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January 23, 2025

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, January 22, 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
Paul Lamoy, Area 8
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Kevin Randall, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7

EXCUSED: Joshua Kretser, Area 9
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 5:20 p.m.

Mr. Zurlo conducted roll call. Legislators Kretser and Waldron asked to be excused.

Legislator Castine motioned to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2025 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-2).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Jennifer Jewett, of Champlain, New York, stated the vote (regarding a public hearing for a proposed local law on dog tethering) that took place in November did not sit well with her, as well as, many others. She reported the current temperatures will be dropping down to nine degrees and there are still 25 beagles in Ellenburg chained up in the middle of nowhere. Ms. Jewett stated back in November, after nine months of work, her advocacy group was denied a public hearing regarding a local law that the group had spent two months trying to receive the County Attorney's approval. She indicated this was the first time in ten years that the Legislature denied the public a public hearing on a local law. She expressed her feelings regarding the handling of this proposed local law and her desire to continue the pursuit of this local law. Legislator Castine stated, for the record, he did not recall saying that (that chained-up dogs are not a threat).

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 reported 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, February 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated 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, February 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Waldron, Mr. Zurlo 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, February 12th 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, February 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, February 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, February 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, February 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Avflight was present to discuss Fixed Base Operations (FBO). Legislator Hall reported that Avflight has assured the Committee that the de-icing issue has been taken care of; they have an extra truck that was delivered along with the assistance of a mechanic.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Master Services Agreement with C & S Engineers, Inc. for Periodic Professional Services,” and “Authorizing Contract with MRB Group for Independent Fee Estimate Services,” as well as, airline and tenant updates.

Resolutions #21 through #27 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 26th at 5:15 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

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

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Kretser, Mr. Zurlo stated the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #28 has been polled on placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 10th at 5:15 p.m.

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Board of Health – Legislator Lamoy

Legislator Lamoy reported the next meeting will be held on Monday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the County Health Building.

Cornell Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the organizational meeting was held on Tuesday, January 21st. He noted he was elected President of the Board again this year and noted there are three new members on the Board. He distributed a brochure for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to all the Legislators.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23rd in Lewis County with elections and New York State Association of Counties updates on the agenda.

Soil and Water Conservation – Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Bezio stated the organizational meeting was held on Thursday, January 16th and all the board seats were filled, as well as, discussion on the budget and upcoming grants.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to discuss the sale or lease of real property and collective negotiations.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated he would like to discuss the personnel history of a particular employee in Executive Session.

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.

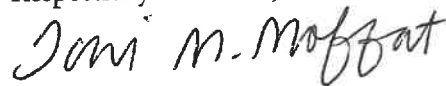
Resolutions #20 through #34 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:44 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Bezio motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:16 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-2).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Lamoy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni M. Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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