly Statistics for October, 2022.

Resolutions #836 through #840 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, December 6th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee met on Monday, November 7th.

Resolution #841 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The remaining number of resolutions will be placed on the November 21st Regular Session.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 5th at 5:00 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 next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, November 7th.

Sheriff David Favro was present to discuss the resolutions, “Awarding Bids for Inmate Clothing, Janitorial Supplies and Personal Care Items for the Year 2023” and “Authorizing Contract Amendment with J. Hogan Refrigeration & Mechanical, Inc.”

Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director, was also in attendance to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2023” and “Authorizing County Pre-Trial Services Acceptance.”

Jamie Martineau, the Public Defender, discussed the resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with E.T. Harris and Son, Inc.” and “Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues.”

Chad Deans, the County Coroner, discussed several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with CoronerME,” “Authorizing Contract with Glens Falls Hospital” and “Authorizing Contract with Forensic Medical Services, PC.”

Resolutions #842 through #859 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

Resolution #857 has been withdrawn.

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

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

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

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 14th 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, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported the next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Waldron, Mr. Zurlo reported Clinton County hosted the Intercounty of the Adirondacks meeting on Thursday, October 27th. This meeting also fulfills Clinton County's duty as Chair of the Committee for the year. The Committee had a very informative tour of BETA Technologies and Pat Cummings, of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), provided an update at the Committee luncheon.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser introduced Sylvie Nelson, the Executive Director of the North Country Workforce Development Board. Ms. Nelson thanked the Legislature for their time and for the Tobacco Settlement funding received towards their Authentic STEM Program. The funding has allowed the Program to move forward and the Board is currently working on a tool kit to bring this model to other areas in the North Country. A scholarship was also received from the company Xometry, to help promote machining jobs with machining shops for 80 individuals to attend Advanced Manufacturing I and II at Clinton Community College's Institute of Advanced Manufacturing. Ms. Nelson noted some of the scholarship funding supports services which include tuition, steel boots, computers, mileage reimbursement and childcare. Legislator Bezio inquired if the attendees are students or if they are already employed. Ms. Nelson responded many are individuals looking for a new career path and several are from the company Alstom.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher noted she will not be at the next Regular Session on Monday, November 21st and Assistant County Attorney Gary Favro will be attending in her absence.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the meetings with the Department Heads for next year's Fiscal Plan have been completed. He stated he and Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, will be working on Friday, November 11th to input the recommended changes to formulate a spending plan.

Mr. Zurlo also requested an Executive Session to discuss the personnel history of a County employee.

Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Henry noted he visited a few polling places, along with the Board of Elections Office, on Election Day and commended the great job they did during the election.

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

Resolutions #807 through #813 were approved.

Resolution #814 titled, "Amending Resolution #14 dated January 12, 2022 titled, "Amending Resolution #770 dated December 16, 2022 titled, "Amending Resolution #661 dated November 10, 2020 titled, "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2021" was motioned by Legislator Potiker and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted when there is a change in the rate, the resolution must be amended as well. Legislator Castine noted an error on the year of the title needing to read December 16, 2020 instead of December 16, 2022. Legislator Kretser made a motion to change the year, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #815 and #816 were approved.

Resolution #817 titled, "Authorizing Contracts with Various Foster Care Facilities for the Year 2023" was motioned by Legislator Potiker and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted this is the list of foster care facilities the County is able to utilize but the County does not necessarily have children in each facility.

Resolutions #818 through #823 were approved.

Resolution #824 titled, "Authorizing FY2020 Cyber Security Grant Program Acceptance" was motioned by Legislator Potiker and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo clarified the Fiscal Year 2020 is the title of the Grant and is not money associated with 2020.

Resolutions #825 through #830 were approved.

Resolution #831 titled, "Awarding Bid for Snow Plowing and Removal at the Plattsburgh International Airport" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo clarified that at the Finance Committee meeting, this resolution was not moved forward to Regular Session due to there not being enough due diligence on the second vendor, Snow Systems. Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, did further research and received a good recommendation on this company, and as such, the Finance Committee was re-pollled for this resolution to be placed back on the agenda.

Resolutions #832 through #839 were approved.

Resolution #840 titled, "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2023" was motioned by Legislator Peryea and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo explained he is recommending a full-year budget because it is an easier solution rather than trying to come out with a percentage. He is recommending contracting as if under normal standard operating procedures with the vendors at the Nursing Home. The budget will be a scaled-down annual budget, as well as, contracts for all the services currently provided for the full-term (knowing the full-term will not be needed.)

Resolutions #841 through #844 were approved.

Resolution #845 titled, "Authorizing County Pre-Trial Services Grant Acceptance" was motioned by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is a new revenue to the County. The State saw fit to enhance pre-trial services and the County will use the funding for the three-year period to offset the Probation Office's budget.

Resolutions #846 through #856 were approved.

Resolution #857 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #858 through #867 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

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

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:20 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #868 was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hughes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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