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October 16, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, October 9, 2019 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Mark Dame, Area 8
Robert Hall, Area 10
Mark Henry, Area 3
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Area 1, Chairperson
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Simon Conroy, Area 4

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator
Rodney Brown, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney
Melody Lemieux, Principal Stenographer

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 Conroy was excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus proclaimed the month of October, 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Clinton County.

Sylvie Nelson, the Executive Director of the North Country Workforce Development Board, provided a brief presentation on recent activities of the Workforce Development Board which represents Clinton, Essex, Franklin and Hamilton Counties.

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 reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th was cancelled.

The Demolition Project in Dannemora is complete. Legislator Peryea shared a letter from Mayor Rick Scholl thanking the Legislature, the Treasurer and the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for securing funds to demolish the two buildings on Cook Street.

Upgrades to the Government Center parking lot will commence Monday, October 14th. Staff will be notifying all employees of the project start date.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18th at 4:30 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Children and Family Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st was cancelled. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #778 and #779.

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

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier this afternoon at 5:15 p.m. and discussed Resolutions #780 through #786 which are on the agenda this evening.

Staff from the Information Technology Department, the Legislative Office, the Real Property Office and the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency were in attendance.

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

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Finance Committee met Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:15 p.m.

Caitlyn Wargo and Danielle Delaini of the Adirondack North County Association (ANCA) were present to provide an update of ANCA's recent activities throughout the County.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, discussed sales tax and updated the Legislature on casino and compassionate care revenues, the Clinton County Land Bank and Clinton County's fiscal stress monitoring score.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th at 6:15 p.m. Legislator Rosenquest noted the November calendar includes several tentative meeting dates for the Finance Committee to discuss the proposed 2020 County budget.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee met Tuesday, October 1st at 4:30 p.m.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss Resolutions #787 and #788 which have been placed on the agenda this evening.

John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, was also in attendance to discuss Resolutions #789 and #790. Mr. Kanoza also discussed the August, 2019 Board of Health meeting and Director's report for August, 2019.

Mandy Snay, the Director of Health Planning and Promotion, was present to discuss the various grants that Health Planning and Promotion brings to Clinton County.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 7th at 4:30 p.m.

Human Services Committee - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee met Wednesday, October 2nd.

Darlene Collins, the Director of the Office for the Aging, was present to discuss Resolutions #791 through #794 which are on the agenda this evening.

Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans' Service Agency, discussed monthly statistics and VA Healthcare.

Wendie Bishop, the Nursing Home Administrator, was also in attendance to discuss Resolutions #795 and #796 which have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

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

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee met at 5:15 p.m. on October 7th and reviewed 22 personnel items. There are 22 Resolutions on tonight's agenda that reflect the Committee's recommendations. Items of importance were: Reclassification of a vacant Public Health Technician up to a Public Health Sanitarian (this action further will abolish another vacant Public Health Technician position reducing 1 FTE), creation of a permanent, full-time Assistant Finance Manager up to a Grade 10 Step 2 to train with the current Assistant Finance Manager before her retirement in February, 2020, creation of a permanent, full-time Finance Manager/Deputy Treasurer up to a Grade 14 Step 5 to train with the current Finance Manager/Deputy Treasurer before his retirement in February, 2020.

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

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

The Plattsburgh International Airport Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Public Safety Committee scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #797 through #803 which are on the agenda this evening.

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

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee met Tuesday, October 8th and discussed Resolutions #804 through #808 which are on the agenda.

Other topics discussed by the Committee included: a request by the Highway Department to purchase a pickup truck; the need to repair two bridges and the status of the purchase of property from BOCES along the Military Turnpike.

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

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the next Board of Health meeting will be held Monday, October 21st at 7 p.m.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reminded Legislators that the Agricultural Tour will be held Friday, October 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq. and County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

There were no staff reports.

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

Resolutions #778 through #782 were approved. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolution #783 titled, “Awarding Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Wide Area Network (WAN) and Dedicated Internet Access – Information Technology”

Discussion: Legislator Rosenquest stated he asked the Director of Information Technology (IT) to see if the County could provide Wi-Fi access throughout the County buildings. The IT Director has advised he will look into developing a plan. Legislator Rosenquest stated he hoped all Legislators would be in support of this initiative.

Resolutions #784 through #820 were approved.

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

Resolutions #821 through #824 were approved.

Resolution #825 titled, "Approving Backfill of a Permanent, Full-Time Deputy Sheriff Position (PCN 3989) – Sheriff's Department" was approved by a vote of 8-1-1. (Legislator Dame voted no).

Resolutions #826 through #840 were approved.

Resolution #841 titled, "Approving Creation of a Permanent, Full-Time Finance Manager/Deputy Treasurer Position (PCN TBD) – Treasurer's Office"

Discussion: Legislator Dame stated he realized that this is a highly critical position. However, he has objections hiring at Step 5. This is rewarding them for service that hasn't been delivered yet. He also stated he believes it sets a precedence which he knows has been done before, but feels the practice should stop. Carried (8-1-1). (Legislator Dame voted in the negative).

Resolution #842 was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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