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June 14, 2021

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, June 9, 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: Kim M. Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator  
Jaqueline Kelleher, County Attorney  
John Kanoza, Director of Public Health

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

Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, conducted roll call.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2021 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

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 Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

### **Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker**

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee met on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. John Redden, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss the emergency rental assistance program (ERAP) and monthly statistics for April, 2021.

Resolutions #366 through #371 have been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier.

Glen Cutter, the Planning Director, and Dave Randall, the Director of Information Technology, were present. Mr. Randall discussed the County's Cyber-Security Posture.

Resolutions #372 through #375 have been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee's recommendation. Resolution #374 was withdrawn.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

William Cherry and Kyle Metcalf of three+one provided a presentation on cashvest. Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, was also present to discuss sales tax, the annual report summary, the annual update document submitted, the correction of errors report and the Village of Rouses Point Error.

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

### **Health Committee – Legislator Hughes**

Legislator Hughes stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss the workforce and a new Community Services Coordinator position. John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, was present to discuss the April, 2021 Director's Report, the May, 2021 Health Department Report and the Clinton County Multi-Agency Coordination (CCMAC) Group.

Mr. Kanoza was present to provide a brief update on COVID-19 cases and vaccinations. He reported there are seven active cases in isolation. He stated the upcoming vaccination clinics currently scheduled are a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose POD at Northern Cakes, a 1<sup>st</sup> dose POD at the Clinton County Jail and three 2<sup>nd</sup> dose PODs at local schools.

Mr. Hall inquired on speculation that the State-run vaccination site on 213 Connecticut Road is closing. Mr. Kanoza stated there has been no word from New York State on closure of the site.

Resolutions #376 through #380 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

### **Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea**

Legislator Peryea stated the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Darleen Collins, the Director of Office for the Aging, Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator and Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans' Service Agency were present. Ms. Bishop discussed nursing home visitation. The Committee requested the Nursing Home increase the visitation time, improve communication with family members and look into providing more options for private visitations. Mr. Bowman discussed the Joint Veterans' Advisory Committee's recommendation for the new Veterans' Services Director after his retirement.

Resolutions #381 through #388 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

### **Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Kim Kinblom, the Personnel Director, discussed the extension of the Clinton County Telework Policy and the Director of Veterans' Services interview.

Resolutions #408 through #432 have been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee's recommendation under Waive Rule 13.2.

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

## **Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall**

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

Resolutions #389 and #390 were polled and have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Legislator Hall stated the Rehabilitation of the Runway Project is on schedule and the first flight will resume on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, will be travelling to Florida to recruit an airline to come to Plattsburgh.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Legislator Hall inquired if it was necessary to vote on the backfill resolutions from the Personnel Committee, as he felt the Committee meeting was rushed and there wasn't adequate time to discuss the resolutions.

Ms. Kinblom explained the lengthy process involved for Department Heads in putting forth these requests, advertising for a position, interviewing etc. and stated if the Legislature did not feel comfortable voting on the Personnel backfills they have the right to table the resolutions.

Legislator Waldron disagreed with Legislator Hall stating the meeting was extended for an additional 45 minutes totaling almost two hours and felt the resolutions were adequately discussed.

Legislator Kretser inquired if there were particular resolutions in question or all in general. Legislator Hall stated all.

Legislator Conroy motioned to table the resolutions and stated that specifically, in regards to the five correction officer positions, he felt that due to bail reform, the jail is half empty and less correction officers are needed.

Legislator Timmons inquired on the Chairperson of the Personnel Committee's opinion.

The Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, Mark Henry, stated he felt the Legislature has strayed from the actual use of the 13.2 Wave Rule, in that it should only be used for urgent and emergent situations.

The County Attorney suggested the Legislature enter Executive Session to discuss the Personnel Resolutions. The Legislature was in full agreement.

## **Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine**

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Indigent Defense, Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director and Jami Rock, the Administrative Assistant at the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) were present. Andy Wylie, the District Attorney, was also present to discuss the Traffic Diversion Program Correspondence from Champlain Town Judge John Triller.

Resolutions #391 through #400 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee, as well as Resolution #434 under Waive Rule 13.2. Resolution #399 was withdrawn.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser**

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

The Committee was polled on Resolution #401, as well as, Resolution #433, under Waive Rule 13.2 and both have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #401 has since been withdrawn.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron stated Clinton County will be hosting the next Intercounty of the Adirondacks meeting on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. All Legislators were invited with details to follow via email.

**Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, he stated there will be a tire recycling event at the end of the day on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Saranac Highway Garage. He suggested calling the Soil and Water Conservation office prior to arrival.

**Supreme Court Library – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the liaison committee met and Judge Keith Bruno discussed the existing Supreme Court Library and kiosks.

**Community Services Board – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Conroy stated the new position of Community Services Coordinator will be discussed at the next Personnel Committee meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Assistant County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.**

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss a matter regarding real property and legal advice, and an Executive Session prior to voting on Waive Rule 13.2 resolutions to discuss procedural issues.

**Deputy County Administrator – Kim Kinblom**

Ms. Kinblom stated Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, was at the New York Association of Counties (NYSAC) Board of Director's meeting. She stated she and Mr. Zurlo have been attending every ZOOM meeting and conference call regarding the specifics of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). She noted the ARP has been cumbersome to understand and they hope to provide an update very soon.

## Chairperson's Report – Legislator Henry

Chairperson Henry did not have a report.

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

Resolutions #366 through #369 were approved.

Resolution #370 titled, "Authorizing Lease Agreement with North Country Workforce Partnership, Inc." was moved by Legislator Potiker and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-0-1). Mr. Kretser abstained.

Resolutions #371 through #373 were approved.

Resolution #374 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #375 through #398 were approved.

Resolution #399 was withdrawn.

Resolution #400 was approved.

Resolution #401 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #402 through #407 were approved.

Legislator Kretser motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:59 p.m. to discuss procedural issues relating to Waive Rule 13.2 Resolutions, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Waldron motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:17 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (10-0-0).

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

Resolutions #408 through #426 were approved.

Resolution #427 titled, "Approving Backfill of a Permanent, Part-Time Typist Position" was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (9-1-0). Mr. Conroy voted in the negative.

Discussion: Mr. Conroy motioned to table the resolution due to insufficient evidence of need, there was no second.

Resolutions #428 through #430 were approved.

Resolution #431 titled, "Approving Backfill of a Permanent, Full-Time Correction Officer Position (PCN 3773)" was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (9-0-1). Mr. Conroy voted in the negative.

Discussion: Legislator Conroy stated he did not believe additional Correction Officers were needed at this time due to bail reform reducing the number of inmates incarcerated. He motioned to table Resolutions #431 and #432, there was no second.

Chairperson Henry stated New York State designates the number of posts needed and the number of inmates doesn't dictate post numbers. Legislator Timmons stated the State will also do a re-evaluation of posts needed and adjust accordingly. Ms. Kelleher reported she has worked with Sheriff Dave Favro on the staffing levels at the Jail and reported the dorms, which house a lot of inmates, don't have a lot of staff and that is where the inmate population has decreased. She noted, in the Jail PODs is a much more labor intensive type of work and where most of the posts still are.

Resolutions #432 titled "Approving Backfill of a Permanent, Full-Time Correction Officer Position (PCN 3663)" was moved by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-1-0). Mr. Conroy voted in the negative.

Discussion: Legislator Conroy asked if anyone knew the starting pay at Stewart's and the starting pay at the Jail. No one responded. Legislator Conroy noted that the correction officers are underpaid and there is a need for increased pay and benefits.

Resolutions #433 titled, "Amending Resolution #355 dated May 26, 2021 titled, "Authorizing Supplemental Agreement #1 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Rehabilitation of the Main Street (Keeseville) Bridge over Ausable River, Bin 3359920" was moved by Legislator Hughes and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Legislator Peryea asked for an explanation. Ms. Kinblom explained the specifics of the resolution.

Resolution #434 titled "Authorizing Contract with NCC Systems, Inc." was moved by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-1-0). Mr. Conroy voted in the negative.

Discussion: Legislator Conroy inquired if any fellow Legislator was aware of the service being provided with this resolution or the origin of the funds used for payment. Ms. Kinblom explained the specifics of the resolution.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss a matter regarding real property and legal advice, seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Waldron motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:49 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 6:49 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat  
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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