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January 20, 2021

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. 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
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Richard Potiker, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Simon Conroy, Area 4

VACANCY: Area 9

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim M. Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney
John Kanoza, Director of Public Health
Eric Day, Director of Emergency Services

The meeting was held remotely via teleconference in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.85 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the public has the opportunity to attend the meeting via an audio link.

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

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislator Conroy was absent.

Legislator Waldron motioned to accept the minutes of the December 22, 2020 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Legislator Timmons motioned to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2021 Organizational Meeting, seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-1-1).

The meeting format did not include public comment. Members of the public were asked to express their concerns/comments by emailing: legislature@clintoncountygov.com.

Chairperson Henry stated 2021 Committee Assignments have not yet been made but will be released soon.

Chairperson Henry reported that John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, and Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, were present to update the Legislature on COVID-19 statistics and the vaccination distribution program.

Mr. Kanoza reported there were 59 new lab-confirmed active cases bringing the County to a total of 1,861 positive cases since the Pandemic started in March. There are currently 360 active cases in the County. He noted there were two additional COVID-19-related deaths, bringing the total to twelve in Clinton County.

Mr. Kanoza stated the Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) vaccination plan was accepted by New York State (Clinton County is part of the North Country Hub). The UVM/CVPH Medical Center is the central hub for vaccinations and is in continued conversations with the CCHD about three times a week. He stated there are eight vaccination sites within the County and reported that UVM/CVPH has vaccinated 2,985 Phase 1a health care/front-line workers.

Mr. Kanoza also reported New York representatives are meeting with Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, to discuss a possible State-run drive-thru vaccination site at 213 Connecticut Avenue at the Plattsburgh International Airport. He stated CVS and Walgreen pharmacies have been vaccinating residents and staff at nursing homes and Kinney Drugs pharmacy has started vaccinating senior citizens 65 years of age and older. Additionally, he reported the CCHD is ready to vaccinate the 1b group with the additional help of 75 medical reserves core. He noted the County is waiting for their allotment for this week and is ready for administration of vaccines.

Mr. Zurlo stated the Federal government has contracted with the pharmacies to vaccinate nursing home residents and staff. CVS pharmacy, the pharmacy selected by Clinton County, was on-site at the Clinton County Nursing Home on Monday, January 11th to vaccinate the majority of residents (with the exception of a few) and the vast majority of staff members as well.

Mr. Zurlo reported individuals can access the New York State website *Am I Eligible* to check on their eligibility for a vaccine appointment. Individuals are asked to answer a series of questions which will dictate their eligibility and location of vaccination if applicable. Eric Day stated if eligible, the

will direct you to a page where location and times are available. Mr. Kanoza noted if individuals don't have access to the internet, there is telephone access.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report for the general session but requested an Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated the County Treasurer will be joining the Executive Session to discuss the sale and lease of real property. He also reminded the Legislators that Kim Kinblom, the Personnel Director/Deputy County Administrator, has emailed them a link to complete the annual sexual harassment training for 2021.

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

Resolution #8 titled, "Opposing the Closure of the Clinton Annex Facility" was moved by Legislators Waldron, Castine, Hall and Henry and seconded by Legislators Hughes, Peryea, Potiker and Timmons. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Discussion: Ms. Waldron thanked the Legislature for understanding and recognizing the importance of the industry in the North Country as being a vital part of the economy. She thanked Bill Chase, the Dannemora Town Supervisor, for being a part of organizing the event and his efforts to attend the December 22, 2020 Regular Session to extend the invitation to the Legislature to join the rally. She also thanked the Legislators who attended the event to show their support for the Correction Officers at the Annex Facility.

Chairperson Henry also extended his appreciation to his fellow Legislators for the support of this resolution. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Resolutions #9 through #17 were approved.

Resolution #17 titled, "Approving Clinton County Investment Policy for 2021" was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (8-0-1-1)

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated there have been no changes to the policy adopted in 2020.

Resolutions #18 through #43 were approved.

Legislator Hughes motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss a matter of ongoing litigation and the sale and lease of real property, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Legislator Peryea motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-1-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Castine motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni Moffat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "M".

Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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