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February 23, 2023

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, February 22, 2023 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
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Michael Zurlo, County Administrator

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

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

Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislator Kretser asked to be excused.

Legislator Hughes motioned to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2023 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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, February 13th.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract Amendment with Whitton Construction, LLC.”

Mr. Cleveland also discussed the Wendel Energy Services, LLC Project, the Government Center Brick Repair Project and the 2023 Master Plan Projects. Jim Abdallah, of Architectural, Engineering and Design Associates, P.C. was also in attendance to provide information on these Projects.

Resolutions #129 through #131 have 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, March 13th at 4:00 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, March 7th 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 next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th 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 Thursday, March 2nd at 5:15

p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

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

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

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

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

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

Resolutions #132 through #152 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation from the February 6th meeting.

The Committee was also polled on Resolutions #153 through #155 on the agenda.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 6th 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 the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the installation of the Passenger Boarding Bridge Gate Two (Construction) Project."

Mr. Kreig also provided an airline update and a tenant and construction update.

Resolutions #156 through #164 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, March 22nd 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 next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Legislator Castine also noted the increase in migrants trying to cross over the Canadian border on the Roxham Road in Champlain. He recently met with the Town of Champlain Supervisor Tom Trombley to discuss possible solutions. He noted many individuals are arriving in the middle of the night and are ill prepared for the weather conditions. Legislator Castine noted in December, 2022 there were 4,900 individuals that crossed through the Roxham Road.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

On behalf of Legislator Kretser, Ms. Kinblom reported the Transportation Committee met on Monday, February 13th.

Shannon Thayer, the Senior Planner, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit a Request for Proposals for Transit Management Services.”

Ms. Thayer also provided an update on public meetings and route changes.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was also in attendance to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing 2023 Local Highway Salt Reduction/Environmental Protection Project Grant Application and Acceptance.”

Mr. Weiss also discussed the trading in of two diesel powered wood chippers for two new gasoline powered wood chippers.

Resolutions #165 through #168 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

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

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported Resolution #174 titled, “Urging Action by New York State Legislators to Advocate on Behalf of SUNY Community Colleges to Increase Funding to Community Colleges in the State Budget” has been placed on the agenda. This is due to Governor Kathy Hochul’s Executive proposed budget calling for a flat amount of base operating aid with no increase to base aid. If this proposed budget were to pass, Clinton Community College could forego about \$90,000 in base state aid, as well as, potentially lose \$470,000, if the 20 percent state hold-back is passed, totaling \$560,000 in funding loss. This resolution is also coming from other counties urging the state legislators to act on behalf of the community colleges, as well as, possibly look at a four percent increase in funding.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the next Intercounty of the Adirondacks meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 1st at 8:00 a.m. at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Conference.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an executive session to provide some legal advice.

Deputy County Administrator – Kim Kinblom

Ms. Kinblom stated for those attending the NYSAC Conference there will be a presentation by Wendel Energy Services, LLC on Monday, February 27th at 4:00 p.m. in the Shaker Room and for those not attending the Conference, there is a Zoom option to view from home or from the Legislative Conference Room.

Chairpersons Report

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

Resolutions #129 through #157 were approved.

Resolution #158 titled, “Creation of Minimum Revenue Guarantee Fund” was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Castine wanted to ensure this resolution does not commit the County to use any money after the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is expended. Ms. Kinblom replied this is a worst-case scenario situation and money is being put away in case there is a need to incentivize airlines to the Airport. The ARPA money can be used up until 2024. Chairperson Henry clarified the County may not have to use any ARPA money at all. Legislator Bezio asked what the plan is as we get closer to the end of 2024 if there is ARPA funding left. He feels as a legislature there should be a secondary plan as we get closer to the deadline of December 31, 2024 for this money if it isn't used for its initial purpose. Chairperson Henry stated there is a plan to speak with the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee and the Legislature to gather other ideas and stated Legislator Bezio raised an excellent point. Legislator Hall stated if the County doesn't have something substantial within six months to reevaluate but he believes the County will. Legislator Hughes asked when transferring to an account if that qualifies as spending the ARPA money. Ms. Kinblom clarified the money has to be spent and cannot remain in an account. Legislator Bezio seconded Legislator Hall's six-month plan to reevaluate at that time.


Resolutions #159 through #174 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:47 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Bezio motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:14 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Waldron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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

Erin M. Light
Senior Typist

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