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April 29, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, April 27, 2022 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
Robert Hall, Area 10
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Wendell Hughes, Area 8
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: David Bezio, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislator Bezio asked to be excused.

Legislator Kretser motioned to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one to address the Legislature, Chairperson Henry moved on to Committee Reports.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo on behalf of Legislator Bezio, reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 9th 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 Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #287 was polled and has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th at 4:00 p.m.

Legislator Waldron invited Legislator Castine to discuss some information regarding the flood line affecting 1,000 land parcels in Clinton County. Legislator Castine stated he attended a Zoom meeting with Johnathan Carmon, from the Office of Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Glen Cutter, the Planning Director, Shannon Thayer, the Planning Technician, as well as several others from the area. They stressed the need to get the letters completed for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He advised that Mr. Cutter has the language needed for the letters and he also advised individuals to contact their town officials and mayors as the letters must be received by the May 17th deadline. He reported once the towns and villages have responded, the County can probably offer a letter of support to their point of view as well. Additionally, he asked that all Legislators contact their municipalities to get this done. Legislator Waldron thanked Legislator Castine for his assistance in this matter.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes reported the Health Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #288 was polled and has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 4th at 4:15 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

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

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport met earlier.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, discussed various resolutions, as well as, an Airline update, a construction update, follow-up on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding, a tenant update and Airport marketing.

Resolutions #289 through #299 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th 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.

Resolution #300 was polled and has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

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

Resolution #301 was polled and has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

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

LIAISON REPORTS

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported Franklin County will be hosting the next meeting on Thursday, April 28th at the Malone Golf Course.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislators Hughes and Kretser

Legislator Kretser reported he and Legislator Hughes had lunch with Beth Giles, the Director of the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board, and discussed upcoming developments in hopes of passing along the information to anyone who might be able to qualify for the programs.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report but requested an Executive Session.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated the Executive Session is to discuss the sale and lease of real property and the personnel history of a particular employee/employees.

Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Henry stated a handout has been distributed to every Legislator regarding the naming of the former Clinton County Airport. He noted the process started approximately a year ago, and this is the result, the attachment is for a name for the Legislature to consider. He noted the logo is a placeholder and if the Legislature has any suggestions to please contact him. As such, when all information has been received a discussion will be held.

Additionally, he advised the Legislators to be prepared for Tobacco Settlement Funding application discussion at the next Finance Committee meeting in May, in hopes of selecting applicants for awards. He mentioned if any Legislator has not received the complete packet of applications please contact the Legislative Office for a copy.

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

Resolutions #287 through #298 were approved.

Resolution #299 titled, "Authorizing Amendment to Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Application" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo explained this resolution simply accounts for Federal monies, for two Federal COVID-19 packages, that have been used for debt service, that was originally intended to be paid by Passenger Facility Charges and parking fees.

Resolution #300 was approved.

Resolution #301 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Complete Property Management" was motioned by Legislator Krester and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo explained this resolution was tabled at the previous Regular Session meeting to work out some purchasing requirements which resulted in this resolution.

Resolutions #302 through #306 were approved.

Resolution #307 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #308 and #309 were approved.

Resolution #310 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is the resolution that was previously tabled because on the day of the previous meeting, the cost of the British Thermal Unit (BTU) was too high and the County held off, to its benefit. The price that the County locked in at is still higher than the original but far less than it was. By waiting the two weeks, the savings will be \$43,000 a year, for two years, totaling \$86,000.

Resolution #311 was approved.

Legislator Castine motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #312 was approved.

Discussion: Legislator Castine stated this resolution will be presented to Bishop LaValley in Champlain, New York at St. Mary's Church at the Confirmation ceremony on the first Friday in June. All Legislators are invited to attend and the Chairperson will be presenting the plaque.

Legislator Waldron stated there will be a fundraiser for Jon Douglass, the Black Brook Town Supervisor, on May 7th, at noon, at the Town Park on Route 9N in Ausable. She invited all Legislators to attend.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss the sale and lease of real property and the personnel history of a particular employee/employees at 5:38 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Krester. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #313 and #314 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Waldron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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