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September 29, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, September 28, 2022 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4  
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  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Richard Potiker, Area 5

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 Potiker asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Beth Winter, a resident of Keeseville and the head nurse at the County Nursing Home, distributed a handout regarding the recent staffing changes at the Nursing Home. Ms. Winter reviewed her handout with the Legislature, stressing the staffing struggles and family concerns. (A copy has been attached and made part of the minutes.)

Chairperson Henry responded to Ms. Winter stating the Legislature is aware of these struggles and is working on possible solutions.

Janice Padula, of 114 Lagree Road in Churubusco, spoke about proposing an ordinance banning the land application of human feces derived fertilizer. Ms. Padula provided a brief background about this fertilizer and distributed a handout to the Legislature. Ms. Padula is proposing a public hearing on this matter. (A copy has been attached and made part of the minutes.)

Emily Stacey, of 18 Tyrell Avenue in Plattsburgh, spoke about her employment at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office from August, 2021 through July 14, 2022 and cited examples of possible discriminatory statements and harassment she experienced during her employment period.

Geoffrey Barker, of 4079 State Route 9 in Plattsburgh, distributed a handout to the Legislature regarding several different topics. (A copy has been attached and made part of the minutes.)

Aaron Fung, of 230 Golf Course Road of AuSable Forks, spoke about the discrimination claims Ms. Stacey brought forward this evening. Mr. Fung urged the Legislature to take this matter seriously and asked this matter be looked into.

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 met on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, was present to discuss the resolution titled, "Authorizing Contract with New York State Unified Court System." Mr. Cleveland also provided updates on several Projects including the Department of Social Services Handicapped Ramp, the Government Center Brick Repair Design and the Old Jail, Human Services Center and Highway Roofs.

Resolution #692 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

**Children and Family Services Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo**

On behalf of Legislator Potiker, Mr. Zurlo stated the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #693 on the agenda.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 4<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 has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #741 under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

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

**Health Committee – Legislator Hughes**

Legislator Hughes reported the Health Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #740 on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

**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, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

**Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry**

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

Resolutions #694 through #710 from the meeting of September 12<sup>th</sup> have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Control Technologies,” “Authorizing United States Small Business Administration Grant Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the Building 2753 Renovation Project.”

Mr. Kreig also provided a tenant update.

Resolutions #711 through #727 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

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

### **Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine**

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #728 and #729 on the agenda.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser**

Legislator Kretser reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #730 through #733 on the agenda.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Intercounty – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the Committee met at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Fall Conference held in Buffalo. The County Administrator of Livingston County and the Monroe County Executive spoke about workforce development issues, methods to attract younger employees and ways to retain employees.

### **Soil and Water – Legislators Peryea and Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated there is another tire recycling event in the Town of Schuyler Falls on

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and pre-registration is required. Soil and Water also received the inter-seeder but it hasn't been used yet. Legislator Timmons also reported a \$620,000 grant was also received towards the Climate Resilient Farming Program.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss a matter of litigation.

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

Mr. Zurlo reported the County Landfill open house is on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mr. Zurlo thanked the Legislators who travelled to the recent NYSAC Conference held in Buffalo. Mr. Zurlo also gave thanks to the Editorial Board at the Press Republican for their recent article congratulating him on his recent promotion as the newly-elected President of NYSAC. Mr. Zurlo requested an Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining issue.

### **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.

Resolution #692 was approved.

Resolution #693 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Clinton County Office for the Aging” was motioned by Legislator Peryea and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted this resolution is coordination between two County Departments to ensure State funding is fully utilized.

Resolutions #694 through #710 were approved.

Resolution #711 titled, “Amending Resolution #578 dated August 17, 2022 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Lee Kitchen Carpet and Appliance Center” was motioned by Legislator Hughes and seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the Airport is reimbursed for this cost in the lease rate with the Federal Government.

Resolutions #712 through #714 were approved.

Resolution #715 titled, “Authorizing Contract with WTNN Eagle Country 97.5” was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Discussion: Chairperson Henry abstained.

Resolutions #716 through #725 were approved.

Resolution #726 titled, "Authorizing Agreement with C & S Engineers, Inc. for Design and Bidding Services for the Building 2753 Renovation Project" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted this is the engineering work associated with the Grant approved on Resolution #725.

Resolutions #727 through #739 were approved.

Resolution #740 titled, "Authorizing Statewide Substance Use Disorder (SUD) System Support Grant Application" was motioned by Legislator Hughes and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated Community Services Director, Richelle Gregory, received notice this was available and the County has asked for the maximum contribution. If awarded, the grant funding will be used towards staffing costs, building rehabilitation, etc. Mr. Zurlo noted this grant application was welcome news.

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

Resolution #741 titled, "Awarding Bid for Supply of Ductile Iron Materials and Appurtenances for the Clinton County Business Innovation Gateway Project" was motioned by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is the water pipe that will travel along the new road. Upon review by the consulting engineer, the lower bid submitted was decreased further. Mr. Zurlo explained this was separated from the overall bid for the larger project due to the 30-week lead time for ductile iron.

Legislator Kretser motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Hughes motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:24 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #742 and #743 were approved.

Legislator Hughes spoke before the Legislature regarding the new recent gun legislation and noted many Counties have passed resolutions opposing this. Mr. Zurlo noted a resolution can be prepared if it is desired by the Board and should go before the Public Safety Committee. The Legislature agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Kretser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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