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April 11, 2024

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, April 10, 2024 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
David Bezio, Area 4
Robert Hall, Area 10
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Wendell Hughes, Area 8
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Kevin Randall, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
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 Randall motioned to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2024 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry, on behalf of the Legislature, proclaimed the week of April 14-20, 2024 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Clinton County. He read the proclamation to the Legislature.

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Jennifer Jewett, of 11109 State Route 9, Champlain, New York thanked the individuals who have taken the time and effort to help get a Dog Tethering Law passed. She stated she will be attending every public meeting until this law is passed. She stated this law, Wendell's Abuse Registry, as well as, the anonymous animal abuse tip hotline will make it easier for people to make complaints regarding the treatment of animals.

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, April 9th.

Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds James Cleveland was present to discuss the Government Center Brick Project update, a Wendel Energy Services, LLC update and the Master Plan.

Resolutions #273 and #274 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Terra Sisco, the Director of the Youth Bureau, provided an overview of the Youth Bureau's Office to the Committee and also discussed the resolution, "Authorizing Application and Acceptance of Stewart's Holiday Grant."

Greg and Andrea Tipping, of the TipCo Group, also provided a presentation on Automated Systems.

Christine Peters, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services (DSS), was also present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Hyland Software, Inc." and "Amending Resolution #849 dated November 20, 2023 titled, "Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues for the Year 2024." She also discussed monthly statistics, the Warming Center, homelessness issues and staff succession planning.

Resolutions #275 through #278 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, May 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier.

David Randall, the Director of Information Technology, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Contract with the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services" and "Awarding Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Wide Area Network and Dedicated Internet Access."

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was also present to discuss the resolution, "Approving the Eight-Year Review of Agricultural District 7C".

Molly Ryan, the Director of Economic Development, was also present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing Execution of Purchase and Sale Agreement."

Resolutions #279 through #282 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation. Resolution #283 has been withdrawn. Resolution #346, under Waive Rule 13.2, has also been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, and Rebecca Murphy, the Deputy County Treasurer, were present to discuss several resolutions including, "Approving Clinton County Investment Policy for 2024" and "Authorizing Various Ongoing Contracts with Abstract Companies," as well as, 2024 Sales Tax, In Rem Foreclosure and the Correction of Error Report.

Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, discussed Tobacco Settlement Funding.

Additionally, the Committee approved a three-year contract with NRG for the County's natural gas supplier. The new pricing will save the County approximately \$133,000 per year.

Resolutions #284 through #286 and Resolution #288 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation. Resolution #287 has been withdrawn.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes reported the Health Committee met on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss resolutions including, "Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Veterans' Service Agency" and "Authorizing Contract with Bonnie Black."

Resolutions #289 through #293 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Legislator Hughes stated he felt the County and the City of Plattsburgh did a great job with the Eclipse event.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd was cancelled.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Chairperson Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, April 1st.

Resolutions #294 through #318 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 6th 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 Wednesday, April 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Legislator Hall stated the Airport hosted 150 cars that paid for parking and viewed the Eclipse. He reported there was another 30 individuals that came by bus. He stated everything went smoothly and he is proud of the Airport staff. Mr. Zurlo reported the Airport accepted approximately 55 general aviation aircraft for the Eclipse viewing.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, April 1st.

Russell Haag, the STOP/DWI Coordinator, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Community-Based Traffic Safety Program Grant Application and Acceptance" and "Authorizing Child Passenger Safety Program Grant Application and Acceptance."

Andrew Wylie, the District Attorney, and Jami Rock, the Administrative Assistant at the Child Advocacy Center (CAC), were present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing the County

Treasurer to Establish Appropriation from the District Attorney's Federal Justice Seizure Reserve and State Seizure Reserve" and "Authorizing Stewart's Grant Application and Acceptance."

Dave Marcoux, the Director of Probation, was present to discuss resolutions including, "Authorizing the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Ignition Interlock Device Enforcement Program Grant Application and Acceptance" and "Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues."

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was also present to discuss resolutions including, "Authorizing 2023 Statewide Interoperability Communications Formula-Based Grant Acceptance" and "Authorizing Contract with APCO International."

Legislator Castine stated the proposed Dog Tethering Law is still under discussion and the Committee is actively seeking input from the various Towns.

Resolutions #319 through #338 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, May 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #339 and #340 on the agenda.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 13th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes reported the Committee met on Tuesday, April 9th to discuss formalities. Legislator Hughes invited the Legislators to a Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning meeting in Clinton County scheduled for Tuesday, July 9th.

Soil and Water Conservation - Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th at 6 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss two contractual matters and potentially legal advice.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated the State of New York is planning to pass an extender to continue State operations on Thursday, April 11th with the hope of budget passage by Tuesday, April 16th.

Mr. Zurlo asked the Legislature to review the Tobacco Settlement packets that were provided at the last Finance meeting and to provide their distribution choices to Erin in the Legislative Office.

Ms. Kinblom apprised the Legislature that a memo will be distributed to the County Department Heads, the town supervisors, the mayors and superintendents of schools regarding the New York State Help Program. The New York State Help Program allows local municipalities to participate in the hiring limited placement program so that allows competitive titles, normally titles that individuals would have to test for, to now be non-competitive, which means they don't have to test. The Personnel Department has been diligently going through all of the titles, all of the eligible lists, reaching out to individuals who have taken tests and have identified approximately 300 competitive titles all throughout the County that will allow municipalities and school districts to be able to hire immediately and not have to wait for a test or a score. There is a public hearing on Thursday, April 18th and if that is approved it will be forwarded to the New York State Civil Service for approval of all 300 titles.

Chairpersons Report

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 #273 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Bob's Instant Plumbing, Inc." was motioned by Legislator Bezio and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo explained this was an emergency repair and an after the fact resolution.

Resolutions #274 through #276 were approved.

Resolution #277 titled, "Authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to Purchase Three Eligibility Verification Assistants (EVAs) from the Sole Source Provider of TipCo Automated Systems" was motioned by Legislator Peryea and seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated Ms. Kinblom worked with the Union in preparing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to allow this to happen and all have agreed that it is beneficial to the County and the DSS workforce. He noted there is an associated MOA that the Chairperson has authorized to sign based on this resolution.

Resolutions #278 through #282 were approved.

Resolution #283 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #284 through #286 were approved.

Resolution #287 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #288 through #292 were approved.

Resolution #293 titled, "Authorizing Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Program Grant Acceptance" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo thanked Ryan Davies, the Environmental Services Director, who partners with Casella Waste Management to facilitate this Program. This is the third year in a row that the County has received this award.

Resolutions #294 through #316 were approved.

Resolution #317 titled, "Approving Reappointment of County Administrator" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Legislator Hall stated it gives him great pleasure to move this article. He believes Mr. Zurlo has done a fantastic job and the residents of Clinton County owe him a big thank you.

Resolutions #318 through #345 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #346 was approved.

Legislator Kretser motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Waldron motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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