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December 16, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, December 14, 2022 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4
Calvin Castine, Area 1
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Robert Hall, Area 10
Wendell Hughes, Area 8
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

The meeting included remote access via teleconference in accordance with Local Law #1 of 2022. Legislator Hughes attended via Zoom.

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry invited Mr. Zurlo to the podium to present a special award. Chairperson Henry stated the Clinton County Legislature would like to formally recognize Mr. Joseph Musso for his years of service to the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA). Mr. Zurlo stated it is an honor to present Mr. Musso with this award. Mr. Zurlo read the title of Resolution #909 titled, "Congratulating Joseph F. Musso on his Exemplary Service with the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc." Mr. Zurlo read Resolution #909 to the attendees and presented Mr. Musso with a plaque. Mr. Musso stated it is an honor and privilege to receive this award and he was fortunate to represent several thousands of County employees throughout the years. Mr. Musso thanked his friends, family and colleagues for this recognition.

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one else 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 scheduled for Monday, December 12th was cancelled.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, December 6th.

John Redden, the Commissioner of Social Services, and Christine Peters, the Director of Legal/Social Services, were present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Contract with Fatherhood Connection, Inc.," "Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Champlain Valley Family Center" and "Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Clinton County Mental Health and Addiction Services."

Mr. Redden also provided an update on the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and the monthly statistics for November, 2022.

Resolutions #919 through #923 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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 the resolution, "Increasing Mortgage Recording Tax Administration Monies for Clinton County."

Tammy Lacey, the Director of Real Property, was also present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with the Town of Plattsburgh for Assisted Assessing Services.”

Glen Cutter, the Planning Director, was also in attendance to discuss the Clinton County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board regarding members and vacancies.

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, provided updates on website development, the CBIG Project, the FAST NY Shovel Ready Project and an update on BETA Technologies.

Resolutions #924 through #927 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met on Monday, November 28th.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss the 2022 Sales Tax Chart and the resolution, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Transfer Funds from the Contingent Fund to the Airport’s Operations Budget.”

The Finance Committee also reviewed the recommended 2023 Budget. A Public Hearing on the tentative Budget was held on Wednesday, December 7th. Resolution #912 has been placed on the agenda to adopt the 2023 Budget.

Resolutions #928 and #929 have also been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes reported the Health Committee met on Wednesday, December 7th.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues for the Year 2023,” “Authorizing Contract Extensions with Various Agencies and Individuals” and “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2023.”

Ms. Gregory also discussed the 2023 Local Services Plan.

Jeffrey Sisson, the Director of Public Health, was also in attendance to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2023,” “Amending Resolution #664 dated September 14, 2022 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Mirimus, Inc.” and “Approving Appointment to the Clinton County Board of Health.”

Mr. Sisson also discussed the Director’s Report for October, 2022 and the Health Department Report for November, 2022.

Resolutions #930 through #937 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, December 6th.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, was present to provide an update on staffing at the Nursing Home.

Darleen Collins, the Director of Office for the Aging, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with Jade Lam,” “Approving Appointments to the Office for the Aging Advisory Committee” and “Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the North Country Healthy Heart Network, Inc.”

Kevin Leboeuf, the Veterans’ Services Director, discussed the monthly statistics for November, 2022.

Resolutions #938 through #940 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee met on Monday, December 5th.

Resolutions #941 through #951 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

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

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 28th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, December 5th.

Sheriff Dave Favro was present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2023,” “Authorizing Contract with William J. Murray, Inc.” and “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Jail Budget.”

Sheriff Favro also discussed the 2017 Tahoe (Asset #28133).

Chad Deans, the County Coroner, was also in attendance to discuss two resolutions, “Authorizing the National Network of Public Health Institutes Grant Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing Contract with Jennifer Facticeau-Rabideau, N.P.”

Jaime Douthat, the Chief Assistant District Attorney, was also present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative Grant Application,” “Authorizing Payment of Various 2023 Membership Dues” and “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation from the District Attorney’s Federal Justice Seizure Reserve Account.”

Resolutions #952 through #964 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser reported the Transportation Committee met on Monday, December 12th.

Shannon Thayer, the Senior Planner, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing 2022/2023 Round Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) Program Application and Acceptance.”

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was also present to discuss several resolutions including, “Awarding Bid for Bridge Scour Repair for the Years 2023 and 2024,” “Approving Change Order #1 and Final Agreement for Deck Repairs to the Goddeau Road Bridge over Saranac River, BIN 3335780” and “Authorizing Contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.”

Resolutions #965 through #972 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2023. Mr. Potiker noted this Regular Session has the resolutions for the Board of Health reappointment of Lynn Howard and the new appointment of Dr. Gilbert Desmangles.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislators Hughes and Kretser

Legislator Kretser reported the next meeting is the second week in January.

Soil and Water – Legislators Peryea and Timmons

Legislator Peryea stated the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2022.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo asked the Legislature to advise on their attendance for the upcoming New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Legislative Conference taking place from February 27th through March 1, 2023.

Mr. Zurlo also requested an Executive Session to discuss a matter of collective negotiations.

Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Henry noted his email to the Legislature regarding the dinner for the January 4th Organizational Meeting and advised those that hadn’t responded to please do so.

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

Resolutions #912 through #924 were approved.

Resolution #925 titled, "Authorizing Contract with the Town of Plattsburgh for Assisted Assessing Services" was motioned by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo noted Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, was present at the Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting held earlier and shared the status of the 2022 Shared Services Plan that contains three items. This resolution is for one of the items. The second is for the joint purchase of the new Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System between Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties, resulting in a savings of approximately \$380,000 in year one and over the life of the contract, nearly \$1 million in savings. The third item is the Town of Peru and the Town of AuSable purchasing a piece of highway equipment together. Mr. Zurlo noted Public Hearing #1 was held today, the second will be held on Thursday, December 15th and the third will be held on Friday, December 16th. The Shared Services panel will then convene to vote on the Shared Services Plan on December 22, 2022.

Resolutions #926 through #956 were approved.

Resolution #957 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Jennifer Facticeau-Rabideau, N.P." was motioned by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Peryea abstained.

Resolutions #958 through #961 were approved.

Resolution #962 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Tyler Technologies Public Safety Division" was motioned by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is another piece of the Shared Services Plan. This is a five-year contract resulting in savings of approximately \$900,000.

Resolutions #963 through #972 were approved.

Resolution #973 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Adjust Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Workforce Investment Act Grant" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolution #974 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Adjust Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Workforce Investment Act Grant" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolutions #975 through #978 were approved.

Resolution #979 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Landfill Revenue to the General Fund" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution allows for the revenue from the sale of methane gas into the budget.

Resolutions #980 and #981 were approved.

Resolution #982 has been withdrawn.

Legislator Waldron motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #983 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Absentee Ballot Prepaid Postage Grant" was motioned by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution is for the Board of Elections to expend grant funds by the end of the year.

Legislator Castine thanked Mr. Zurlo, his staff and the Department Heads for the budget they presented to the Legislature. Mr. Castine noted the County was able to help employees this year financially and have a very manageable budget. Mr. Zurlo responded by thanking Ms. Kinblom and Lee Mitchell, the County Accountant, for the work they put in and to provide a budget comfortable representing their constituents.

Mr. Zurlo thanked David Randall, the Director of Information Technology, for his efforts to facilitate live-streaming the meeting and noted he will be back for the December 28th Regular Session as well.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter Executive Session at 6:03 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hughes motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:31 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #984 was approved.

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 Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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