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March 11, 2022

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, March 9, 2022 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4  
Calvin Castine, Area 1  
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3  
Wendell Hughes, Area 8  
Joshua Kretser, Area 9  
Richard Potiker, Area 5  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Robert Hall, Area 10  
Francis Peryea, Area 2

ALSO PRESENT: Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator  
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator  
Gary Favro, Assistant County Attorney

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Messrs. Hall and Peryea asked to be excused.

Legislator Bezio motioned to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2022 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Lori and Tom Bedard of 2147 State Route 11, Mooers, New York stated they received notification on March 4, 2022 that their property is proposed to be added to the FEMA flood plains. Ms. Bedard reported she has spoken with several individuals regarding this issue including Glen Cutter, the Director of Planning for Clinton County, who explained to her what the situation entails. She apprised the Committee regarding the 90-day appeal process (of which 30 days passed before they received the letter), the insurance required (including a grandfather clause to reduce rates) and of an elevation certificate that could possibly remove their property from the Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) list. Her main request is that a public notice be made to apprise the 1,000 residents of this action. Ms. Bedard stated there is not enough time to have their property surveyed and submitted to FEMA within the 90-day appeal process. Legislator Castine inquired if the County could assist in this issue. Gary Favro, Esq., the Assistant County Attorney, stated the determination is based on tax map parcels and stands until the property owner proves otherwise. He stated the best way to handle this matter is to buy the flood insurance, get a LOMA determination and then you can receive reimbursement from the insurance company. Legislator Castine inquired if they could appeal to FEMA. Mr. Favro stated because this is a Federal mandate, it would be best to seek assistance from Federal representatives for possible extensions.

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

#### **Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Bezio**

Legislator Bezio stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. has been cancelled. As such, resolutions will be polled on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Potiker**

Legislator Potiker reported the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

John Redden, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss monthly statistics for January, 2022, the Medicaid takeover, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the 2022 budget and the resolution, “Approving Appointment to the Clinton County Youth Board.”

Resolution #151 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Waldron reported the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier.

Glen Cutter, the Planning Director, was present to discuss the resolution “Authorizing Contract Amendment with Elan.3 Consulting.”

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was present to discuss a high school survey and a shovel-ready sites grant opportunity.

Additionally, a discussion was held regarding the consideration of the live streaming of Legislative meetings.

Resolution #152 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

## **Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, and Rebecca Murphy, the Deputy County Treasurer, were present to discuss 2022 sales tax charts, the 2022 Town/County tax installments, In Rem Foreclosure and the Clinton County Land Bank and review of the Regional Land Bank Zoom.

Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, was also present to discuss Class Action Settlement for Zoom Licenses and the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Claims Compensation Bureau, LLC.”

Resolution #153 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **Health Committee – Legislator Hughes**

Legislator Hughes stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Debra Tackett, the Interim Health Director, was present to discuss Getting to Know Your Local Health Department, the New York State Public Health Corps., New York State Fellowship Program Grant, the Health Department Report for February, 2022 and the Winter Safety Guide, 2021-22.

Richelle Gregory was present to the discuss resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Coordinated Care Services, Inc.”

Resolutions #154 through #157 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

### **Human Services Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo, on behalf of Legislator Peryea, reported the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #158.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

### **Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry reported the Personnel Committee met on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Kim Kinblom, the Personnel Director, was present to discuss various resolutions including a Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA for Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Entry-level Driver Training Tuition Reimbursement and a contract with Coughlin and Gerhart, LLP.

Resolutions will be placed on the agenda for the Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

### **Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo, on behalf of Legislator Hall, reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #159 was polled and has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine**

Legislator Castine reported the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sheriff David Favro from the Sheriff's Department was present to discuss various resolutions and the purchase of a full body scanner.

Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director, was present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing Contract with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI), Plan and Funding."

Eric Day, the Emergency Services Director, was present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing Contract with Intrado Life & Safety Solutions, Corp."

Chad Deans, the County Coroner, was present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing a Written Mutual Aid Agreement for Coroner Services."

Resolutions #160 through #167 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser**

Legislator Kretser reported the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **Board of Health – Legislator Potiker**

Legislator Potiker reported the Board met on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> with much of the discussion regarding the vacant Director of Public Health position. He stated the Committee will be conducting interviews on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> with a special meeting to be held on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> to choose a recommendation. Details will be presented at the next Regular Session meeting on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Potiker**

Legislator Potiker stated the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. He reported Maple weekend will be held the last two weekends in March, with details on participating sugarhouses to be advertised.

#### **Grievance Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo noted the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

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

Ms. Waldron stated Fulton County hosted on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Jon Stead, the Administrative Officer of Fulton County, provided a presentation on the Fulton County Strategic Plan, highlighting the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The plan includes three projects: the Route 30/30A Corridor Sewer Project Phase I. This Project will take sewer service from the joint treatment plant in Gloversville and Johnstown out to the Village of Mayfield, on the edge of the Great Sacandaga Lake. This will help get improved public sewer service to both Mayfield and Northville.

The Field of Dreams Project's goal is to make a premier destination location for little league tournament baseball. There will be one main complex with a few smaller fields, with the hope of bringing thousands of little leaguers and families in on weekends during the summer period for tournament baseball. This complex will be located between Johnstown and Gloversville in an industrial area, providing an opportunity to rejuvenate this area, with the hopes this will be the "little sister" of Cooperstown.

The Great Sacandaga Lake History Museum Project is the third project. Sacandaga Lake was created to stop the historic and seasonal flooding that occurred in the Hudson Valley. Flooding would occur every two to three years in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This lake was built specifically to prevent this from happening. This museum is looking to be a modern interpretive type facility that will highlight the actual construction, development and the taking of the property.

The next Intercounty of the Adirondacks meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Legislative Conference.

### **Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Board – Legislators Kretser and Hughes**

Legislator Kretser reported and congratulated the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Board as they received the Economic Development Partner of the Year award from the Plattsburgh North Country Chamber.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Assistant County Attorney – Gary Favro, Esq.**

Mr. Favro requested an Executive Session to discuss two items.

### **County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo reminded the Legislature about the tour of the syrup company New Leaf located in Lyon Mountain on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

On a positive note, Mr. Zurlo stated he received confirmation that an earmark request from Congresswoman Elise Stefanik made its way through the Legislature. It was previously passed in the House and the County will receive \$1 million to assist and renovate Building #2753 at the Airport.

Additionally, Mr. Zurlo reported he had lunch with the Executive Director of the New York State Association (NYSAC) Stephen Acquario, and at the lunch, Mr. Acquario received a phone call from Senator Charles Schumer's office indicating the possibility of State and Local American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be recouped by the Federal government. Senator Schumer assisted in removing the local claw back from the Omnibus Bill. The State clawback remains in legislation but New York drew down on its funding from ARPA, therefore, it is exempt from clawback.

Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, briefly described the Tobacco Settlement Funding that originated in 1998. The Board was asked to determine the amount available for distribution, the proposed method for alerting the public and whether or not the 12 previously submitted applications should be included. The Board agreed to \$100,000 as the available amount for projects this year, the public to be apprised via an announcement in the Press Republican and the 12 applications to be included in this round of applications if their projects are still viable.

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

Resolutions #151 through #169 were approved.

Resolution #170 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant – Employment and Training" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Potiker. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolutions #171 through #174 were approved.

Resolution #175 titled, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Re-Appropriate 2021 Funds for

Various Accounts – Treasurer’s Office” was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (7-0-2-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolution #176 was approved.

Legislator Castine inquired if the Board would be composing a letter to federal officials regarding the proposed 1,000 FEMA properties to be designated in the flood plains zone. Mr. Zurlo replied the Economic Development Director would be reaching out to Federal officials for assistance.

Mr. Zurlo stated the Executive Session will be regarding the sale and lease of real property and a matter of litigation.

Legislator Hughes motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-2).

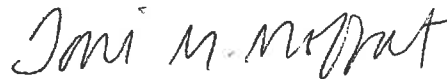
Legislator Hughes motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:44 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Bezio motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolution #177 was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Bezio motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni M. Moffat  
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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