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September 18, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, September 11, 2019 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Mark Dame, Area 8
Robert Hall, Area 10
Mark Henry, Area 3
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Simon Conroy, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. Legislator Conroy was excused.

Chairperson McManus asked for a moment of silence in honor of September 11th.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the August 28, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson McManus moved on to Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, September 9th was cancelled. He stated the Demolition Project in the Village of Dannemora started on Monday. Building #1 has been removed and the project remains on schedule.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd was cancelled.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Mr. Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting scheduled for this afternoon was cancelled.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Finance Committee met Wednesday, September 4th. Resolutions #700 and #725 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Garry Douglas and Kristy Kennedy from the Chamber of Commerce discussed the 2020 Marketing Plan. Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, discussed sales tax and updated the Legislature on the status of the proposed land bank. There was also discussion on low-income Senior Housing PILOT Agreements in the Towns of Altona and Ellenburg which resulted in Resolution #725 on the agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Waldron

The Health Committee met Tuesday, September 3rd. Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, discussed Resolutions #701 through #703 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, discussed the Director's Report for July, 2019, the Health Department Report for July, 2019 and Board of Health activity. Resolutions #704 through #706 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st at 4:30 p.m.

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the Human Services Committee met Wednesday, September 4th. Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans' Service Agency, discussed quarterly statistics, the 2020 budget and the New York State Grant and Aid. Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, discussed Resolutions #707 and #708 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame stated the Personnel Committee met Tuesday, September 10th. Kim Kinblom, the Personnel Director, discussed the reclassification of a permanent, full-time Automotive Mechanic Helper up to permanent, full-time MEO Mechanic, the reclassification of permanent, full-time Caseworker up to a permanent, full-time Senior Caseworker to assist with the Family First Prevention Act, the reclassification of a permanent, full-time Social Welfare Examiner up to a Senior Social Welfare Examiner to assist in the homeless population and the creation of Mental Health Clinician III for the Child Advocacy Center (fully funded).

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall stated Resolutions #709 and #710 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Public Safety Committee met Monday, September 9th.

Jamie Rock from the Child Advocacy Center discussed Resolutions #713 through #715, and Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, discussed Resolutions #716 through #719 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Legal Defense, discussed counsel at arraignment and the need to amend Resolution #494 dated June 14, 2017 to ensure after-hour representation. This resolution will be placed on an upcoming Regular Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Transportation Committee met Monday, September 9th. Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, discussed payment to BOCES for transfer of a portion of property.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Board of Health is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 16th at 7 p.m.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Agricultural Tour is scheduled for Friday, October 11th from 8:30 a.m. through 1:45 p.m. He stated Cooperative Extension would like to know the number attending, so please respond if you haven't already done so. A tour of Forrence Orchards and Dimock Farms will be given with lunch being at Living Goods Restaurant.

Grievance Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Grievance Committee met Tuesday, September 10th. He stated there was one grievance, and the decision has been conveyed to all parties involved.

He stated the Grievance Committee will be scheduled to meet the first Thursday of every month. The Committee will be notified should there be a cancellation.

Intercounty Legislative Meeting of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated Intercounty is scheduled to meet in Sullivan County on Wednesday, September 18th at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Conference.

Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated Soil and Water is scheduled to meet Thursday, September 19th.

Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Workforce Investment Board is scheduled to meet Friday, September 13th in Saranac Lake. The Business Education Forum is scheduled for Thursday, October 17th at the West Side Ballroom.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss the Corrections Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Zurlo stated he will begin to meet with Department Heads to discuss the 2020 budgets.

Mr. Zurlo stated he will be serving a second year on the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Board of Directors.

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

Resolutions #700 through #716 were approved.

Resolution #717 titled, “Authorizing 2019 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula-Based Grant Application – Emergency Services”

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated funding pays for the lease for the new radio system at Emergency Services. He stated the amount expected in the Grant award exceeds the lease payment. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #718 through #724 were approved.

Resolution #725 titled, “Authorizing Extinguishing Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreements in the Towns of Ellenburg and Altona – Legislature”

Discussion: Legislator Peryea abstained from the vote. Carried (8-0-1-1).

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

Resolutions #726 through #745 were approved.

Chairperson McManus asked if there was anything further to come before the Legislature. Legislator Dame stated the judge amended the order for the City of Plattsburgh Retirees’ Association to allow the County to return the fee. Legislator Dame thanked his colleagues for their support and Ms. Kelleher for managing the process.

Legislator Waldron motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss the Corrections Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #746 was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeanene Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jeanene Bell
Senior Stenographer

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