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October 26, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, October 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
 Francis Peryea, Area 2
 Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
 Rob Timmons, Area 7

EXCUSED: 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 McManus called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, County Administrator Michael Zurlo conducted roll call. Legislator Waldron asked to be excused.

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

Gary Brandstetter of the City Retirees' Association thanked the Legislature for their assistance in allowing the full funding for the retirees.

Michael Blaine from Peru, New York expressed his concerns of the liberal policies presented at Clinton Community College and the obvious display of political ads in the building and bias viewpoints in the classroom instruction.

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson McManus moved on to Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. He stated the Parking Lot Project is proceeding and is on schedule.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18th at 4:30 p.m.; however, the meeting may be rescheduled.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. He stated Renee McFarlin, the Economic Development Director, will present topics at the next Committee meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Legislator Conroy apologized for his absences in attending Regular Sessions and indicated that he is in good health.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. He stated the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th will be cancelled. The next Finance Committee meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, November 20th and Thursday, November 21st at 5:15 p.m., as well as Monday, November 25th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Mr. Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated the Health Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7th at 4:30 p.m.

Human Services - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame stated the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. He stated the Personnel Committee was polled on Resolution #844 which would approve the backfill of a permanent, part-time Election Specialist position.

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

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier this evening.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, provided an update on tenants and airlines including his recent trip to Las Vegas. Resolutions #845 through #848 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee, as well as Resolution #865 under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. Resolutions #849 through #853 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. Resolutions #854 through #856 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Board of Health met Monday, October 21st. He stated the database for Early Intervention is ready for demonstration. The database will tie reports together and cut the work by two-thirds for reporting. The goal is to use the database by Spring, 2020.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18th at 7 p.m.

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Dame stated the Moore Project is progressing. He stated there were changes in the material which should reduce the scope and be a benefit to the Project.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated he has been involved in ongoing discussions with Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, regarding life crisis and trauma and how it affects lives in growing up. The Community Services Board is trying to prevent recidivism for those incarcerated at the Sheriff's Department and those receiving services through the Department of Social Services.

Cooperative Extension – Legislators Henry and Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29th.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated he and Legislator Waldron attended a meeting of the LC/LG Regional Planning Board in Lake George on Tuesday, October 15th. He stated many loans have been reactivated and an audit has been performed. A Regional Development Corporation meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 22nd.

Mr. Zurlo stated Beth Gilles, the Director of the LC/LG Regional Planning Board, contacted him to advise she is seeking applications for an Economic Development position to the LC/LG Regional Planning Board in Lake George.

Soil and Water – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated Soil and Water had 200 acres of cover crop in this fall. He stated the interns are doing well and projects for 2020 are being discussed, including a County Clean-Up Day.

Workforce Investment Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Business Education Forum was held last week and, although he was not in attendance, he was told the Forum went well.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, requested an Executive Session to provide updates on the opioid litigation.

Legislator Henry stated he and Legislator Peryea attended the mock elections held earlier in the day. He stated it was an easy process.

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

Resolution #843 titled, “Authorizing Distribution of Mortgage Tax for the Period April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 – County Clerk” was moved by Legislator Dame and seconded by Legislator Peryea.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the distribution in this resolution is greater this year than last year. He stated this indicates the value of the home sales or number of sales for that same period is higher this year. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #844 through #851 were approved.

Resolution #852 titled, “Authorizing Contract Amendment with LexisNexis – Public Defender’s Office” was moved by Legislator Henry and seconded by Legislator Hall.

Discussion: Legislator Conroy asked how the Public Defender’s Office was doing. Mr. Zurlo replied the office is operating extremely well.

Resolutions #853 through #855 were approved.

Resolution #856 titled, “Authorizing the Purchase of a 2020 Ford F250 XL Crew Cab 4WD Truck with a 6.75 Box and Commercial Unit Cap - Highway Department”

Discussion: Legislator Conroy asked if the purchase is necessary. Mr. Zurlo replied the current vehicle is inoperable. Legislator Conroy asked if another vehicle could be used from the Highway Department. Mr. Zurlo replied no. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #857 through #862 were approved.

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

Resolutions #863 through #865 were approved.

Legislator Rosenquest motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:41 p.m., seconded by Legislator Conroy. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Keenan motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Dame motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Rosenquest. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanene Bell
Senior Stenographer

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