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July 20, 2021

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, July 14, 2021, Clinton County, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
Robert Hall, Area 10
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Wendell Hughes, Area 8
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ABSENT: Simon Conroy, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim M. Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jaqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislator Conroy was absent.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the June 23, 2021 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

John Triller, the Town Justice for Champlain, New York, is soliciting the Legislature to request the current contract with the traffic diversion company be amended to allow each individual township in the County to opt out. He inquired on the current status of the issue, if a decision had been made or if further information is required from him. Chairperson Henry stated based on the new issues presented, he believes this issue should return to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion.

Legislator Castine reported the next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee is on Monday, August 2nd.

There being no one else 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 meeting scheduled for Monday, July 12th was cancelled.

Jim Cleveland, the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, reported roofing supplies have been ordered and the delivery timeline appears to be on schedule for mid-to-late October. The sealing and waxing of floors will also begin soon in preparation for the winter months.

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

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee scheduled for Tuesday, July 6th was cancelled.

John Redden, the Commissioner of Social Services, reported as of Monday, July 12th there have been 160 applications submitted for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Mr. Redden also reported a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request was submitted to the New York State Department of Health requesting the total amount the State is withholding for the Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage funding. The State has not indicated when Counties can expect the reimbursement.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #457 and #458 on the agenda.

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

Mr. Zurlo reported the State has responded to the County's FOIL request on money owed to the County under Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) Reconciliation which indicated that Clinton County is due upwards of \$2 million. The date of this reconciliation has not yet been announced.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

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

Anastasia Pratt, the County Historian, was present to discuss her recent appointment by Governor Andrew Cuomo to the Thousand Islands State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission.

Glen Cutter, the Planning Director, was present to discuss resolutions, "Adopting Clinton County Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan" and "Authorizing Contract Extension with Elan.3 Consulting."

Dave Randall, the Director of Information Technology, was also in attendance to discuss County Use of Multi-Factor Authentication and live-streaming legislative meetings.

Resolutions #459 and #460 have been placed on the agenda, as well as, Resolution #526 under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 11th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, July 7th.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss sales tax and the Correction of Errors Report.

Resolutions #461 through #464 have been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th at 5:15 p.m. at which time Clinton Community College will present their budget.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, July 7th.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, provided a brief summary of COVID-19 cases and vaccinations. He reported there have been zero lab-confirmed positive cases in the last six days and as of Monday, July 12th, there were two active cases in isolation and four individuals in quarantine. He noted there are still about 50-150 tests being performed daily in the County.

Future Health Department vaccination clinics will be held at Camp Chateaugay on Tuesday, July 20th and the Clinton County Fair in the 4-H Building during the afternoons of Fair Week (Tuesday, July 27th through Friday, July 30th.)

The Health Department staff continue planning for the School Testing Project and intend to contract with Champlain Valley Educational Services to complete the bulk of the coordination and collaboration work for this Project over the summer and into the fall months.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss various board appointment resolutions including, "Approving Appointments to the Clinton County Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee."

Resolutions #465 through #472 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th at 4:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, July 6th.

Steve Bowman, the Director of Veterans' Services, was present to discuss the June, 2021 monthly statistics and the Wall That Heals post action comments.

Darleen Collins, the Director of Office for the Aging, was present to discuss resolution, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Cornell Cooperative Extension," as well as a Social-Isolation Mini-Grant Project.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, was present to discuss resolution "Authorizing Contract with LeadingAge New York Procure, LLC" and provided an update on Nursing Home visitation. Resolutions #473 and #474 have been placed on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Thursday, July 8th.

Resolutions #475 through #499 have been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee's recommendations.

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

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport met on Tuesday, July 13th.

Resolutions #500 through #502 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee, as well as Resolution #523 under Waive Rule 13.2.

Legislator Hall apprised the Legislature regarding the flights to Washington, D.C., which have been 70 percent full every day.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met on Thursday, July 8th.

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Approving Appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.”

Jamie Martineau, the Public Defender, presented resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Calongne Security Systems.”

Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Indigent Defendants, was present to discuss contracts with Counsel at Arraignment.

Melinda Seiden, the Assistant District Attorney, was also present to discuss a local law proposing an animal abuse registry. The Committee asked that some revisions be made and will review again at a later meeting.

Resolutions #503 through #514 have been placed upon the agenda as the result of the Committee’s recommendations.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, July 12th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #515 on the agenda.

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

LIAISON REPORTS

Grievance Committee – Messrs. Mark Henry, Francis Peryea, Richard Potiker

Chairperson Henry stated the Committee met on Tuesday, July 13th to discuss a grievance. The determination has been given to the Director of Personnel for dissemination.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated Clinton County hosted the meeting on Thursday, June 24th. She thanked all who attended, spoke in regards to the NYSAC update given at the meeting and supports the efforts to promote hydro in the Adirondacks.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Messrs. Joshua Kretser, Wendell Hughes

Legislator Hughes stated the Board met on Tuesday, July 13th and discussed various topics including different loan programs and the creation of a new logo. The next tentative meeting is scheduled for October.

STAFF REPORTS

Assistant County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss updates on pending litigation and a pending contractual matter.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the Personnel Committee will meet on Thursday, July 15th for an interview for the new Director of Veterans Services. He noted all Legislators are invited to attend.

Additionally, he stated the 2022 budget season will commence soon, starting with a Department Head budget meeting on Wednesday, August 4th. He reiterated Legislator Hall’s comment regarding the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting being held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, the same day on which the sole Regular Session for August will be held.

Chairperson’s Report – Legislator Henry

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 #457 through #471 were approved.

Resolution #472 titled, “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Request for Proposals (RFPs) for COVID-19 Testing Contractors (for the General Public)” was moved by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo explained John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, has indicated this resolution is necessary for the general public because the CVPH testing site is winding down and the Grant the County received from New York State states this is an obligation of the County. As such, through discussions with CVPH, Mr. Kanoza has codified that CVPH will continue to serve in this role until a respondent is chosen and a contract is executed.

Resolutions #473 through #487 were approved.

Resolution #488 titled, “Approving Creation of a Permanent, Part-Time Case Manager for the Elderly Position (PCN TBD)” was moved by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-3-1). (Messrs. Henry, Castine and Potiker voted in the negative.)

Discussion: Chairperson Henry stated this resolution was previously discussed at the Personnel Committee and feels further discussion should occur during the budget season, as some of the tasks

contained in the position of Permanent, Part-time Case Manager for the Elderly could be handled by the newly-hired position that commenced on Monday, July 12th.

Resolutions #489 through #503 were approved.

Resolution #504 titled, "Awarding J. Hogan Refrigeration and Mechanical, Inc. for Heat Exchangers and Installation Service for Rooftop Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Units" was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the consultants were questioned regarding if this would be a viable inclusion for Wendell Project, the consultants replied no.

Resolutions #505 through #517 were approved.

Resolution #518 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for Clinton County Employment and Training Administration (CCETA)" was moved by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (9-0-1-1). (Mr. Kretser abstained.)

Resolutions #519 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for 2020 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Various Program Grants" was moved by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1-1). (Mr. Kretser abstained.)

Resolution #520 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for 2021 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Various Program Grants" was moved by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (9-0-1-1). (Mr. Kretser abstained.)

Resolutions #521 and #522 were approved.

Legislator Waldron motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #523 through #525 were approved.

Resolution #526 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Lamb & Lerch" was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated as previously discussed at the Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting, Lamb & Lerch is the law firm the County engages with when there is an administrative change with the Foreign-Trade Zone 54, of which the County operates. The company that previously held this agreement was sold and now the operating agreement must reflect the new ownership.

Legislator Castine stated the individual removed on Resolution #510 titled, "Amending Resolution #321 dated May 12, 2021 titled, "Approving Appointments to the Fire Advisory Board" was the result of a New York State Law which only allows 21 Fire Departments. It is not reflective of the individual.

Legislator Kretser motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:09 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 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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