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February 28, 2025

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, February 26, 2025 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
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Paul Lamoy, Area 8
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Kevin Randall, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

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 Kretser motioned to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2025 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Jennifer Jewett, of Champlain, New York, thanked her fellow dog tethering advocates for their attendance at the meeting. She listed aloud the names of counties and surrounding states that have dog-tethering laws. She stated she will continue this fight as she will not abandon the dogs in the surrounding municipalities. Lastly, she reported she and her advocates are striving for one local law countywide.

Betty Lou Lajoy, of the Town of Plattsburgh, expressed her desire for the proposed dog tethering local law and how the abuse of animals affects individuals mental health.

Marlene Beale, of Rouses Point, stated she would like the Legislature to establish a local law regarding property taxes for widows, individuals on social security, individuals with income in the poverty level, how many years the individual has lived in the house and the age of the individual.

Jessie Murnane, of Morrisonville, New York, stated she was in attendance because she expects more of the Legislature. She expressed her concerns regarding the dog tethering proposed local law.

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

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Lamoy

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

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea reported the Children and Family Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 12th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

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

Health Committee – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio stated the Health Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall reported the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

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

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, discussed several resolutions including, “Authorizing Lease Agreement with Micro Bird US, Inc.” and “Authorizing Contract Amendment with Volaire Aviation, Inc.”

Resolutions #130 through #139 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #145, under Waive Rule 13.2, was polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 3rd at 3:30 p.m.

Legislator Castine stated he recently visited the Roxham Road, in Champlain, New York, where immigrants were crossing the Border into Canada. He reported he only saw one set of footprints and surmised that this location is no longer being utilized.

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 10th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Randall

Mr. Zurlo reported Clinton County was well represented at the Intercounty meeting held at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Conference earlier today.

Soil and Water Conservation – Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Bezio stated the recent Federal funding pauses and effects were discussed at the meeting held on Thursday, February 20th.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo requested a brief Executive Session prior to Waive Rule 13.2 to discuss a matter of collective negotiations.

Mr. Zurlo reported the 2025 NYSAC Legislative Conference was a success and the County attendees participated in the 100th Year of the NYSAC at Governor Kathy Hochul's mansion. He stated there was a lot of discussion on the Federal budget and what impacts the Federal government would have on the State government and in turn the impact on local government, especially the Medicaid Cap.

Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Henry did not have a report.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:41 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Bezio motioned to exit Executive Session at 5:46 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

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

Resolutions #130 through #138 were approved.

Resolution #139 titled, "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Volaire Aviation, Inc." was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Legislator Hall reported the Committee has made a recommendation to authorize the County Administrator make administrative changes (doesn't change intent or figures) to this resolution.

Resolutions #140 through #143 were approved.

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

Resolution #144 titled, "Authorizing the Chairperson to Execute an Agreement by and Between the County of Clinton and CSEA, Local 1000/AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Clinton County Units 6450 and 6466 of Local 884" was motioned by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

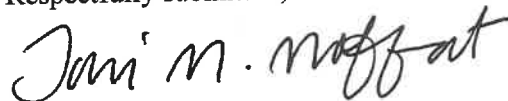
Discussion: Mr. Zurlo expressed his gratitude to the Civil Service Employees' Association (CSEA) for successful negotiations. Legislator Bezio seconded Mr. Zurlo's gratitude sentiments.

Resolution #145 titled, "Supporting New York State Correction Officers and Calling for the Elimination of Humane Alternatives to Long-Term Solitary Confinement (HALT) Act Regulations" was motioned by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Legislator Randall expressed his sentiments regarding the HALT Regulations and stated the consequences of incarcerated persons do not match the violations. He emphasized the lack of safety in the prisons as a result of this Act. He thanked the Legislature for passing this resolution as a past Department of Corrections employee.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni M. Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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