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October 15, 2020

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, October 14, 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
Patrick McGill, Area 8
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9

EXCUSED: Patty Waldron, Area 6
Rob Timmons, Area 7

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 5:16 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislators Waldron and Timmons asked to be excused.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2020 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (8-0-2).

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 reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 8th was cancelled.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 9th at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee met Tuesday, October 6th.

Resolutions #569 through #572 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

John Redden, the Commissioner of Social Services, reported that he submitted his budget with anticipation of a 20 percent cut due to the reduction of State aid. He also stated that as positions become vacant, he is not looking to fill some of them, and in the budget for 2021, the Department is down 11 percent in staffing. Mr. Redden reported that with the COVID-19 Pandemic, the caseloads have not increased tremendously, but there has been an increase in reported Preventive Services and Child Protective Services.

The next Children and Family Services meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #573 through #576 on the agenda.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 12th at 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Michael Zurlo on behalf of Legislator Timmons

Mr. Zurlo reported the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #577 on today's agenda.

Mr. Zurlo stated the County Treasurer received a reconciliation sales tax payment for the third quarter and although receipts are down over \$1 million for 2019 year-to-date, the County continues to exceed budgeted amounts in 2020.

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

Health Committee – Michael Zurlo on behalf of Legislator Waldron

Mr. Zurlo reported the Health Committee met Tuesday, October 6th.

Resolutions #578 through #584 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, provided details regarding a drive-up testing clinic for COVID-19, which is located at 213 Connecticut Avenue operating between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The public can either go with a doctor's note which will be billed to their health insurance, or free without a note, as this is a State testing site.

Mr. Kanoza reported as of October 3rd, there were seven new cases reported. This was related to off-campus college housing. Mr. Kanoza also commented on how well SUNY Plattsburgh is doing with conducting on-campus testing. Mr. Kanoza spoke about the recent change for schools and receiving free COVID-19 test kits.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 5th at 4:30 p.m.

Human Services Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Human Services Committee met Wednesday, October 7th.

Resolutions #585 through #587 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, provided an update on COVID-19 testing for Clinton County Nursing Home employees. The employees continue to be required to test once a week.

Ms. Bishop provided an update on visitation at the Clinton County Nursing Home. In order to comply with New York State guidelines, including staffing requirements, the Nursing Home is

not currently open for visitation. Ms. Bishop has had numerous discussions with families and is hoping to find a solution for visitation.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee met Monday, October 5th.

Resolutions #588 through #609 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Personnel meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

Resolution #632, under Waive Rule 13.2, has also been placed on the agenda.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee was polled on Resolutions #610 through #612 which are on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, October 5th.

Resolutions #613 through #615 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator McGill

Legislator McGill reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 8th was cancelled.

Resolutions #616 through #618 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 9th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Workforce Development Board - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported there are funding concerns for opioid displaced workers. This funding was supposed to be received through the end of December. Legislator Rosenquest stated he has reached out to Congresswoman Stefanik's office and the New York State Department of Labor for further guidance in resolving the issue.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher asked to enter into Executive Session to provide an update on opioid litigation matters.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the tentative budget will be presented to the Legislators on Tuesday, November 24th. The follow-up meeting to discuss the recommended budget will be on Monday, November 30th. Mr. Zurlo also reported the New York State Department of State approved the Shared Services Plan from 2018 but have not yet received any payment to disseminate to the other municipalities that participated.

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 #568 through #631 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator McGill. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #632 and 633 were approved.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss an update on current litigation, seconded by Legislator McGill. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:19 p.m., seconded by Legislator McGill. Carried (8-0-2).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,



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