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STATE OF NEW YORK)

January 13, 2020

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1  
Simon Conroy, Area 4  
Mark Dame, Area 8  
Robert Hall, Area 10  
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3  
Richard Potiker, Area 5  
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  
Jeanene Bell, Senior Stenographer

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

Legislator Castine motioned to accept the minutes of the December 23, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Organizational Meeting, seconded by Legislator Dame. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature. There was no who wished to address the Legislature.

Chairperson Henry stated 2020 Committee Assignments have not yet been made but will be released soon.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo reported on the Governor's State-of-the State address from earlier in the day. He stated Governor Cuomo mentioned the North Country, Plattsburgh International Airport, Norsk Titanium and Whiteface Lodge. Mr. Zurlo provided further information on the Medicaid tax cap which was addressed and stated that it was disconcerting that changing the Medicaid cap was referenced in the State-of-the State. Mr. Zurlo stated that although it was fortunate the State Legislature and the Governor implemented the Medicaid cap, any changes to it at this point would directly result in increased property taxes.

Legislator Dame stated he does not want to see property taxes raised. Mr. Zurlo replied he agrees, but the Medicaid cap provided the County the ability to maintain and decrease the property tax rate. Legislator Conroy stated the Governor has put a lot of money into Upstate New York (i.e., Upstate Airport Initiative and Regional Economic Development Grants), and he feels growth will be seen in the North Country.

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

Resolutions #15 through #17 were approved.

Resolution #18 titled, "Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement with Lake-Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board – Planning Department" was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Castine.

Discussion: Rodney Brown, the Deputy County Administrator, stated the Lake-Champlain Lake George Regional Planning Board will pay the Clinton County Planning Department for GIS mapping services. He stated each County will receive services where the portion of work resides. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #19 through #22 were approved.

Resolution #23 titled, "Approving Clinton County Investment Policy for 2020 – Treasurer's Office" was moved by Legislator Dame and seconded by Legislator Castine.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated there is no change to the Clinton County Investment Policy from 2019. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolutions #24 and #25 were approved.

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

Resolution #26 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for Continuing Mental Health Grants for 2020 - Mental Health and Addiction Services" was moved by Legislator Rosenquest and seconded by Legislator Waldron.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the resolution aligns the Mental Health Programs with the fiscal year of the County.

Legislator Rosenquest asked if the agencies or the County applies for the grants. Mr. Zurlo replied the County applies for the grants and pays the agencies.

Resolutions #27 and #28 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell  
Senior Stenographer

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