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September 24, 2020

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Simon Conroy, Area 4
Calvin Castine, Area 1
Robert Hall, Area 10
Patrick McGill, Area 8
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim M. Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Gary Favro, Esq., Assistant County Attorney
John Kanoza, Director of Public Health

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

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

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2020 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator McGill. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry stated there is a public hearing on the 2020-2021 Clinton Community College budget. He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to open the public hearing at 5:31 p.m., seconded by Legislator McGill. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone present wished to address the Board on the proposed Clinton Community College budget.

There was no one present who wished to address the Legislature regarding Clinton Community College's 2020-2021 budget.

Legislator McGill motioned to close the public hearing at 5:31 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Gary Favro, the Assistant County Attorney, addressed the Legislature as a community member. Mr. Favro shared that in March, he was diagnosed with COVID-19 and almost died from the virus. He stated that he was sitting 20 feet away from a person during a meeting and caught COVID-19. He urged everyone to wear a face mask during the meeting to ensure the safety of everyone.

Chad Deans, the County Coroner, thanked the Legislature for approving the hiring of a Deputy Coroner and approving the Coroner and Deputy Coroner to transport decedents. This has expedited the process.

Jennifer Facticeau-Rabideau, the Deputy Coroner, introduced herself and shared her background.

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, September 14th was cancelled.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 8th 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 1st was cancelled.

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

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #549 on today's agenda.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th at 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at 6:15 p.m.

2021 sales tax numbers have been provided to all municipalities.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

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

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 4:30 p.m.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, provided an update on the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mr. Kanoza reported a new positive case has occurred in a CVPH medical worker. Currently, there are four active cases in isolation. Mr. Kanoza stated that the State testing site in the Hannaford Plaza will now be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mr. Kanoza stated that he is working with Superintendents of schools to work through the hiccup of the first school child case at Beekmantown Central School. They are working together to figure out the New York State school guidance for children to return to school after being ill.

Human Services Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

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

Personnel Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee was polled on Resolution #550 on the agenda.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Resolutions #551 through #555 have been placed on the agenda.

The Committee was provided with an update on airport operations and tenants. Jack Penning of Volaire Aviation was present to provide an update on air service.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolutions #556 through #559.

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

Transportation Committee - Legislator McGill

Legislator McGill reported the Transportation Committee met Monday, September 14th.

Resolution #560 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Matthew Pray was present to discuss saving bridges in Keeseville.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 8th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Chairperson Henry

Legislator Henry reported the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 7 p.m.

Community Services Board - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy discussed the pros and cons of the Tele-Health system over the past few months.

There were also discussions on an affordable housing development and recent Medicaid transportation issues.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported there will be a special meeting to discuss the Revolving Loan Fund and the need to hire a temporary employee to process these loans.

Soil and Water Board - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported that over 5,000 acres of farm land has been crop covered compared to 3,500 acres last year.

STAFF REPORTS

Assistant County Attorney – Gary Favro, Esq.

Mr. Favro did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported due to COVID-19, the Landfill will not be having an annual tour this year, but for those Legislators who are interested, they may email Mr. Zurlo so that the Landfill Manager can schedule a tour exclusively for Legislators.

Mr. Zurlo indicated that he had a New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) board meeting earlier that day, and they are still holding out hope for future federal funding through the stimulus package, though at this point, it is looking more and more unlikely.

Mr. Zurlo apologized for not having the Clinton Community College resolution approving the budget on tonight's agenda after the public hearing was held. Mr. Zurlo spoke with President DiPasquale, and they agreed the resolution can be placed on the October 14th full board meeting.

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.

Resolutions #549 through #563 were approved.

Resolution #564 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #565 through #567 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Potiker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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