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April 15, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Simon Conroy, Area 4
Mark Dame, Area 8
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Mark Henry, Area 3

VACANT: Area 2

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 7:04 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. Legislator Henry asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-1-1).

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 Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Monday, April 8th. James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, discussed past Master Plans, as well as possible projects for the 2019 Master Plan. Resolutions #255 and #256 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Mr. Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd was cancelled. Resolutions #257 and #258 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier. Bob Garcia from the Strand Center Theatre attended the meeting to discuss the sustainability of the Theatre as a result of the loan provided by the County for advance booking of acts. Greg Campbell and Mary Dyer from the Board of Elections discussed the increased cost for upcoming elections. Tobacco Settlement funding requests were discussed by the Committee.

Resolutions #259 through #262 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Finance Committee met Wednesday, April 3rd. Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, discussed 2019 Sales Tax and 2019 In Rem Foreclosure. Tobacco Settlement funding requests were presented to the Committee. There was discussion on the proposed County parking lot reconfiguration.

Resolutions #263 and #264 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st at 6:15 p.m.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd was cancelled. Resolutions #265 through #269 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the Human Services Committee met Wednesday, April 3rd. Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans Service Agency, discussed February and March 2019 monthly statistics, VA healthcare, the Blue Water Navy (Vietnam Veterans), DAV van transportation, the New York State Veterans Cemetery, the Governor's proposed budget cuts and proposed personnel changes. Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, discussed the recent New York State Department of Health Survey.

Resolutions #270 and #271 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame stated the Personnel Committee met Monday, April 1st. He stated 13 items were reviewed, and 12 resolutions are included on the agenda upon the Committee's recommendation. Important items to note are the creation of a permanent, part-time Special Investigator position at the Public Defender's Office (grant funded) and special permission to hire a Public Health Nurse in the Health Department up to a Step 5 due to recruitment difficulty.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reminded the Legislature that the Department Head interview is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th at 4:30 p.m., the parking lot meeting is scheduled at 5 p.m. and the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Legislative Conference Room.

Public Safety Committee – Mr. Brown

Legislator Brown stated the Public Safety Committee met Monday, April 8th. Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director, discussed the Criminal Justice Reform. District Attorney Andy Wylie and Russel Haag from the Sheriff's Department were present to discuss routine resolutions. Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, discussed progress with the Statewide Interoperability Grant and a proposed program designed to reduce fires caused by juveniles.

Resolutions #284 through #296 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Transportation Committee met Monday, April 8th. James Bosley, the Planning Technician, discussed the Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT) deviation service and a proposal for installation of a Gasoline Fueling System at the CCPT facility. Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, presented a proposal to install Chevron signs to a curve on the O'Neil Road in Beekmantown to address recent vehicle mishaps at this location. Eric Bell from BOCES was on hand to describe two proposals for new entrance driveways from the Military Turnpike—one to the main BOCES campus and another to the Aeronautical Institute and District Offices. Mr. Bell claims that the proposals would provide a safer experience for students, faculty and bus drivers to the facilities.

Resolutions #297 through #306 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the Intercounty Legislative Committee meeting was held on Thursday, March 28th. It was hosted by Clinton County with a tour of the Clinton Correctional Facility. The Committee was able to tour the hospital, A Block, the tailor shop and the church. Administration offered to provide the Committee with a tour of any part of the facility. Legislator Waldron stated she received great feedback. She thanked Legislator Henry for his assistance in coordinating the tour.

The next Intercounty Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the next Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th at 1 p.m. Legislator Waldron stated the meeting has been rescheduled to 2 p.m. due to the scheduling of the Intercounty Legislative Committee meeting. She stated she attended a Loan Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 9th. The Board continues to bring projects that were not being paid for back on payment schedules, there is more accountability moving forward and there are a few upcoming foreclosures.

Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the next Soil and Water meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the North Country Workforce Development Board will be hosting a strategic planning session from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 3rd at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort in Hogansburg, New York. The session will be hosted by New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals (NYATEP) Executive Director Melinda Mack. It will continue to build on their strategic plan that was adopted in 2016.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

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

Resolutions #255 through #257 were approved.

Resolution #258 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Evergreen Townhouse Community – Social Services” was moved by Legislator Keenan and seconded by Legislator Timmons.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the resolution authorizes money to be spent with Evergreen Townhouse Community from the acceptance of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Grant (previous resolution). Carried (8-0-1-1).

Resolutions #259 through 301 were approved.

Resolution #302 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Champlain Valley Advertising Agency for Advertising Rights on Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT) Buses – Clinton County Public Transit” was moved by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Keenan.

Discussion: Legislator Dame asked if the resolution authorized a renewal or bids. Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, replied the contract is a renewal and has been in place for one year. Legislator Dame asked if there is an option for a two-year renewal. Mr. Brown replied yes. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Resolutions #303 through #312 were approved.

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

Resolution #313 titled, "Amending Resolution #949 dated November 28, 2018 titled, "Authorizing Indigent Legal Services Plan Enhancement Grant Acceptance – Assigned Counsel" was moved by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Conroy.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated Resolution #949 dated November 28, 2018 was previously approved for year one of five years. He stated this is verification that funding in the amount of \$6.8 million is available over the next five years to fund the program. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if there was anything further to come before the Board. Legislator Dame stated as a City Legislator who represents Fox Hill and the south end of the City of Plattsburgh, and as a citizen who has lived there his entire life, he thanked and congratulated the Plattsburgh City School Board for resolving the foot bridge issue. He stated he appreciates it as a citizen and a representative of the area.

Legislator Keenan motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Legislator Dame motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (8-0-1-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell
Senior Stenographer

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