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June 17, 2024

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, June 12, 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
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. Legislator Hall asked to be excused.

Legislator Randall motioned to accept the minutes of the May 22, 2024 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry stated each year, the Off Track Betting Committee awards two scholarships; one to a student attending SUNY Plattsburgh and one to a student attending Clinton Community College. The students selected must have a grade point average of at least 85 percent, have demonstrated leadership abilities, especially involvement in community activities and have taken part in a minimum of two extra-curricular activities, with at least one being non-sports related. Chairperson Henry congratulated the SUNY Plattsburgh recipient, Kassidy Turek, of Chazy Central Rural School, and invited Kassidy to the podium to receive her award.

During her high school career, Kassidy has worked hard both academically and athletically. Kassidy was a member of the Varsity Girls Soccer, Basketball and Softball Teams. She was also a member of High School Band, Leo Club, Ushers Club, North Country Model UN and National Honor Society.

Kassidy will graduate 1st in her class from Chazy Central Rural School on Friday, June 28th and will be attending SUNY Plattsburgh in the fall to major in Elementary Education.

Congratulations Kassidy and we wish you the best on your future endeavors!

Aiden Dominic was the recipient of the Clinton Community College award. He was unable to attend tonight's Regular Session but Legislator Castine will bring his award to the school later this week.

Congratulations Aiden and we wish you the best on your future endeavors!

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Debbie Hicks of Champlain, New York praised Jennifer Jewett's dedicated efforts to see the proposed dog tethering law enacted. She doesn't understand why some members of the Legislature are not on board with this cause.

Jennifer Jewett, of 11109 State Route 9, Champlain, New York spoke about the eleven-year-old husky in Mooers, New York that recently passed and how the animal spent its entire life chained up. She asked the Legislature to pass the law to help the animals.

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 met on Monday, June 10th.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the Emergency Services Boiler Replacement Project," "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the Surrogate

Building Exterior Renovation Project,” “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the Old Court House Window Replacement Project” and “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the Mental Health Exterior Paint Project.” He also provided an update on the Government Center Brick Project, the Wendel Energy Services, LLC Project and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects.

Resolutions #469 through #474 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

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

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, June 4th.

Christine Peters, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with the Youth Advocate Program, Inc.” and “Authorizing Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Plan Funds Grant Application and Acceptance.” She also discussed new Adult Protective Services (APS) Regulations, the Work Experience (WEX) Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Grant, the Eligibility Verification Assistant (EVA), the Homeless Situation, a Warming Center update and statistics.

Resolutions #475 through #478 were placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

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

The Committee was polled on Resolution #479 on June 7, 2024.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th at 3:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the Finance Committee met on Monday, June 10th.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, and Rebecca Murphy, the Deputy County Treasurer, were present to discuss the resolution, “Accepting Bids Received at Public Auction and Authorizing the Issuance of Deeds” as the Foreclosure Auction was held earlier that day. They also discussed 2024 Sales Tax Reports, Medical Marijuana – the 1st Quarter 2024 Report, and the new In Rem Foreclosure Procedures.

Resolutions #480 through #483 were placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Hughes

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

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #484 through #486 on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 3rd 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 Committee was polled on Resolutions #487 and #488 on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 2nd at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, June 3rd.

Resolutions #489 through #497 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The Committee was also polled on Resolution #498 on the agenda.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 1st at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

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

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #499 and #500 on the agenda.

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

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated no one was forbidden from attending the Public Safety Committee meeting. The agenda was long and the Committee started 30 minutes earlier than usual due to the long agenda. The Committee did not have anything to propose or vote on and Legislator Hughes offered to speak to the dog tethering attendees. Legislator Hughes stated they were offered the option to join the meeting.

Legislator Castine stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, June 3rd.

Sheriff David Favro was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contracts with Various School Districts” and “Authorizing Contract with Tek84.”

David Marcoux, the Director of Probation, was also present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues” and “Authorizing Pre-Trial Services Grant Acceptance.”

Jami Rock, the Administrative Assistant at the Child Advocacy Center (CAC), was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Essex County” and “Authorizing Out-of-State Travel.”

Coroner Chad Deans continued discussion on the Mortuary Cooler and the potential Multi-County Purchase and Use of Drug/Toxicology Testing Equipment.

Resolutions #501 through #515 were placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The Committee was also polled on Resolution #516 on the agenda.

Legislator Castine stated the Committee continues to move forward in an attempt to meet the needs of their municipalities regarding the proposed dog tethering law.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, June 11th.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Section 5311 Federal Transit Administration Formula Grant for Rural Areas Program Acceptance for 2023 Operating Assistance,” “Authorizing Section 5311 Federal Transit Administration Formula Grant for Rural Areas Program Acceptance for 2023 Capital Assistance” and the Clinton County Public Transit (CCPT) budget.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2024” and “Authorizing Contract Renewal to Supply and Deliver Coarse Rock Salt and Treated Salt for the Snow and Ice Season 2024-2025.” He also discussed Award of Rebid – Hydro seeding for Turf Establishment and Upcoming Snow and Ice Agreements with the Towns for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Snow and Ice Seasons.

Resolutions #517 through #521 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 8th at 5:15 p.m.

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Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated Clinton County will be hosting the next meeting on Thursday, June 27th. He thanked Erin Light, of the Legislative Office, and Legislator Waldron for all of the help they have provided in preparation of the visit at the Miner Institute in Chazy.

Soil and Water – Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Bezio stated the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th.

STAFF REPORTS

Assistant County Attorney – Gary Favro, Esq.

Mr. Favro did not have a report.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo requested an Executive Session to discuss a matter involving business and contracts. He invited Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, to join the 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 #469 through #498 were approved.

Resolution #499 titled, “Authorizing Contract with A.W. Farrell & Son, Inc.” was motioned by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this resolution and the next resolution, are the two roof projects at the Airport contemplated under the ARPA discussions.

Resolutions #500 through #527 were approved.

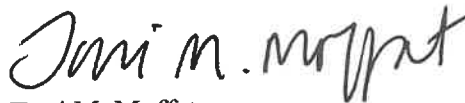
Chairperson Henry stated on the desks of the Legislative members is a proposed letter of support for the Lake Champlain Transportation (LCT) company for renovation plans of the Snug Harbor Marina in Plattsburgh, New York. LCT would like to get the Marina back to proper order and add a large breakwater. The Legislative Board unanimously approved the letter.

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

Legislator Waldron motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (9-0-1).

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 Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni M. Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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