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May 26, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, May 25, 2022 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4
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
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Calvin Castine, Area 1
Rob Timmons, Area 7

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Chairperson Henry asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing after for a moment of silence to remember the recent tragic events that happened in Buffalo, New York and Uvalde, Texas.

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

Legislator Kretser motioned to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported 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, June 13th at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 8th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo on behalf of Legislator Timmons, reported the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #376 has been placed on the agenda upon the Committee's recommendation.

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

Mr. Zurlo stated the Finance Committee and Health Committee meetings were moved from Wednesday, June 1st to Wednesday, June 15th to accommodate the Foreclosure Auction happening on June 15th.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

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

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 7th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 6th 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, discussed resolutions “Authorizing Application and Acceptance of Grant Agreement for Alternate Essential Air Service (AEAS) with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)” and “Authorizing Contract with TK Airport Solutions, Inc.” Mr. Kreig also discussed airline, construction and tenant updates.

Resolutions #377 and #378 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee discussed resolution #376 on the agenda again. This resolution was polled by the Finance Committee but involves the transfer of a portion of the Occupancy Tax Reserve for marketing in support of air service development.

Public Safety Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo on behalf of Legislator Castine, reported the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

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

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 13th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Clinton Community College – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported he attended the Board of Trustees meeting held at Clinton Community College (CCC) on Tuesday, May 24th. The College has almost reached completion of the Middle States Review which is for the College's accreditation.

Mr. Bezio reported the Board of Trustees extended special thanks to the Clinton County Legislature for the support of the College. The Middle States Review team noted how the County went above and beyond in their support, something that is not usually seen at the community college level. Mr. Bezio reported the office of Clinton Community College President, John Kowal, would like to hold a luncheon with the Legislature and would like to schedule it within the next 45 days.

Mr. Bezio reported enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is up by ten percent. The Nursing Program only has ten spots left until it is full and the new welding program will start this fall. Mr. Bezio reported the CCC Human Resources (HR) director has resigned as of May 22, 2022. Clinton County's Personnel Director, Kim Kinblom, was brought up in conversation to potentially assist during this time of vacancy until someone new can be recruited. CCC has openings for an Information Technology (IT) Director, Online Educational Coordinator, HR Director and are hopeful to hire a new Institute for Advanced Manufacturing (IAF) Director in the next upcoming weeks.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported he and Mr. Zurlo met with the Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Linda Gilliland, to have a brief introduction meeting and believes she will do an excellent job and looks forward to working with her.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 26th and hosted by Saratoga County was cancelled due to the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher reported she attended the New York State Association of County (NYSAC) Attorneys conference and gathered information that will be helpful.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the negotiation is continued with the Correctional Officers Unit and there is another meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st.

Mr. Zurlo reported this afternoon he was made aware of recent legislation involving the terms of local elected officials, in attempt to align their terms to even years. This will affect Clinton County Legislators as all of their terms end on odd years. Mr. Zurlo reported the new terms will be for five years and the legislation will not affect any of the current terms as it will go into effect for terms after it is passed.

Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Henry addressed the Legislature regarding the name change of the former Clinton County Airport, as a decision is to be made during this time. The new name, which was presented to the Economic Development and County Operations Committee in April, will be changed to Clinton County Business Innovation Gateway (C-BIG). Chairperson Henry asked the Legislature if all were in favor of this name change. Legislator Hughes stated he opposed and has received a lot of negative feedback regarding this name change from his area. Legislator Peryea also opposed.

Legislator Peryea asked Ms. Kinblom to clarify what was stated on the Tobacco Settlement letters that went out to the applicants. Ms. Kinblom stated a formal cover letter was sent to each individual that was awarded money with a contract to sign. The cover letter stated there were multiple applicants and the Board decided to award recipients \$4,000 with an understanding that it might not fund their entire project. If the applicants would like to receive the funds to support their project, they are required to sign the contract and send it back. If applicants do not want the funds, they are asked to contact Ms. Kinblom and they are able to reapply the following year, but if they do accept the funds, they cannot reapply for three years per the policy. Ms. Kinblom stated she will provide a copy of the memo sent to the Tobacco Settlement applicants to each of the Legislators.

The Legislature discussed the details of the Tobacco Settlement Funding policy. Applicants who accept the funding are required to provide invoices within one year of accepting the funds and will not be eligible to apply again for three years. If invoices are not received, the funding will remain in the Tobacco Settlement Funding Reserve and said applicants will be eligible to reapply the following year. Ms. Kinblom reminded the Legislature that this year there was an abundance of funds since there was no disbursement last year due to COVID-19, so there will not be as much next year. The Legislature expressed their concern regarding if applicants do not accept the funds this year and reapply next year, there might be more applicants and they might not be chosen to receive the funding. Legislator Kretser asked if the policy could be amended to make the reapplication less than three years if they receive the funding. The Legislature agreed a further discussion will be held during the next Finance Committee meeting regarding the potential amendment of the Tobacco Settlement Funding policy.

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

Resolutions #376 through #381 were approved.

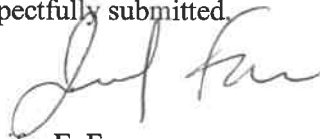
Resolution #382 titled, "Authorizing Distribution of Mortgage Tax for the Period of October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022" was motioned by Legislator Potiker and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (8-0-2).

Mr. Zurlo stated he reviewed the mortgage tax distribution for the same period of the previous year to compare to the current year and it is down by about \$90,000.

Legislator Bezio asked the Legislature if a Wednesday would be a good day to attend the luncheon at Clinton Community College. The Legislature agreed and Legislator Bezio stated he will have a conversation with Mr. Zurlo to choose a specific day.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,



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