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October 15, 2021

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Clinton County, New York.

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

EXCUSED: Francis Peryea, Area 2

VACANCY: Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Kim M. 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 Peryea asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2021 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one who wished 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 has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #719 on the agenda.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of the Buildings and Grounds Department, stated the northeast side of the Roof Replacement Project has been completed and the portion near the employee parking lot is now underway. Completion is expected within a few weeks with weather permitting.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

### **Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker**

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. John Redden, the Commissioner of Social Services, was present to discuss two resolutions, along with the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

Resolutions #720 and #721 have been placed on the agenda.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 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. John Zurlo, the County Clerk, was present to discuss a resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Cott Systems” and the status of the Department’s 2021 Budget and request to increase appropriation and corresponding revenue.

David Randall, the Director of Information Technology, was also in attendance to discuss two resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract Extension with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.” Mr. Randall also spoke about multi-factor authentication requirements for the 2022 Cyber Insurance Renewal.

Resolutions #722 through #724 have been placed on the agenda.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss several resolutions, along with sales tax and the 2020 Fiscal Stress Report.

Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, discussed the updated draft Title VI Plan that was submitted to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for approval.

Resolutions #725 through #731 have been placed on the agenda.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Health Committee – Legislator Hughes**

Legislator Hughes stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, provided an update on COVID-19 cases and vaccinations. There are currently 236 active cases in isolation, with 25 being hospitalized at CVPH. Of those in the hospital, 68 percent are unvaccinated.

The County Health Department will be moving their vaccination clinic held on Thursdays to Clinton Community College to accommodate the increase in clients for booster shots. Testing will continue to be offered at the Health Department on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's for those without primary care or insurance.

School testing is underway, with 334 test samples being collected last week. There has been discussion of having a central testing site at Champlain Valley Educational Services (CVES) for those who are asymptomatic and missed the testing opportunity at their individual school.

Resolution #732 has been placed on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

### **Human Services Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo reported the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Jody Mercaldi, the Administrative Assistant at Office for the Aging, was present to discuss three resolutions, including "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to solicit Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Personal Care Level 1 and Chore Companion Services."

Kevin LeBoeuf, the Director of Veterans' Service Agency, was present to discuss the monthly statistics for September, 2021, filling the vacancy of a Veterans Service Officer and Operation Green Light.

Resolutions #733 through #736 have been placed on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

**Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Resolutions #737 through #750 have been placed on the agenda.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #751 and #752 on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine**

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing 2020 Statewide Interoperability Communications Formula-Based Grant Acceptance.”

Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, spoke on behalf of the District Attorney’s Office, presenting several resolutions including, “Authorizing New York State Office of Children and Family Services Grant Acceptance” and “Authorizing Contract with Franklin County Department of Social Services.”

Resolutions #753 through #765 have been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser**

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

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #766 and #767 on the agenda.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## LIAISON REPORTS

### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Potiker**

Legislator Potiker reported he attended the Chamber breakfast on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> where discussion was held regarding the ILOVENY Matching Funds, the Saranac River Trail opening a new section and SUNY Plattsburgh drone footage. On Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> the Chamber will be hosting a Business After Hours event at Olive Ridley's from 5-7:30 p.m. Legislator Potiker also reported on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> the Chamber will be hosting the Taste of the North Country event at the West Side Ballroom.

### **Clinton Community College – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry stated he will be attending the Founders' Day Celebration to present the College with a plaque on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Hughes**

Legislator Hughes reported the Committee had a meeting on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The main topic of discussion was regarding COVID-19 small business recovery loans.

## STAFF REPORTS

### **County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.**

Ms. Kelleher stated she would like to request an Executive Session to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

### **County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo stated department budget meetings are continuing. The New York State Attorney General Letitia James was recently in Plattsburgh to present the County with an opioid settlement check. Mr. Zurlo also spoke about the exciting news regarding the border re-opening to fully-vaccinated individuals.

Mr. Zurlo noted the resolution on the agenda to change two Regular Session meetings due to the Thanksgiving holiday and the County budget timeline. Mr. Zurlo stated he would also like to request an Executive Session to discuss the sale and lease of real property.

### **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 #717 through #730 were approved.

Resolution #731 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Transfer Appropriation from the Contingency Budget" was moved by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated he fully expects the money to be paid back to the County for the Flextech Program and this is simply a cash flow issue to pay the contractor.

Resolutions #732 through #758 were approved.

Resolution #759 titled, "Authorizing 2020 Statewide Interoperability Communications Formula-Based Grant Acceptance" was moved by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this Grant pays for the lease payments on the new radio system.

Resolutions #760 through #773 were approved.

Legislator Kretser motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:54 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:31 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-1-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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