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November 2, 2020

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, October 28, 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  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

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.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2020 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator McGill. Carried (10-0-0).

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 meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #635 and #636 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 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 meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. Legislator Rosenquest stated he spoke with David Randall, the Director of Information Technology, about a proposed plan for public access to the Government Center WI-FI, of which the plan is progressing forward. He also spoke with Martine Gonyo, the Real Property Director, regarding assessment services contracts. Mr. Zurlo stated most assessment contracts have been executed, with the exception of two, but those exceptions have verbal approvals. Legislator Rosenquest noted he also spoke with Legislator Waldron regarding Board of Election contracts.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 12<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 #637 through #640 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**Health Committee – Legislator Waldron**

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

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, provided the Legislature with an update. He stated three new lab-confirmed positives were reported for the day. He reported 200 lab-confirmed positive cases have recovered and in the past week there were 42 new positive cases reported. He acknowledged most of the 14 Clinton Correctional Facility cases are recovering and due to this recent spike, the Health Department has increased its quarantine and isolation contact tracing. The Clinton County Sheriff’s Department is helping with contact tracing at the Clinton Correctional Facility and next semester, the SUNY Police Department will assist with the isolation and quarantine contact tracing of their students. Mr. Kanoza also noted SUNY Plattsburgh students will be provided with departure tests 10 days prior to their departing and will be retested upon the commencement of the second semester.

He stated Clinton County has increased its testing rate recently, and is surpassing the New York State regulation of 100 tests per day with local testing sites providing 150-500 tests per day.

The Committee also briefly discussed COVID-19 sewage testing for, and by, the City of Plattsburgh.

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

**Human Services Committee - Legislator Conroy**

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

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 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 #641 which has been placed on the agenda.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Resolutions #642 through #649 have been placed on the agenda as the result of the Committee’s recommendations.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</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 Resolutions #650 through #654 which have been placed on the agenda.

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

### **Transportation Committee - Legislator McGill**

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

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

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Clinton Community College – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Board of Trustees met Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and extended their gratitude to the Clinton County Legislature for all of the support provided over the last several years.

### **Intercounty – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron stated Lewis County hosted the meeting (via Zoom) last Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. A presentation was provided on the history of the Tug Hill Region.

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

Legislator Timmons stated the summer projects are almost complete. He reported Pete Hagar, the District Manager, wanted to extend his gratitude to the Legislature for their assistance with the clean-up after the local fire in Beekmantown, New York.

### **Workforce Development Board - Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported funding for opioid displaced workers has been granted through the end of December. Legislator Rosenquest stated he is in continued conversations with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's office and the New York State Department of Labor for further guidance with this issue.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Ms. Kelleher requested an executive session to discuss a matter of ongoing litigation.

**County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report.

**Chairperson’s Report – Legislator Henry**

Chairperson Henry, on behalf of the Legislature and personally, extended his gratitude to Legislator Patrick McGill for serving on the Clinton County Legislature and for doing such a wonderful job. Chairperson Henry reported that Legislator McGill has also volunteered to remain Chairperson of the Clinton County Law Enforcement Review Committee until that work reaches completion.

Legislator Hall stated it has been an honor and privilege to serve with Legislator McGill on the Legislature. He has enjoyed Legislator McGill’s votes and opinions.

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

Resolutions #634 through #642 were approved.

Resolution #643 titled, “Amending Resolution #159 dated February 26, 2020 titled, “Authorizing Agreement with C & S Engineers for Design and Bidding Services for the Reconstruction of Taxiway B Pavement and General Aviation (GA) Apron (Design) Project” was moved by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Potiker.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution and the next two, resulted in the County’s favor because the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) ACT will account for the five percent local share. This reduces the County’s out-year liability by approximately \$700,000. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #644 through #646 were approved.

Resolution #647 titled, “Authorizing Lease Amendment with Beta Technologies” was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Peryea.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated BETA Technologies, which the Legislature has previously approved a resolution for, has exercised their right of first refusal and will be leasing the remainder of the nose dock. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry thanked Chairperson Hall of the Plattsburgh Airport Committee and the members of the Plattsburgh Airport Committee for their work in bringing this matter to fruition.

Resolution #648 titled, “Authorizing Lease Agreement with Adirondack Salt and Sand, LLC” was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (9-0-0-1). Mr. Peryea abstained.

Resolutions #649 titled, “Authorizing Lease Agreement with Northern NY Driving Academy” was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-0-1). Mr. Potiker abstained.

Resolutions #650 through #652 were approved.

Resolution #653 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Anita Bodrogi, D.O." was motioned by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator McGill. Carried (9-0-0-1). Mr. Rosenquest abstained.

Resolutions #654 through #656 were approved.

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

Resolution #657 was approved.

Legislator McGill thanked his Legislative colleagues and Mr. Zurlo for the warm reception. He stated it was a learning experience and he really appreciated the time spent serving the County.

Legislator McGill motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:54 p.m. to discuss a matter of ongoing litigation, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:28 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Timmons motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m., seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat  
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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