

COUNTY OF CLINTON)
:SS
STATE OF NEW YORK)

April 29, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, April 24, 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
Gary Favro, Esq., Assistant 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.

Chairperson McManus invited John Zurlo, the County Clerk, to administer the Oath of Office to Legislator Peryea.

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

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Chelsea Provost, the Decentralization Grant Coordinator of Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, along with Christine Pouch, the Executive Director of Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, reviewed the Clinton County recipients of the 2019 ADK Quad-County Grant Awards and provided a brief overview of services the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts provides to the quad-counties (Clinton, Essex, Franklin and Hamilton). Ms. Provost advised the Legislators to spread the word to interested constituents that grant funding for programs is available and how they can apply. She encouraged the Legislators to assist in auditing the art programs in their communities and how they, or someone they know, can become part of the process by becoming selection panelists.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, updated the Legislature on foreclosure. She stated this year has the least number of parcels than in recent years. Of the 36 parcels; 14 are vacant properties and 22 are residential. In comparison, last year there were 45 parcels; 29 of which were vacant, 15 were residential and 1 was commercial. Ms. Davis reported the outstanding tax total on the properties is \$102,677.20. She stated the auction will be held on Wednesday, June 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the West Side Ballroom in Plattsburgh, New York. There will be a bidder's seminar the evening of Monday, June 3rd and viewing of the parcels will occur on Monday, June 3rd and Tuesday, June 4th.

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 reported earlier this evening, the Legislature toured the Government Center Parking Lot and reviewed possible redesign scenarios and noted there will be more to follow on this issue.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported Resolutions #314 and #315 were approved at the April 10th meeting and have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Legislator Conroy stated Tobacco Settlement requests will be further discussed at the next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st at 6:15 p.m. has been cancelled.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame stated the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier and discussed Resolutions #316 through #323 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

He stated several of the resolutions approved by the Committee are for final change orders on the Terminal Federal Inspection Services (FIS) Project. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) required several changes which caused this project to linger, but we are now ready to begin operation.

Additionally, Mr. Hall noted the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee also approved a resolution to contract with CDC Real Estate to assist the County with establishing realistic rental rates for our buildings at the Airport.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Mr. Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolution #324 on April 19th.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13th 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, May 20th.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the next Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 29th.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the next Cooperative Extension meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the Intercounty Legislative Committee meeting was held last week in Warren County at the Cool Insuring Arena. She noted the arena has hosted many events, and will include Travis Tritt who is scheduled next week.

She stated Ryan Gregoire, from the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), spoke on federal funding for cell service and broadband for the area. Joel Wood, the Constituent Liaison for Representative Elise Stefanik, and Renee McFarlin, the Clinton County Director of Economic Development have been provided with all necessary information and will possibly apply for more cell service.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board met Thursday, April 18th in Lake George and discussed the 2017 and 2018 audits.

The next Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16th at 1 p.m.

Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the dates for the Tire Round Up are June 1st for Keeseville and June 15th for Mooers. Residents are allowed six tires each. Legislator Timmons also reported plans are being drafted to help towns with roadside erosion and hydro seeding.

Staff Reports

Assistant County Attorney – Gary Favro, Esq.

Mr. Favro had no report.

County Administrator - Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported he spoke with Mr. Favro, and they would like to discuss the sale and lease of real property in executive session.

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

Resolution #314 titled, "Authorizing Contract with New Beginnings Mobile Home Association, Inc." was moved by Messrs. Conroy and Rosenquest and seconded by Legislator Dame.

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest stated this has been a two-year process to transfer the ownership from the property owners to the residents of the Mobile Home Park. He commended all those involved in the process, especially Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown for ensuring that the County retain the Grant and then pass the Grant on to the Mobile Home owners. Legislator Rosenquest stated this resolution is indicative of the decrease in low-income and affordable housing available to the residents (which is getting worse) and stated it is important for the Legislators to be cognizant so that all residents, regardless of income level, have affordable and adequate housing. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #315 through #330 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Dame motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

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

Resolution #331 was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Assistant to the County Attorney