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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Mark Dame, Area 8
Calvin Castine, Area 1
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Simon Conroy, Area 4
Robert Hall, Area 10
Richard Potiker, Area 5

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. Legislators Conroy, Hall and Potiker asked to be excused.

Legislator Waldron motioned to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2020 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (7-0-3).

Chairperson Henry presented a \$500 check to Off Track Betting Scholarship (OTB) recipient, Linzi Garden, a 2019 graduate of Beekmantown High School. Ms. Garden recently completed her first semester at Plattsburgh State University College majoring in Nursing. Ms. Garden thanked the Legislature for the scholarship.

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met Monday, February 10th.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, discussed Resolutions #56 and #57, as well as the Government Center Brick Study and the 2020 Master Plan.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9th at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Mike Zurlo on Behalf of Legislator Potiker

Mr. Zurlo reported the Children and Family Services Committee met Tuesday, February 4th.

John Redden, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss Resolutions #58 through #61, as well as December, 2019 statistics, the proposed State Budget and Abled-Bodied Adults with Dependents.

Mr. Redden also provided a comprehensive overview of the potential costs that would accrue to the County if the Governor's budget proposals are adopted. The costs would be crippling to the County and significantly impact the County's budget.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

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

Representatives from the IT Department, County Clerk, Board of Elections, Planning Department and Legislative Office were present to discuss various items.

Resolutions #62 through #70 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th at 5:15 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, February 5th.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, reported on: sales tax, occupancy tax, the In Rem Foreclosure Process, Compassionate Care, Tribal Casino Revenue and the Clinton County Land Bank.

Resolutions #71 through #74 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th at 6:15 p.m.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee met Tuesday, February 4th.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, was present to discuss Resolutions #75 through #79. Mr. Kanoza discussed: the grant quarterly report for 4th quarter 2019, the Director's report for November and December 2019, the Health Department report for November and December 2019, the Public Health Connection, the Quality Corner Newsletter, the Multi-Agency Coordination Group Summary for 2019 and the Community Health Assessment.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss Resolutions #80 through #86.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

Human Services Committee - Mike Zurlo on Behalf of Legislator Conroy

Mr. Zurlo reported the Human Services Committee met Wednesday, February 5th.

Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans Service Agency, was present to discuss Resolutions #87 and #88. Mr. Bowman also reviewed monthly statistics for December 2019 and January 2020, VA Health Care, the New York State Budget and various legislative efforts for veterans programs. The new Veterans Clinic will be opening at the former Seton Academy location on or about April 1, 2020. An open house will be scheduled in May.

Darleen Collins, the Director of the Office for the Aging, discussed Resolutions #89 through #92.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, reviewed Resolutions #93 through #97.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Chairperson Henry

Chairperson Henry reported the Personnel Committee met February 3rd at 5:15 p.m. and reviewed 24 personnel items. Four items from the Sheriff's Department were tabled until March as the Sheriff could not be present for discussion. The Committee discussed: the creation of a permanent, part-time Typist position at the Public Defender's Office (which is fully funded through Indigent Legal Services Plan Enhancement Grant), the creation of two permanent, full-time Senior Tax Clerk/Typist positions in the Treasurer's Office to start March 23rd for training purposes before current incumbents retire. This would create a one-week overlap for one of the new hires and up to a six-week overlap for the other new hire and the reappointment of Personnel Director, Kim Kinblom, for a second, six-year term.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Mike Zurlo on Behalf of Legislator Hall

Mr. Zurlo reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee approved Resolutions #122 and #123 at its meeting of January 22, 2020.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, February 10th at 6:15 p.m.

Russell Haag, the STOP-DWI Coordinator of the Sheriff's Department, was present to discuss Resolutions #124 through #126.

Shanna Davis, Principal Account Clerk of Emergency Preparedness, was present to discuss Resolution #127.

Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director, was present to discuss Resolutions #128 and #129. Jamie Martineau, the Public Defender, was present to discuss Resolutions #130 through #132.

Andrew Wylie, the District Attorney, and Jamie Rock, Administrative Assistant of the Child Advocacy Center, were present to discuss Resolutions #133 through #140.

The newly-elected Coroner, Chad Deans, was present to discuss funeral home pick-up fees.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Transportation Committee met Monday, February 10th at 5:15 p.m.

James Bosley, the Planning Technician, was present to discuss Resolutions #142 through #144. Mr. Bosley also discussed MHAB and space for buses at the Main Bus Stop at the Government Center.

Representatives from several social service organizations were in attendance and expressed concern over the recent price increases enacted by the County for use of CCPT and the negative impact the prices have on the vulnerable populations they serve. It appears primary concerns have been resolved by allowing the people serviced by the organizations to exchange tokens purchased by those organizations and given to their clients to be exchanged for day passes on the bus.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, presented Resolutions #145 through #149

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee will meet Friday, February 14th.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Board of Cooperative Extension met Tuesday, February 11th. A group of people traveled to Albany to request an increase in State funding. This is long overdue as it has been 21 years since there was an increase. A Food from the Farm event will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m..

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported two meetings were recently held, one in Herkimer County and one at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Conference. The Governor's proposed increase in Medicaid was extensively discussed.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21st.

Soil and Water Conservation Board – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation Board will be held Thursday, February 20th.

Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Workforce Investment Board meeting will be held Friday, March 13th.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported it was County Government Advocacy Day in Albany. There have been numerous conversations regarding Governor Cuomo's Medicaid proposal and how unhappy all County governments and State lawmakers are with this proposal. Steve Acquario of the New York State Association of Counties has met with both Senator Little and Assemblyman Billy Jones regarding this issue. All parties are actively working on this issue.

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

Resolutions #52 through #65 were adopted.

Resolution #66 titled, "Authorizing Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with Various Polling Sites" was moved by Legislator Rosenquest and seconded by Legislator Waldron.

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest motioned to amend the resolution by deleting "Our Lady of Victory Church," seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (7-0-3).

Resolutions #67 and #119 were adopted.

Resolution #120 titled, "Approving Reappointment of Kim Kinblom to the Position of Personnel Director" was moved by Legislators Henry, Peryea, Timmons and Ms. Waldron, and seconded by Legislators Rosenquest, Castine and Dame. Carried (7-0-3).

Discussion:

Mr. Zurlo stated Kim Kinblom is an extremely valuable member of the County's management team and does an outstanding job for not only the County, but for the towns, villages and school districts. The County is very fortunate to have her as part of our team.

Resolutions #121 through #152 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (7-0-3).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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