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September 14, 2018

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, September 12, 2018 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Jonathan Beach, Area 2
Simon Conroy, Area 4
Mark Dame, Area 8
Robert Hall, Area 10
Pete Keenan, Area 5
Harry McManus, Chairperson, Area 1
Christopher Rosenquest, Area 9
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Mark Henry, Area 3

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

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

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

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2018 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson McManus asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Debra Buell, a resident, opposed several resolutions on the agenda: #704, #721, #728, #730, #741, #752 and #753. Ms. Buell also inquired if the Human Services Lounge and Annex is in the Department of Social Services. Mr. Zurlo replied yes. Ms. Buell requested a second time, that Clinton County Public Transit provide meeting information three or four weeks prior to the actual date of the meeting so citizens with special needs wanting to attend can make arrangements.

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

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee met earlier. James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, provided an update on the Human Services Center Lounge and Annex Renovation Project (2016 Master Plan). Resolutions #703, #704 and Resolutions #758 and #759 under Waive Rule 13.2 have been placed on the agenda.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th at 5:15 p.m.

Children and Family Services – Legislator Henry

Mr. Zurlo stated the Children and Family Services Committee was polled on Resolution #705 on September 7, 2018.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier. Renee McFarlin, the recently-hired Economic Development Director, was present at the meeting. John Zurlo, the County Clerk, discussed Cott Systems, Inc. Web Hosting. Resolution #706 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th at 6 p.m.

Finance – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Finance Committee met Wednesday, September 5th. Garry Douglas and Kristy Kennedy of the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce presented the 2019 Marketing Plan. Resolution #707 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #757 under Waive Rule 13.2 has also been placed on the agenda.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, discussed sales tax and the contract for collection of occupancy tax with Airbnb. The contract has been reviewed by County Attorney James Coffey and has been provided to the County Legislature for further discussion.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:15 p.m.

Health – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the Health Committee was polled on Resolutions #708 through #710 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Human Services – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the Human Services Committee met Wednesday, September 5th. Crystal Carter, the Director of the Office for the Aging, reported she will be applying for the Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team Initiative Grant which coordinates investigations and develops interventions to stop or prevent elder abuse.

Steve Bowman, the Director of the Veterans Service Agency, distributed and reviewed the August, 2018 monthly statistics. Mr. Bowman reported for the past ten years, the Clinton County Veterans Services has filed the fifth most claims to the State of New York Department of Veterans Affairs.

Resolutions #711 and #712 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #713 was polled and has also been placed on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel – Legislator Dame

Mr. Dame stated the Personnel Committee met on September 11th and reviewed 20 items. There are 20 resolutions on the agenda that reflect the Committee’s recommendations.

Mr. Dame noted important items include: the replacement of a permanent, part-time Program Assistant to full-time in the Health Department (fully funded through the combination of two Grants), the reappointment of Steve Bowman, Director of Veterans’ Service Agency for another three-year term, 2019-2021 and a conversation regarding pay for County Registered Professional Nurses (Personnel Director, Kim Kinblom, will be providing a cost analysis if the position is reallocated.)

The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee was polled on Resolutions #714 through #716 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach stated the Public Safety Committee met Monday, September 10th. Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Legal Defense, continued discussion on the proposed Public Defenders Office. The Committee indicated that they are in favor of establishing the Public Defenders Office and that a formal resolution would come before the Board in the near future.

Resolutions #717 through #725 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Transportation Committee was polled on Resolutions #726 and #727 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Board of Health – Legislator Beach

Legislator Beach stated the Board of Health met Monday, August 24th. A presentation was provided by several local restaurants. Legislator Beach noted the Board reviewed the Health Department's budget that was provided to Mr. Zurlo and was happy to report there are no drastic increases. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of the month.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated the Chamber of Commerce presented its 2019 Marketing Plan at the September 5th Finance Committee meeting.

Clinton Community College – Legislators Dame and Rosenquest

Legislator Dame stated members of the Board of Trustees and Ray DiPasquale, the President of Clinton Community College, expressed gratitude with the County Legislature for adopting their budget.

Community Services Board – Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy stated the Community Services Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 25th at 4:30 p.m.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated Cooperative Extension will meet next Tuesday, September 18th. Mr. Timmons reminded the Legislature of the Agricultural Tour scheduled for Friday, September 14th at 8:30 a.m.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan stated the Board is scheduled to meet Thursday, October 4th in Warren County.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest stated after a long summer hiatus, the Board will be meeting on Friday, September 14th.

Staff Reports

Mr. Coffey had no report.

Mr. Zurlo reported the department budgets are in and have been audited. The process of reviewing requests with Department Heads has begun.

Chairperson McManus stated the Ethics Board has a vacancy. Mr. Brown reported the Ethics Board primarily looks at conflicts of interest with any County appointed board. There are approximately 70 individuals who are responsible for returning a completed financial disclosure statement. Legislator Dame inquired what authority does an Ethics Board members hold. Mr. Brown replied if a conflict of interest is determined, it is considered a misdemeanor and the individual could face a \$10,000 fine or recommendation to a prosecutor.

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

Resolutions #702 through #709 were approved.

Resolution #710 titled, “Amending Resolution #31 dated January 10, 2018 titled, “Amending Resolution #951 dated November 20, 2017 titled, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2018” – Mental Health and Addiction Services was moved by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Conroy.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the increase in the contract amount is not benefitting the County, it will be received by the Champlain Valley Family Center. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #711 through #725 were approved.

Resolution #726 titled, “Awarding Bid to Supply Diesel Fuel, Unleaded Gasoline, Heating Fuel Oil and Kerosene for the Years 2019 through 2023 – Highway Department” was moved by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Conroy.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo asked Legislators to remind the town boards that this resolution contains a piggybacking provision such that they can take advantage of this contract as well. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #727 through #736 were approved.

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

Resolutions #737 through #755 were approved.

Resolution #756 titled, "Amending Resolution #210 dated March 14, 2018 titled, "Approving Backfill of a Permanent, Full-Time Registered Professional Nurse Position (4108)" - Mental Health and Addiction Services" was moved by Legislator Dame and seconded by Legislator Waldron.

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated after pending analysis, a potential candidate has been found, as well as a potential candidate for the nurse position at the Nursing Home. Carried (9-0-1).

Resolutions #757 through #759 were approved.

There being no further business, Legislator Rosenquest motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator