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January 27, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January 26, 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
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7

EXCUSED: Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney
Debra Tackett, Interim Public Health Director

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislator Waldron asked to be excused.

Legislator Kretser motioned to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hughes: Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature on any issue.

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, February 14th 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, February 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo, on behalf of Legislator Waldron, reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #40 on the agenda.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 9th 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, February 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

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

Debra Tackett, the Interim Director of Public Health, was present to provide a COVID-19 update. Ms. Tackett reported the case numbers are going down but the transmission rate is still high with a positivity rate of 18.6 percent. She stated there has been 14,000 cases and 69 deaths in Clinton County since the

Pandemic began. Ms. Tackett reported COVID-19 testing has been suspended at the Clinton County Health Department for individuals who do not have insurance or a primary health care provider, but that Quadrant Biosciences is providing this same service at SUNY Plattsburgh. She stated there is a plan to resume the testing program at the Health Department should the Quadrant Biosciences testing site close.

Ms. Tackett stated the vaccination clinics held on Thursdays, at Clinton Community College, are continuing but the numbers are waning. She reported if numbers continue to dwindle, and the CCHD is able to manage the volume, the CCHD will consider closing this vaccination site and holding the clinics at the CCHD.

Ms. Tackett stated the CCHD is completing COVID-19 second vaccinations in the local school districts and estimates completion by February 16th. The only district not to participate was the Plattsburgh City School District. She noted these clinics were open to the public as well.

Additionally, she stated the CCHD is hosting a POD with CVPH to get all of their staff vaccinated and boosted by February 21, 2022 as required by regulation.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 2nd 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, February 1st 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, February 7th, with a time to be determined.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Committee met earlier.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, was present to report on the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Proposal, a tenant update, an airline update and a Customs update.

Resolutions #41 through #51 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 23rd 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 #52 through #55 on the agenda.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 7th, with a time to be determined.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

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

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #56 through #60 on the agenda.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 14th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Clinton Community College – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22nd.

Cooperative Extension - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the annual meeting was held on Tuesday, January 18th for the election of officers. He stated the search for Mary Breyette's replacement is ongoing but she has indicated she will stay on for an additional month. He noted Matthew Douthat was elected the Board President.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Mr. Zurlo on behalf of Legislator Waldron

Mr. Zurlo stated the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 27th.

Soil and Water – Legislator Peryea, Legislator Timmons

Legislator Peryea reported the meeting was held on Thursday, January 20th and the election of officers transpired. He also stated Pete Hagar, the District Manager, expects a large sum of money on a pending grant.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss settlement of litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reminded the Legislature to contact the Legislative Office regarding their desire to purchase a legislative photo for 2022-2023, attendance at the Association of Counties March Conference and attendance at the Chamber of Commerce's State of the County, Town and City on March 3rd. Mr. Zurlo also advised that W2 forms have been distributed in the Legislator's mailboxes.

Additionally, he reported rapid COVID-19 tests were distributed to congregate settings including Fire and Emergency Medical Services, all County employees and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as, towns, villages and the City of Plattsburgh.

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

Resolutions #40 and #41 were approved.

Resolution #42 titled, "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids to Acquire Friction Testing Vehicle and Equipment Project – Plattsburgh International Airport" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported the previous resolution, this resolution and a few other resolutions were approved by the County's submission to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under the Capital Improvement Plan. He noted this is the process of seeking bids. He stated for new projects into 2022 and 2023, the Federal government would pay 90 percent, the State would pay 5 percent and the County would be obligated to pay 5 percent of the project.

Resolutions #43 through #55 were approved.

Resolution #56, titled "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for a Used Bucket Truck with a 30' to 50' Working Height – Highway Department" was motioned by Legislator Krester and seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this resolution and the next resolution, are for pieces of equipment that were included in the 2022 budget. He noted this is now in the process of seeking bids.

Resolution #57 titled, "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for One Cab/Chassis with Dump Body and Snowplow – Highway Department" was motioned by Legislator Kretser and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Hall inquired the actions if the bids come back higher than what has been allocated.

Mr. Zurlo replied the purchase of these two pieces of equipment did not affect the tax levy as they are to be paid for through Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funds and Capital Reserve money. If bids come back higher than what has been allocated, his recommendation would be for the Highway Superintendent to readdress the Transportation Committee and request additional CHIPS funding.

Resolutions #58 through #60 were approved

Legislator Hughes motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:46 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Potiker motioned to exit Executive Session at 5:53 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

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

Resolution #61 was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni M. Moffat". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Toni M. Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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