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January 29, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January 23, 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
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Jonathan Beach, Area 2

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

Chairperson McManus called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Legislator Henry motioned to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Steve Waite from Schuyler Falls, is organizing a Green-Up date in Schuyler Falls, New York on May 18th and is requesting support from the County for County roads. Mr. Zurlo reported he has spoken with Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, who stated the Highway Department currently participates in the Adopt-a-Highway Program and this request would fall under that program. Vests, signage and pickers will be provided for work on County roads.

Legislator Dame thanked Mr. Waite for his efforts involved in commencing this project and recommended the County provide assistance to ensure fruition of the project.

Chairperson McManus noted Mr. Waite's initiative could become the template for other towns in the County.

Legislator Rosenquest expressed his gratitude for Mr. Waite's efforts and hoped to see the project become a County-wide program.

Mr. Waite thanked the Legislature for their time.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Beach

Mr. Zurlo reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee was polled on Resolution #33 which has been placed on the agenda.

Mr. Zurlo noted the hot water tanks have been delivered to the Clinton County Nursing Home.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12th 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, February 5th at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported Resolution #62 under Waive Rule 13.2 has been placed on the agenda.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo reported the Board of Elections will be presenting to the Committee the new election reform in the near future.

Chairman McManus reported a representative from the Strand Center for the Arts will attend the March Committee meeting to discuss the results of the loan.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Finance Committee was polled on Resolutions #34 and #35 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6th at 6:15 p.m.

Legislator Rosenquest reminded the Legislature that Tobacco Settlement Funding requests will be due to the Legislative Office by Wednesday, March 27th.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee was polled on Resolution #36 which has been placed on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee was polled on Resolution #37 which has been placed on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee was polled on Resolution #38 which has been placed on the agenda.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier and reviewed Resolutions #39 through #44 and under Waive Rule 13.2, Resolutions #63 through #65, all of which have been placed on the agenda. Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, discussed a request by McFarland-Johnson, Inc. for additional engineering work, a new Empire State Development (ESD) Grant in the amount of \$150,000 and a prospective car rental lease.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27th at 5:15 p.m.

Legislator Hall expressed his appreciation to the members of the Legislature, Renee McFarlin, the Clinton County Economic Development Director and other individuals who have attended the Committee meetings.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Public Safety Committee was polled on Resolutions #45 through #48 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee was polled on Resolutions #49 through #53 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Community Services Board met Tuesday, January 22nd. He reported there was ongoing discussion regarding the opioid crisis and its effects on the mental health of young individuals in the foster care system. He stated there has been an increased need for foster care and a decrease in the homes available for foster care.

Mr. Zurlo reported that Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County (SPARCC) is sponsoring a new outreach on opioid addiction titled, "Addicted to Hope." The documentary will be broadcasted on Mountain Lake PBS television on Friday, January 25, 2019 and will be available to any municipality/school district that wishes to present it.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Committee held their organizational meeting which included two new members being appointed to the Board. He noted the Cooperative Extension will finish 2018 in good financial standing.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Committee will meet Thursday, January 24th in Speculator, New York.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislators Keenan and Waldron, Rodney Brown

Legislator Keenan reported the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board met Thursday, January 10th. He reported the Committee has elected a new Executive Director, Beth Gilles.

The next Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th.

Deputy County Administrator Rodney Brown announced there is a vacancy on the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Loan Committee. Mr. Brown has communicated with Chris Hay of the Dannemora Federal Credit Union to provide information and to inquire if he is interested in the position.

Soil and Water Conservation – Legislator Timmons and Henry

Legislator Timmons reported Soil and Water Conservation held their organizational meeting and Sam Dyer was elected President. At the meeting, they discuss new ideas for 2019 with tire collections topping the list.

Workforce Development Board– Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported he attended the Workforce Development Board meeting on Friday, January 18th. He felt there was great representation of the workforce organizations in the region in attendance. He stated ETS, Inc., an employment agency, was present to discuss a new program titled, “Ready for Real.” This program will provide life skills/training for employers and potential employees entering the workforce.

Mr. Zurlo stated Governor Cuomo has proposed several items in his Executive Proposal that Workforce Development Board should be aware of. Mr. Zurlo stated he can provide the Workforce Development Board with the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) comments on those proposed ideas if necessary.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher had no report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reminded the Legislature of the State of the County, Town and Cities address being held Thursday, January 24th at 7:30 a.m. at the Butcher Block Restaurant in Plattsburgh, New York.

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

Resolution #33 was approved. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #34 titled, “Authorizing Contract Amendment with Casella Management of NY, Inc. – Purchasing”

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution is being amended to include services at the newly-created Public Defender’s Office. He noted that Jamie Martineau, the Public Defender, will be in attendance at the February Personnel Committee meeting to discuss several items. Additionally, he stated that Ms. Macri and her staff from the Office of Indigent Legal Services met with Mr. Martineau and viewed the new Public Defender’s Office and was impressed with the space and with Mr. Martineau.

Resolutions #35 through #52 were approved. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #53 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Rene’s Repair, Inc. – Highway Department”

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is an after-the-fact resolution for a Modine heater that malfunctioned and required an immediate repair to prevent the freezing of pipes in a section of the Highway Department.

Resolutions #54 through #61 were approved. Carried (9-0-1).

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

Resolution #62 was approved. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator