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July 11, 2019

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, July 10, 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, Area 1, Chairperson
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
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 Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the June 26, 2019 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Keenan. Carried (9-0-1). (Legislator Dame arrived at 7:01 p.m.)

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 Monday, July 8th was cancelled.

Bids are being solicited for the demolition of the Dannemora properties. The bid opening is scheduled for Friday, July 19th at 2:30 p.m.

The Highway Department's Tool Room Project is approximately 70 percent complete.

Buildings and Grounds crew have been cleaning the perimeter of the Oak Street Parking Lot. The Clinton County Highway Department will be resurfacing the parking lot.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo reported the County went out to bid to repave the Oak Street employee parking lot. One sole bid was received. Karl Weiss, the County Highway Superintendent and James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, determined the project could be completed in-house by the County Highway Department. State contracts are in place for crack seal and asphalt materials.

Children and Family Services Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Children and Family Services Committee met Tuesday, July 2nd.

John Redden, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss the Family First Prevention Act. Resolutions #513 through #519 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee - Legislator Conroy

Legislator Conroy reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting scheduled earlier was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #520 for the Planning Department.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 3rd was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #521 and #522 which have been placed on the agenda.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th at 6:15 p.m. at which time Clinton Community College will be presenting its 2019-2020 budget request. Representatives from Lumsden and McCormick will also be present to discuss audit findings.

Health Committee - Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Health Committee met Tuesday, July 2nd at 4:30 p.m.

Christa VanCour, Children's Services Coordinator, provided a presentation on the Early Intervention and Preschool Programs. John Kanoza, the Director of Public Health, discussed the Director's Report, the Health Department Report, Action for Health for Spring and the Safety Guide for Summer.

Resolutions #523 through #529 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th at 4:30 p.m.

Human Services Committee - Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 3rd was cancelled.

Resolutions #530 through #536 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th at 5:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Dame

Legislator Dame reported the Personnel Committee met at 5:15 p.m. on July 1, 2019 and reviewed 16 items. There are 16 resolutions on the agenda that reflect the Committee's recommendations. Important items are: Creation of Permanent, Full-Time Cook Manager to train for 1 month with the current incumbent who will be retiring-Nursing Home-No new FTE's; Creation of two Permanent, Full-Time Assistant Public Defenders. This will increase total Attorneys to five (1 Chief and 4 APD); Creation of a temporary, full-time Junior Assistant District Attorney in order to hire someone right out of law school in anticipation of passing the bar exam; Creation of a temporary, part-time Assistant District Attorney to assist in caseload until all the full-time ADA slots are filled. Currently, there are three vacancies.

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

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee has not met since the last Regular Session. The Committee was polled on Resolutions #537 and #538 on the agenda.

The Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 24th at 5:15 p.m. has been cancelled.

Public Safety Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry reported the Public Safety Committee met Monday, July 8th.

Justin Meyer, the Administrator of Indigent Defendants, was present to discuss New York State Standards for Establishing and Administering Assigned Counsel Plans.

Resolutions #539 through #548 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12th at 6:15 p.m.

Transportation Committee - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Transportation Committee met Monday, July 8th.

James Bosley, Planning Technician, was present to discuss proposed changes to the CCPT bus schedule, fare increases and driver pay and benefits requests.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was also present.

Resolutions #549 through #553 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Liaison Reports

Clinton Community College – Legislator Rosenquest

Legislator Rosenquest reported a meeting will be held Monday, July 22nd at 9:00 a.m. with President DiPasquale to discuss the College's proposed 2019-2020 budget. The Board of Trustees Finance Committee will meet the following day to review the budget at 4 p.m. Legislators are invited to attend these meetings.

Grievance Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Grievance Committee will meet on Monday, July 15th at 9 a.m.

Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks met Thursday, June 27th in Warren County. The Committee toured the Lavenlair Farm, which is a lavender farm. It is one of the largest exporters of lavender in New York State.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Keenan

Legislator Keenan reported the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board will meet Tuesday, July 16th in Lake George.

Staff Reports

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Jacqueline Kelleher, the County Attorney, reported a mediator has been appointed by the Public Employment Relations Board for the Corrections Unit. The County also received a request for bargaining a new contract for the Deputies.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo did not have a report.

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

Resolutions #513 through #554 were approved. Carried (10-0-0).

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

Resolutions #555 through #570 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melody Lemieux". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Melody Lemieux
Principal Stenographer

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