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January 12, 2024

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

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
David Bezio, Area 4
Robert Hall, Deputy Chairperson, 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

EXCUSED: 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 Waldron asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the December 27, 2023 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Hughes motioned to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2024 Organizational Meeting, seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Legislator Castine recognized Mark Henry as the 2024 President of the New York State Association of County Board Chairs.

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 has not met since the last Regular Session.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

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.

Resolution #15 was polled and has been placed on the agenda.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #16 and #17 were polled and have been placed on the agenda.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

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

Human Services Committee – Legislator Randall

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

Resolutions #18 and #19 were polled and have been placed on the agenda.

Personnel Committee – Chairperson Henry

Chairperson Henry stated the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #20 was polled and has been placed on the agenda.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

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

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 24th at 4:00 p.m. Legislator Hall invited all Legislators to this meeting as there will be an Executive Session report on Air Service Development. Mr. Zurlo stated depending on the length of the agenda the meeting may be moved to 3:30 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #21 through #24 were polled and have been placed on the agenda.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser reported the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #25 and #26 were polled and have been placed on the agenda.

LIAISON REPORTS

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board - Legislators Hughes and Kretser

Legislator Hughes stated the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board Organizational Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. He reported new officers were elected and the Board is in great shape. The Board is looking forward to working more with the towns of Clinton County in regards to grant administration, small business loans, etc.

Soil and Water Conservation – Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Board will be meeting on Thursday, January 18th at 6 p.m. and invited the Legislators to attend.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated he was invited to Governor Kathy Hochul's State of the State on Tuesday, January 9th. He reported it was uneventful. He advised the Legislature that he placed the New York Association of

Counties (NYSAC) summary of the Governor's speech on the Legislators desks for their review. He stated the NYSAC lobbying campaign will begin next Tuesday, January 18th, when the Governor presents the 2024-2025 State budget. Mr. Zurlo stated there wasn't much in the Governor's speech that was directly affecting county governments. Lastly, he noted he is looking forward to the budget release next week.

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 #15 through #19 were approved.

Resolution #20 titled, "Approving Creation of a Permanent, Full-Time Junior Social Services Attorney Position (PCN TBD) – Social Services" was motioned by Legislator Peryea and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, stated there are a few vacancies in the legal department at the Department of Social Services. In an effort to hire someone who has already passed the bar exam but is waiting to be admitted to the bar, the County is developing a junior attorney position (which has also been done at the District Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office). The individual would be hired at a junior position, leave the attorney position vacant and when the individual is admitted to the bar, they would move into the attorney position. She noted that even though it says new it is not a new full-time employee.

Resolutions #21 through #25 were approved.

Resolution #26 titled, "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for Two Standardized Ford F-350 Crew Cab Pickup Trucks – Highway Department" was motioned by Legislator Potiker and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this purchase was approved in the 2024 budget. This is the process to procure those vehicles; the cost of which is covered by Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funding.

Resolution #27 was approved.

Resolution #28 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Economic Development Budget – Legislature" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the entire cost of that department is borne by a contract with the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency and costs the County levy zero.

Resolutions #29 and #30 were approved.

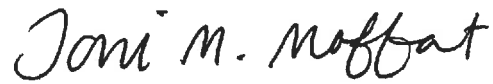
Resolution #31 titled, "Complying with New York State Comptroller Regulations by Establishing Standard Work Day and the Reporting of Retirement Credit for Elected and Appointed Officials – Legislature" was motioned by Legislature Timmons and seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported Board of Elections Commissioner David Souliere had not

completed this task when hired and when made aware of it, provided Mr. Zurlo with his record of activities. His record of activities met the qualifications as detailed in the resolution. After adoption, this resolution will need to be posted on the Clinton County website and in the lobby of the Government Center for 30 days and then the County will report it to the State of New York.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni M. Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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