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May 23, 2024

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, May 22, 2024 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4  
Robert Hall, Deputy Chairperson, Area 10  
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  
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3

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

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

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislators Castine and Henry asked to be excused.

Legislator Hughes motioned to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2024 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-2).

Deputy Chairperson Hall asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Jennifer Jewett, of 11109 State Route 9, Champlain, New York spoke about the 80 degree temperature today and how the homeowner in Mooers still has dogs tethered 24/7. She spoke with the Animal Control Officer, after several attempts to contact her, along with the Mooers Town Supervisor and feels they do not care about the dogs in their Town. Ms. Jewett states this is exactly why we need this tether law in Clinton County. Ms. Jewett stated on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> she and a few others will be at the St. Mary's parade to spread information about the tether law and invited the Legislature to attend.

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

#### **Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Bezio**

Legislator Bezio stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

James Cleveland, the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, was present to provide an update on the Government Center Brick Project, the Wendel Energy Services, LLC Project and to discuss the Master Plan and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 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, June 4<sup>th</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, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 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 Monday, June 10<sup>th</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 Committee was polled on Resolution #407 on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</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 next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

### **Personnel Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo stated the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #408 through #447 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation from the meeting of Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee was also polled on Resolution #448 on the agenda.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

### **Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall**

Legislator Hall stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Change Order No. 2 with A.W. Farrell & Son, Inc." and "Authorizing Lease Amendment with Avis/Budget Car Rental, LLC."

Mr. Kreig also provided an airline, construction and Fixed-Base Operator update.

Resolutions #449 through #460 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, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Legislator Hall stated the Committee meeting also had a presentation from Avflight Corporation, who will be hosting two upcoming aircraft shows at the Airport in early June and September. Mr. Zurlo also noted Avflight Corporation expressed a willingness to begin negotiations on a contract extension. Legislator Hall closed by stating Avflight Corporation has been doing a great job at the Airport.

### **Public Safety Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo stated the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

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

Legislator Kretser stated the Transportation Committee met on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with JJ Property Maintenance.”

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract Amendment with Bush Crane, Inc.” and “Authorizing New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds Grant Application.”

The Committee also discussed the resolution, “Requesting Naming New York State Bridge in the Town of Peru after Former New York State Trooper Captain Christopher J. Garrow.”

Resolutions #461 through #466 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

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

Legislator Hughes stated the Board met on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and reviewed several violations. Dr. Erin Spees has also resigned and the Board will be looking for another physician to replace her.

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

Legislator Kretser stated the Economic Development Association Tourism Recovery Grant jobs have been awarded to boost Canadian tourism. These Programs will begin in June. The County will also be hosting eight fishing tournaments this year. Legislator Kretser stated a valiant and extensive effort was made in Washington D.C. regarding the Port of Entry status for the Plattsburgh International Airport. While all provisions did not make the cut, plan b for the renewed efforts is being pursued.

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

Legislator Timmons stated there is an Agricultural Educator position that will be open soon and the qualifications for the position have changed. He asked if anyone has anyone in mind to reach out.

Legislator Timmons reported there are 200 youth enrolled in the 4-H Program and the recent Environmental Field Day had 300 students attend. There is a Tick Awareness Event on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and a Master Gardener Plant Clinic at the Clinton County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is also a 4-H Poultry Clinic on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton County Fairgrounds. Lastly, the Clinton County Farm Bureau Summer Social will be held at the 4-H Building on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Randall**

Legislator Randall stated Clinton County will be hosting the next meeting on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. He and Legislator Waldron will be taking a walk-through of Miner Institute in Chazy soon to plan this out.

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

Legislator Bezio stated the District received a new grant that aids in the injection of manure. Legislator Timmons explained smaller farms cannot afford to do this yet, while the larger farms already are. Legislator Timmons stated the goal is to provide this service to the smaller farms by possibly having one business provide this service to all the local farms.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session to provide a legal update.

### **County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo stated financial disclosures are due and if interested in attending the Foster Parent dinner to please RSVP.

### **Deputy Chairpersons Report**

Deputy Chairperson Hall did not have a report.

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

Resolutions #407 through #447 were approved.

Resolution #448 titled, “Authorizing Contract with ETS, Inc.” was motioned by Legislator Randall and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, stated this resolution contracts with ETS, Inc. for the direct hire of nursing staff. This provides another hiring option. Ms. Kinblom stated the Nursing Home has hired three Licensed Practical Nurses and two Certified Nursing Assistants since the last meeting.

Resolutions #449 through #468 were approved.

Legislator Kretser motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Waldron motioned to exit Executive Session at 5:55 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (8-0-2).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Kretser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m., seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,

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