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June 25, 2021

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, June 23, 2021, Clinton County, New York.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim M. Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jaqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

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 June 9, 2021 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry presented Macy Hosler, of Chazy Central Rural School, with the 2021 OTB Scholarship Award. Mr. Henry reviewed the criteria needed to receive this Scholarship. Legislator Waldron presented Jack Mather, of Saranac Central School, also with this award on Tuesday, June 22nd.

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Chairperson Henry reported there is a public hearing on a grant application to the New York State Office of Housing and Community Renewal under the CARES Act Grant Program. He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Hughes motioned to open the public hearing at 5:22 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone present wished to address the board regarding this matter.

There being no one who wished to speak, Chairperson Henry entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

Legislator Hall motioned to close the public hearing at 5:23 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no one to address the Legislature, Chairperson Henry moved on to Committee Reports.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Monday, June 14th.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, was present to discuss the Government Center roof replacement bids and the resolution awarding the Project.

Resolutions #435 through #437 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, July 12th has been cancelled.

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, July 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated 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, July 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

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

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, provided a brief summary of COVID-19 cases and vaccinations. There have been two lab-confirmed cases since June 14th. As of Tuesday, June 22nd there is one active case in isolation and three individuals in quarantine. There are about 100-300 tests being completed daily in the County.

Second dose vaccination clinics were recently held at Chazy Central School, Northern Adirondack and Saranac Central School. On Thursday, July 1st, the Health Department will provide first and second dose vaccines at the 133 Margaret Street location.

Mr. Kanoza also reported his staff has been working on planning, work-plan preparation and a preliminary budget for the School Testing Project to be completed as part of the \$2.24 million grant funded project recently provided by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). The Health Department intends to contract and partner with Champlain Valley Educational Services (CVES) to complete the bulk of the school coordination and collaboration work for this Project over the summer.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 7th at 4:30 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, July 6th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

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

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 8th at 4:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport met on Tuesday, June 22nd.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, was present and reported the runway has officially re-opened and will resume airline operations on Wednesday, June 23rd.

Mr. Kreig also discussed several resolutions including, "Awarding Bid for Rehabilitation of Taxiway A Pavement and General Aviation (GA) Apron Phase I (Construction) Project. The Fixed-Based Operator (FBO) Interviews were conducted on Wednesday, June 16th and there will be a decision made soon on a selection.

Resolutions #438 through #442 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Henry commended the great job done on the runway project and how great it is to be back open for flights.

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 #443 through #450 on the agenda. Resolutions #444 and #447 have been withdrawn and will be discussed at the next Public Safety Committee meeting which is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Transportation Committee met on Monday June 14th.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Technician, was present to discuss a resolution, "Authorizing Multi-Year Contract Amendment with Champlain Valley Advertising Agency" along with discontinuing blue bus tokens and altering day passes.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss two resolutions, as well as, the Square Dashnaw Road Bridge in the Town of Saranac.

Resolutions #451 through #453 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. The Committee was also polled on Resolution #454.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Legislator Conroy spoke about giving the City of Plattsburgh \$80,000 of the Tobacco Settlement money to use towards sprucing up the City Beach. Mr. Conroy mentioned setting up vendors, charging the vendors for parking and what a great opportunity the beach presents for Clinton County. Chairperson Henry asked Legislator Conroy to bring this up for discussion at the next Finance Committee meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker spoke about the recent meeting he attended regarding the re-opening of the Canadian border. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, two members of Canadian Parliament and Chamber President Garry Douglas were in attendance. No decisions were made at the meeting.

Mr. Potiker spoke about the technical assistance event the Chamber is providing for the new small business grants being given by New York State, this is being held on Friday, June 25th. The New York State Heroes act for employers is also being held on Wednesday, June 30th.

Legislator Potiker also mentioned the recognition fDi Magazine (a publication of the Financial Times of London) gave Plattsburgh and the North Country Chamber of Commerce placing them amongst the 2021-2022 Top 25 Americas Cities of the Future for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Strategy.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported in-person programs have started again and they are looking to fill the position of Mary Breyette, Executive Director, who is retiring at the end of this year.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated Clinton County is hosting the meeting on Thursday, June 24th. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Legislator Timmons' store in Black Brook, with a Hydro-Plant Presentation to follow and lunch around 12:00 p.m. at the Douglas Beach House.

Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the new hydro-seeder is being used, with the old one going to the County Highway Department. Clinton County now has two machines being used for soil and erosion.

STAFF REPORTS

Assistant County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss updates on litigation, enforcement and contractual matters.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the news he received from the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) regarding the Statewide Public Health Emergency ending on Thursday, June 24th. Mr. Zurlo also spoke about the American Rescue Plan money and the lost revenue estimations have been completed. Mr. Zurlo, Ms. Kinblom and the Treasurer's Office have been reviewing the items outlined in the treasury guidance on how the money can be utilized.

Chairperson's Report – Legislator Henry

Chairperson Henry spoke about the Zoom meeting he attended on Tuesday, June 23rd held by Clinton County Soil and Water regarding the infestation of gypsy moths in the region. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is well aware of the problem. The DEC plans to do

an overflight sometime in July, but there are no plans at this time to do anything about the infestation. Mr. Henry said he spoke with Assemblyman Billy Jones and will be reaching out to Senator Stec as well to discuss this issue.

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

Resolutions #435 and #436 were approved.

Resolution #437 titled, "Awarding Bids for 2021 Government Center Roof Replacement Project" was moved by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo explained this Project will be funded from the American Rescue Plan money. Mr. Zurlo said this is a prudent use of the money.

Resolution #438 was approved.

Resolution #439 titled, "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Award the Bid to Acquire Snow Removal Equipment" was moved by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the local share is associated under the CARES Act funding.

Resolutions #440 through #442 were approved.

Resolution #443 titled, "Authorizing Indigent Legal Services Plan Enhancement Grant Acceptance" was moved by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo explained this grant fully funds the Public Defender's Office and this is year three of five. Mr. Zurlo commended Jaimie Martineau, the Public Defender, on the great job he has done.

Resolution #444 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #445 and #446 were approved.

Resolution #447 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #448 through #452 were approved.

Resolution #453 titled, "Authorizing Contract with American Rock Salt Company, LLC to Supply and Deliver Coarse Rock Salt and Treated Salt" was moved by Legislator Kretser and seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this contract continues at the current rate and includes the townships and the City of Plattsburgh to buy off this contract as well.

Resolutions #454 through #456 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:52 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Potiker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin M. Light". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin M. Light
Senior Typist

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