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November 25, 2020

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3  
Simon Conroy, Area 4  
Calvin Castine, Area 1  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Wendell Hughes, Area 8  
Francis Peryea, Area 2  
Richard Potiker, Area 5  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Kim M. Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator  
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney  
John Kanoza, Director of Public Health

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

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislator Rosenquest asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

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

#### **Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Peryea**

Legislator Peryea stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. Depending on the number of agenda items, the meeting scheduled for Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. may be 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 meeting, originally scheduled for Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> will have to be polled to accommodate scheduled budget meetings.

#### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Michael Zurlo on Behalf of Legislator Rosenquest**

Mr. Zurlo stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Greg Campbell, the Board of Elections Commissioner, distributed a handout of the annual chargeback budget for 2020 and stated the charges are based on the number of registered voters in that town, along with the number of poll sites and poll workers needed. There were also a few Town Supervisors that attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of developing contracts for the election process in the future. The Committee would like to continue this discussion with the various municipalities.

Resolutions #735 through #739 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #740 through #742 on the agenda.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. to discuss the 2021 Recommended Budget. A subsequent meeting for further discussion on the budget has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Health Committee – Legislator Waldron**

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

The next Health Committee meeting, originally scheduled for Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> will have to be polled to accommodate scheduled budget meetings.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, was present to provide a brief update. Mr. Kanoza stated there were 11 new COVID-19 cases this week. The SUNY Plattsburgh students have returned home for winter break and that has decreased the number of positive cases in Clinton County. There have been 56 recovered cases as of two days ago. The past five weeks increased the number of positive cases to 114, which is an all-time high compared to the total of the last seven months. Mr. Kanoza also stated they submitted their vaccination plan last Monday. The vaccinations will be given according to phases. Phase I consists of health care workers, long-term care facility workers and patients. Phase II includes teachers, public health workers and grocery store employees. Phase III includes individuals over the age of 65 that are at a high risk of infection. Phases IV and V are for all other individuals. Mr. Kanoza stated the vaccine will be administered via several Pod Clinics, including locations at the SUNY Plattsburgh Field House and the Senior Citizens Center.

Legislator Conroy asked Mr. Kanoza about the location change of the COVID-19 testing site from Arizona Avenue to the Wellness Center. Mr. Kanoza stated they should be completely moved to the new location by mid-December and were looking to do a soft opening in the next week.

Legislator Hall spoke about the recent positive COVID-19 case that occurred at his local business, causing his establishment to close for 14 days. He stated 28 people were notified for contact tracing and there were no other positive cases. Legislator Hall commended the tracing team on the wonderful job they did.

Legislator Henry also thanked Mr. Kanoza for the great job that he and his team have done.

### **Human Services Committee - Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. Mr. Conroy provided an update on the meeting shelters being put together at the Clinton County Nursing Home and stated they would be ready for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #743 on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

### **Personnel Committee - Legislator Henry**

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

The Committee was polled on Resolution #744 on the agenda.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

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

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport met earlier this afternoon.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, discussed airline and tenant updates.

Resolutions #745 through #749 have been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee's recommendation.

Resolution #747 was withdrawn.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Committee was polled on Resolution #750 on the agenda.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Transportation Committee - Legislator Hughes**

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

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

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **Board of Health – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Board of Health will meet on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy stated the Community Services Board met earlier in the week. There was discussion about the housing development on the Tom Miller Road. Legislator Conroy also discussed the recent Substance Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County (SPARCC) meeting with the Department of Health and the increase in alcohol challenges during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

#### **Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### **Intercounty – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported Intercounty met Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Fulton County hosted the meeting (via Zoom) and Scott Henze, the Fulton County Planning Director, gave a presentation on a drone their County recently purchased to assist with the evaluation of properties.

### **Soil and Water – Legislators Peryea and Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Soil and Water Office has been closed again due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and they will be conducting future meetings via Zoom.

Legislator Timmons also reported the Committee received a grant for a new Hydro seeder and they will be looking to sell their other one to the Clinton County Highway Department or the Town of Plattsburgh.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Ms. Kelleher asked to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation matters.

### **County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo stated copies of the recommended 2021 Clinton County Budget were distributed to the Legislators for review. The Finance Committee will meet on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed budget. Mr. Zurlo gave thanks to Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator; Lee Mitchell, Accountant; and the Treasurer's Office for their dedicated time spent on the budget. Mr. Zurlo also stated he has a New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Board of Directors meeting next week. Mr. Zurlo hopes to find out more regarding a new federal stimulus package.

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

Resolutions #733 through #746 were approved.

Resolution #747 titled, "Amending Plattsburgh International Airport Rates and Charges – Plattsburgh International Airport" was withdrawn.

Resolutions #748 through #756 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss potential litigation matters, seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Waldron motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Potiker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1)

Respectfully submitted,



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