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December 10, 2021

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, December 8, 2021 Clinton County, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
Robert Hall, Area 10
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Wendell Hughes, Area 8
Joshua Kretser, Area 9

VACANCY: Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney
Senator Dan Stec

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Messrs. Hughes and Kretser asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2021 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Chairperson Henry introduced special guest Senator Dan Stec, who was present to recognize Steve Bowman, the former Clinton County Veterans' Services Director, as a member of the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame.

Senator Stec stated there is a selection made once a year to nominate an individual for the Veterans' Hall of Fame. Senator Stec spoke about Mr. Bowman's many accomplishments and commended his work throughout the years within the Veterans' community and his position as Director. He noted how this was more than a job to Mr. Bowman and more of a calling. Senator Stec presented Mr. Bowman with two plaques and congratulated him on this achievement. Mr. Bowman thanked Senator Stec for this award and recognition. Mr. Bowman stated when he began his career with Clinton County in 2004, his goal was to help improve the lives of his fellow Veterans' and during his tenure he felt he accomplished that. He also spoke about continuing his volunteer work with local Veterans' Programs. Mr. Bowman closed by thanking Senator Stec and the members of the Legislature.

Chairperson Henry thanked Senator Stec for his availability and readiness to help Clinton County. Chairperson Henry spoke about the weekly calls among seven counties to discuss vaccinations and testing in the area. He spoke of the frustration in the availability of testing and the lengthy duration to receive test results. Senator Stec provided an example of the reopening of a State testing site in Queensbury that occurred last week and noted he would be in full support of reopening a site in Plattsburgh. Senator Stec advised the Legislature if they needed any assistance in speaking with the State to let him know.

Mr. Zurlo apprised Senator Stec on the top four topics of discussion for the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) 2022 Legislative Program. The first priority is to end County sales taxes for State Aid to Municipalities (AIM). The second priority is to cease County sales tax diversion for distressed health facilities. The third priority is for Counties to receive their Medicaid reconciliation payments. Mr. Zurlo noted how it has been five years since the County has received any of this funding and is owed approximately \$2,100,000. The fourth priority for discussion is to invest in local Health Departments. Mr. Zurlo commended the hard work the County Health Department has displayed throughout the Pandemic. Senator Stec closed by thanking the Legislature and noted he is always available to help the County in any way.

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature on any issue.

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

James Cleveland, the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, provided an update on the Government Center Roof Project stating the fascia material has been delivered and is currently being installed. Mr. Cleveland anticipates this Project will be completed in a few weeks, with punch list items to follow.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, December 13th has been cancelled.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, December 7th.

John Redden, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) Funds Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing Enhance Adult Protective Services to Respond to COVID-19 Grant Application and Acceptance.” Mr. Redden also discussed the monthly statistics for November, 2021.

Resolutions #911 through #917 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

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

Beth Gilles, of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board, provided the Committee with a presentation on “Forward Together: Economic Resiliency Plan.”

Jodi Currier, the Commissioner of the Board of Elections, was also present to discuss four resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Carpenter Brothers Moving & Storage Company, Inc.” and “Authorizing Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with Various Polling Sites.”

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

Resolutions #918 through #922 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met on Monday, November 29th to discuss the Clinton County 2022 Budget.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss sales tax and three resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company” and “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Appropriate 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Various Accounts.”

Resolutions #923 through #925 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The Committee was also polled on Resolutions #926 and #927.

A Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget will be held on Wednesday, December 15th, with final adoption on Monday, December 20th.

Health Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, reported the Health Committee met on Wednesday, December 1st.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss three resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract Amendment with Community Connections of Franklin County.”

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, was also present to discuss three resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country, Inc.” and “Authorizing Contract with Southern Adirondack Child Care Network.” Mr. Kanoza also reviewed the Director’s Report for October, 2021 and the Health Department Report for November, 2021.

Mr. Kanoza also provided a brief update on COVID-19 cases and vaccinations. As of Monday, December 6th, there were 51 new lab-confirmed cases, with 303 total active cases and 428 individuals in quarantine. A total of 30 patients are hospitalized, with CVPH reporting two recent deaths.

The Health Department continues to host POD vaccination clinics on Thursday’s at Clinton Community College. Pediatric vaccination clinics are being scheduled, with an upcoming clinic at Chazy Elementary School on Wednesday, December 15th. Mountainview Pediatrics will also be providing clinics at the Clinton Community Gymnasium beginning on Friday, December 3rd.

Resolutions #928 through #933 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 7th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #934 through #939 on the agenda.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee met on Monday, December 6th.

Resolutions will be placed on the agenda for the Monday, December 20th Regular Session upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #940 on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, December 6th.

Sheriff Dave Favro was present to discuss two resolutions including, "Awarding Bid for Demolition, Removal and Installation of a Hot Water Heater."

Dave Marcoux, the Director of Probation, was also present to discuss two resolutions for the Department including, "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2022" and "Authorizing Multi-Year Contract with ACM Global Labs/Drugscan, Inc."

Resolutions #941 through #947 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Transportation Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

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

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Henry

Chairperson Henry reported the search for a replacement Director of Public Health is still ongoing.

Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated he is in full support of the reappointment of board member Bruce Dimock that is included on the agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss an update on a contractual matter.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report.

Chairperson's Report – Legislator Henry

Chairperson Henry noted the press conference that was held earlier in the Legislative Chambers. In attendance were John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, and Dr. Wouter Rietsema and Dr. Keith Collins of the CVPH Medical Center. The topic of the conference was regarding the rise in COVID-19 cases and how the County is handling the increase. Chairperson Henry noted that Clinton County is still in a State of Emergency, among six other Counties in the area.

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

Resolution #909 titled, "Authorizing Distribution of Mortgage Tax for the Period of April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo compared this resolution to last year's and noted that 2020 was \$649,000 compared to \$836,000 for 2021.

Resolutions #910 through #917 were approved.

Resolution #918 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Carpenter Brothers Moving & Storage Company, Inc." was motioned by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (6-1-2-1). Legislator Hall voted in the negative.

Resolutions #919 through #930 were approved.

Resolution #931 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Planned Parenthood of the North Country, Inc." was motioned by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (6-1-2-1). Legislator Castine voted in the negative.

Resolutions #932 through #959 were approved.

Resolution #960 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Transfer Landfill Revenue to the General Fund" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted this is for methane gas revenue and this resolution allows for the transfer of funding.

Resolutions #961 through #964 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:42 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (7-0-2-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Castine motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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