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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January 22, 2020 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Simon Conroy, Area 4
Robert Hall, Area 10
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Calvin Castine, Area 1
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Deputy Chairperson, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Mark Dame, Area 8
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

Deputy Chairperson Timmons called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. Chairperson Henry and Legislator Dame asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2020 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-2).

Deputy Chairperson Timmons asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the first Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 2020 is scheduled for Monday, February 10th at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker stated the first Children and Family Services Committee meeting of 2020 is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee was polled on Resolution #29 which has been placed on the agenda.

The first Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting of 2020 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the first Finance Committee meeting of 2020 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th at 6:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the first Health Committee meeting of 2020 is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4th at 4:30 p.m.

Human Services - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated the Human Services Committee was polled on Resolution #30 which has been placed on the agenda.

The first Human Services Committee meeting of 2020 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Legislator Conroy stated he has been in communication with the department heads of Office for the Aging, the Nursing Home and the Veterans Affairs Agency to discuss their concerns for 2020.

Personnel Committee – County Administrator Zurlo

On behalf of Chairperson Henry, County Administrator Zurlo stated the first Personnel Committee meeting of 2020 is scheduled for Monday, February 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, provided an update on airlines and tenants (in executive session), discussed Essential Air Service bids and proposed artwork for the terminal.

Resolutions #31 through #39 are included on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26th at 5:15 p.m.

Legislator Hall also invited all Legislators to tour Plattsburgh International Airport on Thursday, January 30th at 9:00 a.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolutions #40 and #41 which have been placed on the agenda.

The first Public Safety Committee meeting of 2020 is scheduled for Monday, February 10th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee – County Administrator Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Dame, County Administrator Zurlo stated the Transportation Committee was polled on Resolutions #42 and #43 which have been placed on the agenda.

The first Transportation Committee meeting of 2020 is scheduled for Monday, February 10th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Chamber of Commerce – Christopher Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Chamber of Commerce is hosting two breakfast engagements; the State of the County is being held on Thursday, January 30th at 7:30 a.m. and the 2020 Legislative Forum is being held Friday, February 7th at 7:30 a.m.

Clinton Community College – Christopher Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated he spoke with President Ray DiPasquale about the future of Clinton Community College. He noted New York State has continued cutting funding for community colleges but reported Clinton Community College seems to be on a positive trend and has a balanced budget (with potential surplus ending its fiscal year in September, 2020). He stated there are 37 open and unfilled faculty and staff positions, a few of which are required to be occupied in order to receive accreditation. Legislator Rosenquest noted the building construction is expected to be completed by Fall, 2021.

Mr. Zurlo stated he would like to invite the newly-elected Legislators to tour the Clinton Community College facilities and view the progress of the building construction. Legislator Rosenquest replied he would work on setting this up.

Community Services Board – Simon Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28th at 4 p.m. He noted a few Board members attended a film shown at The Strand Center for the Arts called *Resilience*, which examines the Adverse Childhood Experience Score.

Cooperative Extension – Rob Timmons

Deputy Chairperson Timmons stated Cooperative Extension has two new Board members, one of which will be seeking additional funding in Albany. He noted funding has not seen an increase in twenty years.

Intercounty – Patty Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported she will be attending the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 23rd in Herkimer County.

LC/LG Regional Planning Board – Patty Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated she attended several meetings and stated finances, under the current management, are moving in the right direction. She reported there are surplus funds in the form of low interest/high risk loans which are available to counties.

Mr. Zurlo asked if Clinton County could assist in informing the public on this issue. Legislator Waldron stated Clinton County could help market this matter and would contact Beth

Gilles, the Director of the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board, for direction. Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, suggested an article could be submitted to local newspapers.

Soil and Water – Francis Peryea, Rob Timmons

Deputy Chairperson Timmons reported project planning for the summer months has commenced. So far, tire recycling and a potential Earth Day Project in each town, is in the plans. Legislator Waldron inquired about assistance with a tire issue in Saranac, New York and how the Soil and Water Conservation could help with this issue. Deputy Chairperson Timmons suggested she contact Peter Hagar or himself for guidance.

Workforce Development Board – Christopher Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the first meeting of 2020 was held January 10th, in which he was unable to attend. However, the Workforce Development Board is currently reviewing and distributing their Regional Plan and will be receiving comments from January 22nd through January 28th.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session for advice of counsel.

Mr. Zurlo stated he distributed to all Legislators New York State Association of County's (NYSAC) initial interim review of the State Budget and a relating article from the Albany Times Union that outlines the Medicaid Cap issue. He recommended the Board review and follow up with him if they have questions. The current proposal would have a disastrous effect on County taxpayers.

Legislator Rosenquest thanked the Legislative Staff members for compiling the Liaison Schedule so that members would be aware of the location and date of various liaison meetings.

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

Resolution #29 titled, "Approving Application for Refund – Town of Plattsburgh" was moved by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Waldron.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated county government is not exempt from Capital Special District Taxes, and there are those taxes in the Town of Plattsburgh on the property where the Clinton County Jail resides. He noted the taxable value was misstated, and the County paid Capital Special District Taxes on an assessment greater than what should have been. As such, the County will be receiving a refund from the Town of Plattsburgh. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #30 through #50 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolution #51 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Economic Development Budget – Legislature" was moved by Legislator Rosenquest and seconded by Legislator Waldron.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) contracts with Clinton County to administer its IDA. This resolution accepts the money from the IDA and properly manages it in a County Budget.

Legislator Waldron addressed the Legislature on a proposal to change the time of Regular Session meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. (She noted she spoke with Chairperson Henry earlier in the day). Mr. Zurlo stated if there is a consensus, the Board will need to instruct him to amend the 2020 Rules of Order which were adopted at the Organizational meeting on January 6, 2020. Conversation ensued about the effect the time change would have on the Standing Committee meetings. Mr. Zurlo stated he previously spoke with Chairperson Henry, and it is Chairperson Henry's desire that each Committee Chairperson discuss this with their committee members to facilitate a feasible time for all members.

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee (PIAC) discussed and formalized that a 4:00 p.m. PIAC meeting prior to the second Regular Session of each month would work for all members.

Deputy Chairperson Timmons asked the Legislature, with a show of hands, to vote on the Regular Session proposed time change. With a consensus, Deputy Chairperson Timmons then instructed Mr. Zurlo to include a resolution on the agenda of the February 12th Regular Session to change the Regular Session time from 7:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. with the time change commencing with the February 26th Regular Session meeting.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (8-0-2).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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