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March 24, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, March 23, 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
Wendell Hughes, Area 8
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Robert Hall, Area 10
Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator

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

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

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

Legislator Kretser motioned to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Bezio. 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 has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #178 and #179 on the agenda.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 11th at 4:30 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, April 5th 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, April 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

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

The Finance Committee was polled on Resolution #180 on the agenda.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th 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 Wednesday, April 6th at 4:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

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

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

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

Resolutions #181 through #204 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation from the meeting of March 7th.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Deputy County Administrator Kim Kinblom

Ms. Kinblom, on behalf of 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 Volaire Aviation, Inc.", "Authorizing Out-of-State Travel" and "Authorizing Contract with Company Two Fire." Mr. Kreig also discussed the Alternate Essential Air Service (AEAS) Update, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, a construction update and tenant update.

Resolutions #205 through #213 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, April 27th 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, April 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser reported the Transportation Committee met on Monday, March 21st.

Glen Cutter, the Planning Director, and Shannon Thayer, the Planning Technician, were present to discuss the Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT) logo update and continued discussion regarding potential changes to Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT).

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Amending Resolution #56 dated January 26, 2022 titled, “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for a Used Bucket Truck with a 30’ to 50’ Working Height,” “Authorizing Contract Amendment with Bush Crane, Inc.” and “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for Deck Repairs to the Goddeau Road Bridge over Saranac River; BIN 3335780.” Mr. Weiss also discussed the Sale of the Highway Department’s 2015 Volvo Paver.

Resolutions #214 through #218 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 11th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Board met on Monday, March 21st and one resolution was approved.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported a Press Conference will be held Thursday, March 31st at 10:00 a.m. at the North Country Chamber of Commerce regarding the loosening of the Border restrictions. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 1st at 7:30 a.m.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported the Board met on Tuesday, March 22nd. Legislator Bezio reported Clinton Community College has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lincoln Welding to begin a Certified Welding Program. The costs for this program are minimal to the College as Lincoln Welding will be providing all of the equipment needed as well as the learning modules. Legislator Bezio stated this is a very highly sought skill that many local manufacturers need and they look very favorably towards graduates of this Program.

Legislator Bezio reported the New York State Senate is funding Community Colleges at the 2019 level of the Budget and will know more next month.

Legislator Bezio reported the College is also halfway through a Middle State Accreditation Process and the personal visit part of the process will take place in April.

Lastly, Legislator Bezio handed out a flyer regarding the Opening Day Celebration of the new Veterans Center on Thursday, March 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Representatives from Clinton Community College, South Burlington Veterans Center, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik and New York State Assemblyman Billy Jones will be on hand for this dedication. Vietnam era Veterans will also be recognized with a pinning ceremony in conjunction with National Vietnam Veterans Day. Legislator Bezio requested the attendance of all Legislators at the event.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the last meeting was held on Tuesday, March 15th. Legislator Timmons stated financials are looking good and a question and answering session with one of the Executive Director applicants was held and a choice will be narrowed down soon.

Grievance Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Committee met on Friday, March 18th with Sheriff David Favro to discuss a grievance and a decision was made. The decision was sent out to all of the affected parties on Monday, March 21st.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the last meeting was held at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Conference jointly with the Intercounty Association of Western New York on Wednesday, March 16th. Legislator Waldron reported Rich Grogan, PhD, Executive Director of Northern Borders Regional Commission, was there as a guest speaker to present possible grant funding.

Soil and Water – Legislators Peryea and Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Committee is looking into tire recycling and hydro seeding for the Towns. Legislator Timmons reported a grant was awarded for a special planter that will be able to be used by any of the towns in Clinton County. This planter plants seeds while corn is just starting to grow, so when the corn is ready to harvest, another crop is already starting to grow, in hopes to stop more erosion for the winter time.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

Deputy County Administrator – Kim Kinblom

Ms. Kinblom reminded the Legislature about the tour of the syrup company New Leaf located in Lyon Mountain on Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 a.m.

Legislator Henry stated he will be requesting an Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue.

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

Resolutions #178 through #183 were approved.

Resolution #184 titled, "Approving Creation of a Permanent, Part-Time Assistant Public Defender Position (PCN TBD)" was motioned by Legislator Henry and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Ms. Kinblom reminded the Legislature this is not the creation of a new position, there is a full-time Assistant Public Defender position vacant at this time so this is approving a part-time position instead of the full-time position.

Resolutions #185 through #213 were approved.

Resolution #214 titled, "Amending Resolution #56 dated January 26, 2022 titled, "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for a Used Bucket Truck with a 30' to 50' Working Height" was motioned by Legislator Kretser and seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Henry asked Legislator Kretser to confirm if this resolution was for a lift rather than a bucket truck. Legislator Kretser stated yes, it has four-wheel drive and is the only vehicle that can safely lift individuals in the air and it also has multiple uses.

Resolutions #215 through #218 were approved.

Resolution #219 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

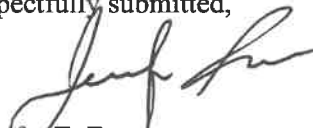
Resolutions #220 through #223 were approved.

Legislator Waldron motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue at 5:57 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Kretser motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:22 p.m., seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hughes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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