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December 12, 2024

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, December 11, 2024 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4
Calvin Castine, Area 1
Robert Hall, Area 10
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

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

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

Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, conducted roll call.

Chairperson Henry stated before proceeding with the meeting, he recently learned of the passing of friend and colleague County Clerk John Zurlo. Chairperson Henry stated John was a friend to all and the North Country, everyone knew John, and he is the father of County Administrator Michael Zurlo. Chairperson Henry stated the Legislature sends its deepest sympathies to the family and asked for a moment of silence to honor dear friend John Zurlo.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the November 25, 2024 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one who wished to address the Legislature, Chairperson Henry moved onto the Committee Reports.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, December 9th was cancelled.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, December 3rd.

Commissioner Christine Peters was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2025” and “Authorizing Safe Harbour Grant Application and Acceptance.” Ms. Peters also provided updates on the Warming Center and the Eligibility Verification Assistant.

Resolutions #1029 through #1042 have been placed on the agenda upon the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

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

Tammy Lacey, the Real Property Director, was present to discuss a full assessment service addition.

David Randall, the Information Technology Director, was in attendance to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with Twinstare Technologies” and “Authorizing Contract with the New York State Office of Information Technology Services and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.”

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Execution of Purchase and Sale Agreement.” Ms. Ryan discussed signage for the Clinton

Business Innovation Gateway and also provided updates on the Clinton Community College property, FAST NY and the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was also in attendance to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing New York State Energy Research and Development Authority Clean Mobility Program Grant Acceptance” and “Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement between Clinton County and the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board for the Brownfield Opportunity Area Grant.”

David Souliere and Mary Dyer, the Commissioners of the Board of Elections, were present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Electronic Poll Book Grant Program Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing 2024 General Election Grant Program Application and Acceptance.”

Resolutions #1043 through #1052 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Tuesday, November 26th to discuss the 2025 Recommended Budget.

Resolution #1022, which adopts the 2025 Budget, has been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation. Thank you to everyone for their hard work to bring us to this point.

The Finance Committee also met on Wednesday, December 4th.

Rebecca Murphy, the Deputy County Treasurer, was in attendance to discuss sales tax, medical marijuana and three resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Cathedral Corporation” and “Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues.”

The Committee also discussed two Purchasing resolutions, “Awarding Bids for Office, Printing and Janitorial Supplies” and “Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues.”

Resolutions #1053 through #1057 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

Legislator Hughes stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, December 4th.

Jeff Sisson, the Director of Public Health, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Approving Reappointment to the Clinton County Board of Health” and “Authorizing Contracts with Various Engineering Agencies.” Mr. Sisson also discussed the Director’s and Health Department Reports.

Resolutions #1058 through #1061 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd was cancelled.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, December 2nd.

Resolutions #1062 through #1078 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

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

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, December 2nd.

Major Nicholas Leon, of the Sheriff's Department, was present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing Contract with Tyler Technologies" and "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year."

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2025" and "Authorizing 2023 Public Safety Answering Point Operations Grant Extension."

Chad Deans, the County Coroner, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Awarding Bid for a Mortuary Cooler" and "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2025."

Jami Rock, the Administrative Assistant at the Child Advocacy Center, was also in attendance to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Contract with High Peaks Resort" and "Authorizing Contract with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services Grant Acceptance."

Resolutions #1079 through #1092 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Legislator Castine stated Mr. Day met with Northern Border representation regarding emergency services and mutual aid and a plan is in progress for closed hours if needed.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Transportation Committee met on Monday, December 9th.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, discussed the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Northeast Mobility Analysis Project update and the Government Center Bus Shelter replacement.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, discussed several resolutions including, “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the Replacement of the Clintonville Road Culvert over the Little Ausable River” and “Authorizing an Engineering Services Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Tom Miller Road (CR26) and Smithfield Boulevard Intersection Improvements.”

Resolutions #1093 through #1100 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

Resolution #1101 has been withdrawn.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

Clinton Community College – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the company CPL is a feasibility group that came for a tour with herself, Ms. Ryan and Steven Fredericks, of Clinton Community College. Legislator Waldron stated CPL was impressed with the campus and she looks forward to hearing their feedback.

Soil and Water Conservation District – Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Bezio stated Soil and Water was awarded a Grant from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for a Client Resilient Farming Program to support multi-farm initiatives. Legislator Bezio noted this will occur in the Town of Champlain. He noted they are also hiring a third Conservation District Technician.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of an individual.

Deputy County Administrator – Kim Kinblom

Ms. Kinblom did not have a report.

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 #1022 through #1039 were approved.

Resolution #1040 titled, "Authorizing the Youth Bureau to file an Application for State Aid for Youth Development Program Allocations and Youth Sports Education Program Allocations and Authorizing Various Contracts" was motioned by Legislator Peryea and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Kretser abstained.

Resolutions #1041 through #1106 were approved.

Legislator Peryea motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Peryea motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:24 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Kretser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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