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June 28, 2024

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, June 26, 2024 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4  
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

EXCUSED: Calvin Castine, Area 1

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. Legislator Castine asked to be excused.

Legislator Bezio motioned to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2024 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Jennifer Jewett, of 11109 State Route 9, Champlain, New York asked the Legislature to name one regulation that is short. She asked why the Legislature is trying to trim back the tether law she proposed and believes a two-page regulation is considered relatively short. Ms. Jewett stated her Tether Law is specific, detailed and includes two very important parts of the law, which are time and temperature. A dog should not be left outside in extreme heat or cold. Ms. Jewett provided a copy of the Tether Law she drafted after months of research and believes everything in the law is 100 percent necessary. She does not want to see the same mistakes other counties have made and then need to amend the law down the road. Ms. Jewett wants a well-written Tether Law we can all be proud of. She has been advocating for five months and does not feel much has been accomplished. She noted on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Village of Champlain is having a public hearing regarding the Tether Law and the Town of AuSable has approved their law at the State level and is in place.

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.

Resolutions #528 through #532 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee meeting of Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. All of these resolutions authorize engineering agreements with Architectural, Engineering and Design Associates, P.C. for approved American Rescue Plan Act Projects.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

#### **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, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 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, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons**

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

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

**Health Committee – Legislator Hughes**

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

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Resolution #533 on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier with three Essential Air Service providers and reviewed their proposals.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, was also present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Out-of-State Travel” and “Authorizing Contract Extension with McFarland-Johnson, Inc. for Design, Construction Observation and Administration Services for the Exit Lane Modification System Project.”

Mr. Kreig also provided an airline and tenant update.

Resolutions #534 through #541 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**Public Safety Committee – Deputy County Administrator Kim Kinblom**

On behalf of Legislator Castine, Ms. Kinblom stated the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolution #542 on the agenda.

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

#### **Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser**

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

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **Board of Health – Legislator Hughes**

Legislator Hughes stated the Board had their monthly meeting and are looking for a few new members. The Board also reviewed safety violations.

#### **Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Kretser**

Legislator Kretser reported the 2024 fishing tournament season is off to a strong start, with the first of eight tournaments recently completed.

The Chamber Commissioned Analysis stated Clinton County enjoyed approximately 50,000 visitors for the solar eclipse event and had a direct economic impact of \$2.1 million dollars.

Legislator Kretser stated the Chamber continues to advocate for Congressional funding for building rehabilitation at the Plattsburgh International Airport with Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand both having advanced the request to the next stage of consideration.

The recently passed House version of the National Defense Act includes two provisions supportive of BETA Technologies, Inc. sponsored by Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, including enhanced funding availability for the Air Force’s Agility Prime Program; the version now turns to the Senate.

Lastly, Legislator Kretser stated with the IAM transition at Clinton Community College, the Chamber continues to work actively on CV Tech’s behalf to pursue and secure workforce training grants and support the successful transfer of the IAM.

#### **Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated he distributed the 2024 Guide to Local Foods handout to the Legislature. There is also a vacancy on the Board of Directors, two on the Agricultural Board and three on the Youth and Family Board. Legislator Timmons asked to please reach out if you know anyone interested. He also noted the Clinton County Fair starts on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> the 4-H Building will host their Summer Social at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to stop by.

**Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Randall**

Legislator Randall stated Clinton County will be hosting on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Miner Institute in Chazy.

**Soil and Water – Legislators Bezio and Timmons**

Legislator Bezio stated in the last few weeks there were successful tire collections. The Board saved money compared to last year and collected more tires.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.**

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

**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 #528 through #552 were approved.

Resolution #553 titled, “Authorizing a Host Community Agreement in Lieu of Pilot Payments to Affected Tax Jurisdictions – Saranac Power Partners, L.P.” was motioned by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: Molly Ryan, the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Director, stated this resolution and the next resolution are for similar reasons. The CCIDA has tried reaching out to the tax jurisdictions to be better stewards in the community and make sure they are not having a negative impact on those impacted jurisdictions. Ms. Ryan noted the CCIDA invited all the local school districts and met with a majority of them to discuss how the PILOTs put through can have a better impact on them. A PILOT now affects their tax cap negatively. Ms. Ryan explained a better way to do this is to initiate a Host Community Agreement (HCA). Traditionally, the County has done PILOT billing and all of the PILOT money is dispersed to the County and then dispersed to the impacted jurisdictions. Ms. Ryan explained the school districts would prefer the CCIDA do this in a HCA so they aren’t impacted by the tax cap and everyone still receives the same amount of money. Ms. Kelleher explained if the school district is receiving money under a PILOT it is going into their tax cap, whereas with a HCA the value of that project does not go into their tax cap. Legislator Waldron asked if there was any opposition to this. Ms. Ryan stated it does not impact residents, the check is being cut directly to the school district and it will benefit residents to do it this way. Ms. Ryan explained these applications came before the CCIDA a few months ago and were time sensitive. She wanted to make sure these were put in place and to not hold up the projects or the benefits, going forward there will be more notice. Legislator Bezio inquired who negotiates the amount of the PILOT payment. Ms. Ryan stated the PILOT payment is based on a uniform tax exemption policy the CCIDA has created, which consists of a three-category

level; the size of the project, how many jobs the project will create and workforce development. This is compared and contrasted to the amount the project would be appraised for if the project had no tax benefits. Ms. Ryan explained Saranac Power Partners is not in uniformity with the uniform tax exemption policy and would perform a PILOT Deviation Notice. This is the same amount as before but does not have a negative impact on them. The towns and school districts will have to pass a similar resolution. Ms. Ryan explained Saranac Power Partners is an amended PILOT and Schluter Systems is a new project.

Resolution #554 was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hughes motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin M. Light". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin M. Light  
Senior Typist

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