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October 14, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, October 12, 2022 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4
Calvin Castine, Area 1
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

EXCUSED: Robert Hall, Area 10

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 Hall asked to be excused. Chairperson Henry stated he would like to go out of order and accepted a motion from Legislator Hughes to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry invited Mr. Zurlo to the podium and asked Deputy County Administrator, Kim Kinblom, to read the title of Resolution #785 titled, "Honoring Michael E. Zurlo as the Newly-Elected New York State Association of Counties President." Chairperson Henry provided some sentiments regarding Mr. Zurlo's contributions to the County and now to the 62 counties of the State. He read Resolution #785 to the attendees and presented Mr. Zurlo with a plaque regarding same. Mr. Zurlo thanked his wife, his family and the Legislature for affording him the opportunity. He stated he takes pride in working for the residents of Clinton County and now advocating for all 62 Counties in New York.

Legislator Waldron motioned to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry welcomed Troop 8039B and 8039G of the BSA Scouts - City of Plattsburgh Division to the Legislative Meeting. He noted their attendance fulfills Requirement #3 of a merit badge for their rights, duties and obligations of citizenship.

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Janice Padula, of 114 Lagree Road in Churubusco, stated at the last Regular Session she distributed a handout regarding the banning of biosolids (PFOAs are in biosolids.) Ms. Padula provided a brief background of biosolids and their damaging effects. Ms. Padula is proposing a public hearing be held regarding this matter.

Arlene Beal, of Champlain, stated she believes property taxes should be based on income, especially for senior citizens.

Jeff McBurnie, the Enviromental Manager of Casella in Maine, stated Casella runs the business of biosolids in Chateaugay, providing resources to New York to Canada, Vermont and New York. He stated he would be happy to participate in the open meetings and brought informative resources to leave for interested parties.

Jerrica Manning thanked the Legislature for their efforts regarding the proposed gun legislation. She also thanked the Public Safety Committee and all that attended as guests, in what she stated was a true display of democracy.

There being no one else 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 Committee was polled on Resolutions #744 and #745 on the agenda.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #746 on the agenda.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

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

Casey Kourofsky, the Network Administrator, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Various Contracts.”

Justin Ihne, of the Plattsburgh YMCA, was also in attendance to provide a presentation to the Committee.

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was also present to discuss several topics including website development, updates on the Clinton County Business Innovation Gateway (CBIG), FAST NY, BETA Technologies and a discussion on Infrastructure Funding.

Resolutions #747 through #749 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 5th.

Rebecca Murphy, the Deputy County Treasurer, was present to discuss resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Peak Technologies, Inc.,” “Authorizing Contract with Govolution, LLC” and “Authorizing Contract Extension with Armory Associates, LLC.”

Ms. Murphy also discussed sales tax, the Sales Tax Chart from the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and the 2021 Fiscal Stress Report.

Mr. Zurlo also reviewed the 2023 Budget Timeline with the Committee.

Resolutions #750 through #754 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes reported the Health Committee met on Wednesday, October 5th.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss resolutions including, “Approving Appointment to the Community Services Board” and “Amending Resolution #660 dated September 14, 2022 titled, “Authorizing Contract Amendment with Behavioral Health Services North (BHSN), Inc.”

Jeffrey Sisson, the Director of Public Health, was also present to discuss resolutions including, “Authorizing Breastfeeding, Chestfeeding and Lactation Friendly New York (BFF-NY) Grant Application,” “Amending Resolution #75 dated February 9, 2022 titled, “Authorizing Contracts with Various Veterinary Offices” and “Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues for 2023.”

Mr. Sisson also discussed the Director’s Report for August, 2022, the Health Department Report for September, 2022, the Fall Safety Guide for 2022 and Clinton County Profiles in Public Health – COVID-19.

Resolutions #755 through #759 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd at 4:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea inquired on the new parking regulations. Mr. Zurlo reviewed the process regarding the steps an individual must do to properly register their vehicle at the Government Center. He noted the first hour is free.

Legislator Peryea reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #760 on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee met on Monday, October 3rd.

Resolutions #761 through #773 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 7th at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Hall, Mr. Zurlo reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 3rd.

Andrew Wylie, the District Attorney, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Out-of-State Travel.”

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was also present to discuss resolutions including, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2023” and “Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues.”

The Committee also discussed the recently Sanctioned Firearm Statute.

Resolutions #774 through #778 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 7th 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, October 17th at 5:15 p.m.

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Board of Health – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, October 17th at 7 p.m.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported Clinton County will be hosting the Intercounty of the Adirondacks meeting on Thursday, October 27th. Jake Goldman and Blane Newton of BETA Technologies will be conducting a tour of their facility for the Committee with lunch to follow at Buster’s Restaurant. Please let Erin Light, in the Legislative Office, know your lunch choice if you are planning on attending.

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

Legislator Kretser stated the County hosted a meeting in the Legislative Chambers on Tuesday, October 11th where the Board discussed reports from the Director, the Economic Development Coordinator, the Junior Planner, the Loan Committee, the results of the 2022 Forward Together Conference and also created a new position of Assistant Economic Development Coordinator to help with the growing volume of work.

Legislator Hughes also noted Beth Gilles, the Executive Director of the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRP), encouraged Legislators convey to their towns and small

businesses that are looking for grant funding or the administration of grants to contact the LCLGRPB office. He also thanked David Randall, the Information Technology Director, and his staff for their assistance with the Zoom meeting.

Soil and Water – Legislators Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated there is another tire recycling event in the Town of Schuyler Falls tomorrow, Thursday, October 13th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and pre-registration is required. He noted there might be room available but that it is not guaranteed.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss contractual matters and litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo also requested an Executive Session to discuss the sale and lease of real property.

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 #744 through #772 were approved.

Resolution #773 titled, “Approving Backfill of a Permanent, Full-Time Nurse’s Aide Position (PCN 2671)” was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo requested Kim Kinblom, the Personnel Director, provide an update on the new hires for the Clinton County Nursing Home. Ms. Kinblom stated orientation was held for one Registered Nurse position, two Licensed Practical Nurse positions, two Certified Nurse’s Aides and one Environmental Services Worker.

Resolutions #774 through #785 were approved.

Legislator Kretser motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Kretser motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:43 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #786 was approved.

Resolution #787 titled, “Awarding Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the Purchase of the Clinton County Skilled Nursing Facility” was motioned by Legislator Henry and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

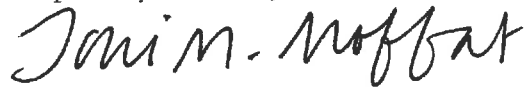
Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported the RFP was awarded to Personal Healthcare.

Theresa Creedon, the Director of Operations at Personal Healthcare, thanked the Legislature for having been given the opportunity to continue the County's legacy of providing skilled nursing care in this County. Ms. Creedon provided a brief overview of Personal Healthcare's philosophy and stated the foundation of their company is based on communication and transparency. Personal Healthcare plans on providing meet-and-greets with the residents, staff and residents' families.

Joe Musso, of Plattsburgh, stated he has had the pleasure of working for the County for 36-plus years and apprised the Board that he is retiring and thanked the Legislature and the citizens of the County for allowing him to serve them.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hughes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1)

Respectfully submitted,



Toni M. Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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