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January 26, 2024

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January 24, 2024 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
David Bezio, Area 4
Robert Hall, Area 10
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Wendell Hughes, Area 8
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Kevin Randall, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7

EXCUSED: Joshua Kretser, Area 9
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 5:20 p.m.

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

Legislator Hughes motioned to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2024 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-2).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one 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.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

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

Legislator Peryea stated he recently met with Department of Social Services Commissioner Christine Peters to get a briefing on all of the programs that the Department of Social Services provides to the community. He plans on meeting with the Commissioner on a regular basis and looks forward to guiding this Department.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th 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 Committee was polled on Resolutions #32 through #36 on the agenda.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

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

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th 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, February 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Randall

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

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Chairperson Henry

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

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 5th 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 Installation of the Passenger Boarding Bridge Gate Two (Construction) Project Grant Acceptance,” “Authorizing the Airport-Wide Access Gate Control and Security Upgrades (Design) Project Grant Acceptance” and “Authorizing the Acquire Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Sweeper Vehicle Replacement Project Grant Acceptance.”

Resolutions #37 through #53 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

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

Resolutions #54 through #60 were polled and have been placed on the agenda.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Kretser, Mr. Zurlo reported the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #61 through #63 on the agenda.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 12th at 5:15 p.m.

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Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd was cancelled and has been moved to Tuesday, January 30th.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the Committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 25th in Old Forge in Herkimer County.

Soil and Water – Legislators Timmons and Bezio

Legislator Timmons reported the Committee met on Thursday, January 18th. He welcomed Legislator Bezio to the Committee. Legislator Timmons also distributed a handout on the upcoming projects taking place. He highlighted three tire recycling events that will take place in the Towns of Plattsburgh, Beekmantown and Champlain.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss the sale of real property.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated he distributed the New York State Association of County's (NYSAC) first and second iteration of their budget analysis to the Legislature. He noted this budget is better than last year's proposal and county governments fared fairly well in the proposed budget. Mr. Zurlo noted one of his biggest concerns is the State has a \$5 billion budget deficit this year. Mr. Zurlo noted the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) reconciliation of 20 percent stopped in 2019. The State feels there is no obligation to pay the County the 20 percent and this is now reaching \$7 million owed to Clinton County. Mr. Zurlo is hoping there is a compromise to be had.

Mr. Zurlo also reminded the Legislature to please complete the workplace sexual harassment training that is due by the end of February.

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 #32 through #51 were approved.

Resolution #52 titled, "Awarding Bid for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo clarified that the County cost will be 2.5 percent.

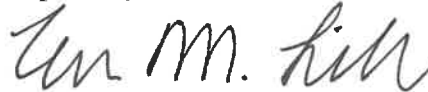
Resolutions #53 through #68 were approved.

Legislator Peryea motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:47 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



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