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November 18, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, November 13, 2019 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Simon Conroy, Area 4  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Mark Henry, Area 3  
Pete Keenan, Area 5  
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1  
Francis Peryea, Area 2  
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney  
Toni Moffat, Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Legislator Keenan motioned to accept the minutes of the October 23, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson McManus invited Darlene Rabideau, Principal Clerk typist from the Health Department, John Kanoza, Director of Public Health, and Legislator Peryea to the podium. Legislator Peryea and Mr. Kanoza both thanked Ms. Rabideau for her 30 years of hard work and service to Clinton County.

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Jason Carter of Dannemora discussed the mistake made by the Board of Elections regarding the failure to remove a candidate for the ballot for the Dannemora town Board and wanted to know what happened.

Bill Chase, the Supervisor for the Town of Dannemora, wanted to know what actions will be implemented as a result of the mistake made by the Board of Elections. He noted the Town wants some satisfaction following this mistake, and suggested putting the ballots out for review on a more timely basis, and reducing the chargeback amount to be paid by the Town.

Jerry Delany from the Town of Saranac stated he has lost all faith in the Clinton County Board of Elections. He feels they have not answered for their mistakes. He recommends the County demand that the Board of Elections follow the best practices and possibly engage an investigation into their activities.

Don Lee and Rich Redman, of the Lake Champlain Chapter of Trout Unlimited, spoke on the efforts to gain approval for removal of the Imperial Dam. Trout Unlimited supports removal of the dam and they contend that removal or breaching of the Dam will reduce the threat of flooding, eliminate the catastrophic loss of life and property if the dam were to fail, and will allow resumption of a salmon spawning and fishery above the dam. They reported the Imperial Dam is classified as a Class C – a high hazard and unsafe dam. They believe the installation of a fish ladder is expensive and not a long-term solution. They asked for the support of the Legislature, for removal of the dam.

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

### **Committee Reports**

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

Legislator Peryea stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. As everyone is no doubt aware, the Parking Lot Project is proceeding. All paving and concrete work is expected to be complete by Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, however, striping can only be accomplished when the lot is free of snow and ice.

The next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator and Planning Director, stated they anticipate paving will be done Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and striping on the weekend.

Legislator Rosenquest asked where the charging stations will be located. Mr. Zurlo stated in the front of the Probation Department.

Legislator Rosenquest also stated he believes the handicapped parking should have been located at the closest entrance to the building.

Chairperson McManus stated he viewed the parking lot on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and he feels the contractor has handled the situation well, and has done a great job.

### **Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

John Redden, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, discussed October, 2019 monthly statistics, the Family First Prevention Act and Raise the Age implementation.

Resolutions #867 through #872 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier.

John Zurlo, the County Clerk, discussed back file conversion and Resolutions #873 and #874, as well as proposed improvements in the Department of Motor Vehicles. Dave Randall, the Director of Information Technology, reviewed Resolution #875 and discussed public Wi-Fi access in County buildings. Rodney Brown, the Director of the Planning Department, discussed Resolution #876.

All resolutions have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Also discussed was collaborative efforts supporting an indoor recreation center.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### **Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest**

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. at which time the Committee will begin discussions on the Budget Officer's Recommended 2020 budget.

Mr. Zurlo stated the pace of the recommended document is not as far along as he would like and he may ask for the indulgence of the Legislature, to delay presentation of the budget.

Legislator Rosenquest stated the land bank discussion needs to be held prior to the end of the year, and all are being asked to adjust accordingly.

Mr. Zurlo stated the budget needs to be adopted no later than Friday, December 20, 2019.

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

Legislator Waldron stated the Health Committee met on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, discussed Resolutions #877 through #880. John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, discussed Resolutions #882 through #888, as well as the Grant Quarterly Report - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019, Champlain Area Trails and Recreational Trail Maps, the Winter Safety Guide 2019-20, the Public Health Connection – October, 2019, The Quality Corner – October, 2019, the Directors Report – September, 2019 and the Health Department Report – September, 2019.

All resolutions have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

### **Human Services - Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan stated the Human Services Committee met on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Darlene Collins, the Director of the Office for the Aging, discussed Resolutions #889 through #891. Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans Service Agency, discussed VA Healthcare and new clinic and monthly statistics. Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, reviewed Resolutions #892 through #895 and discussed a proposed painting project at the Nursing Home. Resolution #896 was polled and placed on the agenda.

All resolutions have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

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

### **Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and reviewed 12 resolutions that are on the agenda that reflect the Committee's recommendations. He noted important items include the creation of a permanent, full-time Administrative Assistant to train with the current Administrative Assistant for one month before her retirement in December 2019 - Buildings and Grounds and authorizing revisions to the Clinton County Non-Discrimination, Anti-Harassment and Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #909 and #910 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee from its meeting of October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Public Safety Committee – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry stated the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #911 through #913 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

### **Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons**

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Liaison Reports**

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

Legislator Henry stated the next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

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

Legislator Conroy stated there was no formal meeting, but he attended a forum for mental health and addiction at the Valcour Brewing Company. Michael Carpenter was the key speaker.

#### **Cooperative Extension – Legislators Henry and Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Intercounty Legislative Meeting of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron stated she will be attending the next meeting in Saratoga County next week.

#### **Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan stated a Regional Development Corporation meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated Soil and Water were scheduled to meet on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> but that has been cancelled due to the Finance meeting next week.

### **Staff Reports**

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

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to provide legal advice on a proposed local law.

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

Resolutions #866 through #895 were approved.

Resolution #896 titled, "Approving Appointment to the Clinton County Nursing Home Advisory Board – Nursing Home" was moved by Legislator McManus and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-0-1). (Legislator Peryea abstained)

Resolutions #897 through #910 were approved.

Resolution #911 titled, "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2019 – Sheriff's Department" was moved by Legislator Henry and seconded by Legislator Hall.

Discussion: Legislator Hall inquired on the timing of this resolution. Mr. Zurlo stated the contract with Siewert Equipment, LLC is a necessary repair for a sewage grinder, and the contract with Lee Appliance Company was probably the result of a scheduling issue. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #912 through #920 were approved.

Legislator Keenan motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:33 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 8:35 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat  
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator