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October 11, 2024

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, October 9, 2024 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
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Kevin Randall, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Robert Hall, Area 10

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

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

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislator Hall asked to be excused.

Legislator Randall motioned to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2024 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Jennifer Jewett, of Champlain, New York stated in April, 2023 while driving through Dannemora she witnessed a beagle tied to a chain by a dog house. She spoke with the Town's Animal Control Officer and was told they could do nothing. The next dog she witnessed tethered was in the Town of Mooers on Route 11 throughout all weather conditions. Ms. Jewett noted this is the third draft of the proposed Tether Law and it is back with the County Attorney. She noted the Clinton County Legislature has approved two other local laws this year and she has been attending meetings since February, 2024. This is her 24th meeting. Ms. Jewett noted she simply wants a law that prevents chaining dogs out 24/7.

Chairperson Henry reported there is a public hearing regarding Local Law #3 of 2024 titled, "Clinton County Room Occupancy Tax Law." He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Kretser motioned to open the public hearing at 5:21 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone present wished to address the Board regarding this matter.

There being no one who wished to speak, Chairperson Henry entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

Legislator Hughes motioned to close the public hearing at 5:22 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no one else who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson Henry moved onto the 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 Committee was polled on Resolutions #805 through #809 on the agenda awarding bids relating to previously approved American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, October 1st.

Commissioner Christine Peters was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of South Carolina” and “Authorizing New York State Shelter Arrears Eviction Foreclosure Program Application and Acceptance.”

Ms. Peters also provided updates on the Warming Center and the Parking Lot/Employee Lounge.

Resolutions #810 through #814 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

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

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss the resolution, “Approving Appointment to the Clinton County Planning Board.”

Dave Randall, the Director of Information Technology, was also in attendance to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with the City of Plattsburgh.”

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was present to discuss two Change Order resolutions with Ace Electric. Ms. Ryan also provided updates on the Clinton Business Innovation Gateway, Beta Technologies, Inc. and the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency.

Resolutions #815 through #818 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

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

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 2nd.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company” and “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Charge for Foreclosure Advertisement.”

Ms. Davis also discussed the new In Rem Foreclosure Law, the 2023 Fiscal Stress Reports and sales tax.

Resolutions #819 through #826 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

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

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, October 2nd.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with NFI Vermont” and “Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding Amendment with the Joint Council for Economic Opportunity (JCEO), Inc.”

Jeff Sisson, the Director of Public Health, was also in attendance to discuss the resolutions, “Approving Appointment to the Clinton County Board of Health” and “Authorizing Locked & Unloaded: Increasing Firearm Safety Awareness Grant Acceptance.”

Mr. Sisson also discussed the Director’s Report and the Health Department Report.

Resolutions #827 through #832 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall reported the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, October 1st.

Darleen Collins, the Director of the Office for the Aging, was present for the resolution, “Authorizing Various Contract Amendments for the Year 2024.”

Kevin LeBoeuf, the Director of the Veterans’ Service Agency, was also in attendance to discuss monthly statistics and his letter of intent for renewal of term.

Resolution #833 has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, October 7th.

The resolutions will be placed on the agenda of the Wednesday, October 23rd Regular Session.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

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

Resolution #834 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee from its meeting of Wednesday, September 25th.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 7th.

Sheriff David Favro was in attendance to discuss several resolutions including, “Awarding Bid for Jail Physician” and “Authorizing Contracts with Various School Districts.”

Jamie Martineau, the Public Defender, was in attendance to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with E.T. Harris and Son, Inc.” and “Authorizing Contract with Thomson Reuters.”

Jami Rock, the Administrative Assistant at the Child Advocacy Center, was also present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Foundation of CVPH Grant Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing Contract with George Huttig.”

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was in attendance to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Out-of-State Travel.”

Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director, discussed the resolutions, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2025” and “Authorizing Contract with Post Residential Placement Program.”

Chad Deans, the Coroner, was present for further discussion on costs of a decedent cooler.

The third draft of the proposed dog tether law was also briefly discussed.

Resolutions #835 through #852 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, November 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

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

The Committee was polled on Resolution #853 on the agenda.

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

LIAISON REPORTS

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported it has been three years since Linda Gilliland, the Executive Director, was appointed and Ms. Gilliland has been reappointed for another term.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislators Randall and Waldron

Legislator Randall reported the next Intercounty of the Adirondacks meeting is on Thursday, October 24th and will be hosted by Essex County at Fort Ticonderoga.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislators Kretser and Hughes

Legislator Kretser reported the Board met on Tuesday, October 8th with Hamilton, Washington and Clinton Counties. There was discussion about the County allocation five-year plan and a Committee was established for bylaw updates. Legislator Kretser stated there are a number of applications the Board is applying for on the municipalities behalf.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an executive session to provide updates on three matters of litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported he continues to meet with Department Heads on 2025 budget submissions and is making progress. Mr. Zurlo stated he also has a few announcements regarding two invitations; Clinton Community College will be celebrating Sheriff Dave Favro’s service as Board Chair on Tuesday, October 15th from 6-7:30 p.m. Champlain Valley Educational Services (CVES) will be celebrating 75 years on Thursday, October 17th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a reception in the evening from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mr. Zurlo stated if anyone is interested to please let him know.

Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Henry did not have a report.

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

Resolutions #803 through #833 were approved.

Resolution #834 titled, “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Reject the Bids for the Airport Baggage Conveyor Belt System Repairs and Solicit Requests for Proposals for an Airport Baggage Conveyor Belt Systems Maintenance and Repair Contract” was motioned by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the bids continue to come back over two times what the original budget amount is. This RFP will be for a contract to expend the exact amount of money that was approved with ARPA funds.

Resolution #835 through #864 were approved.

Mr. Zurlo stated he heard on Tuesday, October 8th a New York State Supreme Court Judge in Syracuse ruled the new law that would move many local elections to align with State and Federal elections to even numbered years violates the State constitution. He explained this doesn’t effect the County since no one is running for office this year. He noted this is still being discussed and he imagines the State of New York will appeal to the appellate division but as of right now it has been ruled unconstitutional.

Legislator Hughes motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Kretser motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:20 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Peryea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin M. Light". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin M. Light
Senior Typist

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