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September 14, 2020

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, September 9, 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, Esq., 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. All legislators were present.

Legislator McGill motioned to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2020 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Peryea. 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 reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, September 14th was cancelled.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 8th at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Potiker

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, September 1st was cancelled.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th 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, September 8th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #535 and #547 under Waive Rule 13.2. Resolution #536 was withdrawn.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th at 5 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, September 2nd.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, reported that this year, pre-COVID, the County was \$1.4 million above projected revenue but receipts continue to decline each month. The County has decided to reduce its sales tax by 9 percent from last year. All towns and villages have been contacted to let them know the estimated reduction in sales tax for 2021 so that they can start preparing their budgets. We are continuing to watch and prepare for anticipated state aid reductions.

Representatives from the North Country Chamber of Commerce were present to discuss the 2021 Marketing Plan, and representatives from Clinton Community College were present to discuss the 2020-2021 budget request.

Resolutions #504 through #506 are included on the agenda.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at 6:15 p.m.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee met Tuesday, September 1st at 4:30 p.m.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health and Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, were present to discuss Resolutions #507 through #512 on the agenda, and the Committee was polled on Resolution #513.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th at 4:30 p.m.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, provided an update on the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mr. Kanoza reported currently, there are 0 active cases. There have been 153 positive lab-confirmed cases to date with 149 recovered. The big challenge now is school openings. The Health Department continues to wait for guidance from New York State.

Legislator Rosenquest thanked the Health Department staff for assisting a local downtown gym in reopening.

Human Services Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #514.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Henry

Chairperson Henry reported the Personnel Committee met Thursday, September 3rd and discussed Resolutions #515 through #527 on the agenda.

The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee was polled on Resolutions #528 and #529 on the agenda, as well as Resolution #548 under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met Thursday, September 3rd and discussed Resolutions #530 through #534 on the agenda.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 5th at 5 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator McGill

Legislator McGill reported the next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Chairperson Henry

Chairperson Henry reported the next Board of Health meeting will be held Monday, September 21st at 7 p.m.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the quarterly meeting will be held Friday, September 11th.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the LC/LG Regional Planning Board met Friday, August 28th and discussed establishing the COVID-19 Business Recovery Program Revolving Loan Fund.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an executive session to discuss litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the County Legislature adopted a second furlough program for Clinton County. There were 36 people who requested the furlough, and 24 were approved.

The Federal Senate has introduced a scaled-down stimulus bill. It does not include money for state or local aid. State and local governments remain in dire need of federal assistance.

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

Resolutions #504 through #535 were approved.

Resolution #536 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #537 through #546 were approved.

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

Resolutions #547 and #548 were approved.

Legislator Waldron motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:54 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Potiker motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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