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April 28, 2023

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, April 26, 2023 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4
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

EXCUSED: 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. Legislators Waldron and Timmons have asked to be excused.

Legislator Hughes motioned to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2023 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (8-0-2).

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 has not met since the last Regular Session.

Superintendent James Cleveland of the Buildings and Grounds Department, provided a brief overview on the following projects:

- the County is completing the execution of their contract with Wendel Energy and then contractor contracts will be executed.
- A.W. Farrell has received their Letter of Intent (LOI) and as soon as their contract is executed the roof projects can begin. The Department is looking at a June, 2023 start.
- A.W. Farrell has notified the Department that they have the supplies for both the Probation Roof and the Surrogate Building Roof. These will be the first to be completed; with approximately two to three weeks for completion of each.
- All work is complete barring any punch list items at the Department of Social Services (DSS) Employee Entrance and Ramp Project.
- Other Items at DSS: The repair to the ceiling under the overhang is completed. (This is where the delivery truck backed under and went through the ceiling.)
- All the floor tile in the first floor Client Lobby area is being replaced as it is an extremely high traffic area.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 8th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Waldron, Mr. Zurlo reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Timmons, Mr. Zurlo stated the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #341 which has been placed on the agenda.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

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

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

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

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #351 titled, “Approving Appointment of Director of Planning (PCN 2138)” has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. This is the appointment of Shannon Thayer on May 22, 2023.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 1st at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing the Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Sweeper Vehicle Replacement Grant Application” and “Awarding Bid for Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Sweeper Vehicle.”

Resolutions #342 through #347 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

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 has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 1st 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, May 8th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Board of Health meeting was held on Monday, April 17th and included a presentation by Ryan Davies regarding Health Department enforcement procedures and duties. He noted a Board of Health picture was also taken at this meeting.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. He noted the meeting is open to the public.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported the Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 18th and discussed the labor strike and the vote of no confidence for the President of the College. Mr. Bezio invited the Legislators to attend Commencement exercises being held on Friday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m. He noted the Board has made their third proposal to the teaching staff and have yet to hear a response back. Lastly, he mentioned the Clinton Community Foundation will be hosting a fundraiser honoring Assemblyman D. Billy Jones on Thursday, May 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. He encouraged all to attend and mentioned tickets are available for \$100 per couple with the proceeds going to scholarships.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Board – Legislators Kretser and Hughes

Legislator Hughes reported he does not have a report for the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Board but mentioned he will be attending the Intercounty of the Adirondacks meeting tomorrow, Thursday, April 28th in Essex County on behalf of Legislator Waldron.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an executive session to provide an update regarding litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo requested an executive session on the sale and lease of real property.

Mr. Zurlo reminded the Legislature to send their Tobacco Settlement reviews to Chairman Timmons.

He noted an email was sent to the Legislature, via the Legislative Office, from the Senior Citizens Council about the Senior Celebration scheduled for Friday, May 5th. He encouraged all to attend.

Mr. Zurlo stated he believes the State Budget is very close to being passed. He noted the three issues regarding the Budget are: (1) In Rem Foreclosure discussion (which may be removed from the Budget discussion as there is a United States Supreme Court Case on the same issue. It is important to state, this is not in the State Budget as it has no fiscal impact on the State of New York), (2) funding for Indigent Defense as there is a push to increase the hourly rates for Assigned Counsel and there is discussion that Counties will receive some remuneration to assist with the increase of rates and finally, (3) the Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) proposal; the current intel looks like the County will face a step down of eFMAP over a three-year period as opposed to a one-year period. This is not the news that was hoped for. He noted the current extender is due to expire on Friday, April 28th.

Mr. Zurlo reported he is also hearing news that there could be a little tweak in the Criminal Justice Bail Reform Program and that Governor Kathy Hochul's Housing Plan and Methane Gas Plan have been withdrawn.

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.

Resolutions #341 through #343 were approved.

Resolution #344 titled, "Awarding Bid for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway A Pavement and General Aviation (GA) Apron Phase II (Construction) Project" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution would approve the Bid Alternate B subject to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) funding being available.


Resolutions #345 through #351 were approved.

Legislator Hughes motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-2).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Kretser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Toni Moffat".

Toni Moffat

Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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