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December 28, 2023

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, December 27, 2023 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

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

EXCUSED: Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Rob Timmons, Area 7

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

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

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Chairperson Henry and Legislator Timmons asked to be excused.

Legislator Hughes motioned to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2023 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-2).

Deputy Chairperson Hall asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one who wished to address the Legislature, Deputy Chairperson Hall moved onto the Committee Reports.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #964 on the agenda.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker stated the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

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 Resolutions #965 through #969 on the agenda.

Finance Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Timmons, Mr. Zurlo reported the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #970 on the agenda.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

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

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Personnel Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Henry, Mr. Zurlo stated the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #971 has been placed on the agenda based on the Committee's recommendation from the meeting of Monday, December 4th.

The Committee was also polled on Resolutions #972 through #974 on the agenda.

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 Halliday Technologies, Inc." and "Authorizing Contract Amendment with KCB, Inc. d/b/a Warren Tire Service Center."

Resolutions #975 through #979 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee's recommendation.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

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

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #980 through #982 on the agenda.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

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

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #983 through #985 on the agenda.

LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Liaison Reports.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to advise on the status of litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated the Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 4th at 5:15 p.m. The photo will take place at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo also noted he is hosting the vote on Thursday, December 28th at 11:00 a.m. for the Shared Services Plan of 2023.

Deputy Chairpersons Report

Deputy Chairperson Hall stated what an excellent year the Legislature had and he believes much was accomplished; taxes were kept under control, etc. He noted it has been fantastic to work with Legislator Potiker and wished him the best of luck on his future endeavors. Legislator Potiker thanked the Legislature and stated it has been a pleasure to work with everyone through the years.

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

Resolutions #964 through #969 were approved.

Resolution #970 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Transfer Funds from the Contingent Fund to the Airport Operations Budget" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated for those not on the Airport Committee, further on the agenda is a resolution for the Friction Testing Equipment. This resolution transfers funding from the Contingent Fund for this purchase with the understanding that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at the very least is funding 90 percent and the State and County share being 5 percent. Mr. Zurlo explained the best case scenario would be the Federal share of 95 percent and the State and County share of 2.5 percent.

Resolution #971 titled, "Authorizing the Chairperson to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement by and between the County of Clinton and the Civil Service Employees' Association, Inc., Local 1000/AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Clinton County Units 6450 and 6466 of Local 884" was motioned by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, stated currently there is a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Nursing Home employees for the stay pay bonus, extra payments, etc. and that MOA is expiring. Ms. Kinblom explained this resolution extends the MOA through 2024, places a stipulation that part-timer employees have to work at least 20 hours per month for the stay pay bonus and allows the ability to work 80 percent at a different County position and work 20 percent at the Nursing Home. This can occur as long as it is agreed upon with Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, and the fellow Department heads.

Resolutions #972 through #977 were approved.

Resolution #978 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, LLP" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated for those not on the Airport Committee, the previous resolution covered an overage from 2023. This resolution authorizes a not to exceed resolution for the year 2024 with the same attorney.

Resolutions #979 through #985 were approved.

Resolution #986 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for 2023 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Various Program Grants" was motioned by Legislator Potiker and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolution #987 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Capital Project titled, "Wendel Energy Performance Project" was motioned by Legislator Bezio and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution adds the roof at the Plattsburgh International Airport that was the addition to the original Wendel Energy Performance contract, this resolution increases the Capital Project.

Resolution #988 was approved.

Resolution #989 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Transfer Landfill Revenue to the General Fund" was motioned by Legislator Potiker and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated each year in the budget revenue is the sale of methane gas to Casella Waste Systems Inc., this resolution bring that revenue to the County for 2023.

Resolutions #990 through #993 were approved.

Legislator Kretser motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m., seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Peryea motioned to exit Executive Session at 5:46 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Castine apprised the Legislature of Mr. Zurlo's recent Board Member appointment to the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Legislature extended their congratulations to Mr. Zurlo on his accomplishment.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Potiker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,



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