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March 14, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, March 13, 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

VACANT: Area 2

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator  
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., 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.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Kimberly Davis, the Clinton County Treasurer, briefed the Legislature on the current numbers of the property tax installment program and sales tax receipts collected. She provided an update on foreclosure and noted the number of foreclosed properties (72) is less than the previous year (97). Additionally, she stated the Judge signed the order on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and the 45-day final redemption period began on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The last day to pay back taxes is April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

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 Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee met Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, discussed the 2019 Master Plan. The Projects that will most likely be recommended to the Full Board are the highway garage heater replacement, the Department of Social Services employee entrance handicap ramp replacement and the replacement of broken bricks and resealing at the Government Center. Legislator Timmons also noted the Committee discussed a potential parking lot re-configuration and will continue the discussion with the Board in the near future.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Resolution #181 has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier this evening. Jamie Rogers of the Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) presented the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Communities Program. Resolutions #182 through #187 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15 p.m. at which time applications for Tobacco Settlement funding will be discussed. The deadline for submitting applications to the Legislative Office is Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Health Committee - Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee met Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, discussed the Director's Report for January, 2019 and the Health Department Report for January, 2019 Board of Health Meeting. Resolutions #188 through #193 were discussed by Mr. Kanoza. Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was also in attendance to discuss Resolutions #194 through #197 which are on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Human Services - Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Resolutions #198 through #202 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame**

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee met and reviewed 21 items with 20 resolutions on the agenda. He noted important items discussed were the creation of a temporary, part-time Assistant District Attorney and a temporary full-time Junior Assistant District Attorney position to assist in the caseload while two full-time Assistant District Attorney positions remain vacant, the replacement of a full-time Social Worker I position with two part-time Social Worker I positions to assist in recruitment, the replacement of a full-time Mental Health Clinician I with two part-time Mental Health Clinician I positions to assist in recruitment and the backfill of the Director of the Office for the Aging position that will become vacant due to the retirement of Crystal Carter on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall reported Resolutions #223 and #224 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Public Safety Committee - Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Resolution

#225 has been placed on the agenda. Dave Marcoux, the Director of Probation, was in attendance to discuss Resolution #226. Jami Rock, Administrative Assistant at the Child Advocacy Center, discussed Resolutions #227 and #228. Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, reviewed Resolution #229. All resolutions have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee, as well as Resolutions #237 and #238 under Waive Rule 13.2.

Jamie Martineau, the Public Defender, updated the Committee on the Public Defender's office rollout.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

#### **Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. Resolutions #230 and #231 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 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, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Additionally, he noted he completed his Board of Health Training.

#### **Clinton Community College – Legislator Dame**

Mr. Zurlo updated the Board on Community College Funding in the New York State Budget. He noted the Senate included a small increase in full-time enrollment (FTE) while the Assembly included an increase in FTE or 90 percent of the previous year's funding.

#### **Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated the end of the year financing meeting yielded good news; \$10,000 was restored to the fund balance.

#### **Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy**

Legislator Conroy reported the next meeting is Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

#### **Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron stated the Committee met February 28<sup>th</sup> in St. Lawrence County at the Nicandri Nature Center. The New York Power Authority gave a presentation on the new facility that offers snowshoeing and cross country skiing trails. The center provides day-use equipment to families at no cost and is funded by the New York Power Authority.

Legislator Waldron also reported Clinton County will be hosting the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks meeting on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> in which a tour of Clinton Correctional Facility will take place.

## **Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan**

Legislator Keenan stated he will attend a special meeting of the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Soil and Water – Legislators Henry and Timmons**

Legislator Henry reported the next scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. He stated the annual internal audit was completed, and everything went well.

## **Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest**

Legislator Rosenquest reported the next scheduled meeting is in April.

## **Staff Reports**

### **County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.**

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, reported on collective negotiations in regards to the Correction Officers' Unit. Ms. Kelleher was informed by Emy Pombrio, the Labor Relations Specialist for the Correction Officers' Unit, that they will not be taking any action until the union has finished voting. Ms. Kelleher anticipates the Board to vote on the matter at the next Regular Session meeting.

Mr. Zurlo reported the Legislature passed a resolution for Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) funding. He was pleased to inform the Board that both the Senate and the Assembly have restored the AIM funds that the Governor originally removed from the budget and then backfilled with County sales tax. Mr. Zurlo remains hopeful that the amount will be fully restored when the final budget is passed.

Legislator Dame inquired on the status of internet sales tax legislation. Mr. Zurlo stated the first component is simply collecting sales tax on businesses that have a footprint in the State of New York (which is administrative, and has already begun.) The second component is new legislation that will require marketplaces (such as Etsy and Amazon) to collect from their participating vendors. This should take place with the passing of the State budget. He reported estimates after a full year of implementation is expected to be in excess of a \$1,000,000 in Clinton County and a statewide total of \$360,000,000.

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

Resolutions #179 through #217 were approved.

Resolution #218 titled, "Approving Creation of a Permanent Part-Time Chauffeur Position (PCN TBD) – Mental Health and Addiction Services"

Discussion: Legislator Dame clarified that the term chauffeur is strictly a human resources term and that this position is simply a driver for those individuals obtaining substance abuse services (who need transportation to and from appointments.) This position is fully funded.

Resolutions #219 through #229 were approved.

Resolution #230 titled, "Authorizing the Purchase of Two Ford F-550 Crew Cab Chassis Trucks and Two Iroquois Stake/Platform Body Units – Highway Department"

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated funds are available in the Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Programs (CHIPS) to purchase these new vehicles. Mr. Timmons reiterated the need to purchase new vehicles because the cost to repair the current vehicles exceeds the value of the vehicles.

Resolutions #231 through #236 were approved.

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

Resolutions #237 and #238 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat  
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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