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November 14, 2024

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, November 13, 2024 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  
Wendell Hughes, Area 8  
Joshua Kretser, Area 9  
Francis Peryea, Area 2  
Kevin Randall, Area 5  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator  
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney  
Erin Light, Senior Typist

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

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call.

Legislator Hughes motioned to accept the minutes of the October 23, 2024 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Tim Garrand, of Mooers, New York stated he is a local light hauler and extended his support to the Legislature in keeping the Mooers Convenience Station open two days per week.

Lisa Garrow, of Morrisonville, New York stated that District Attorney Kristy Sprague is responsible for creating the Essex County Animal Cruelty Taskforce, which created the Essex County Dog Tether Law and Animal Abuse Registry. Ms. Garrow stated Essex County created their Tether Law eight years ago. Ms. Garrow noted District Attorney Sprague was recently elected judge in Essex County and feels her contributions are what got her there. She stated a dog should not spend its entire life on a chain and she is in support of the proposed Clinton County Dog Tether Law.

Jennifer Jewett, of Champlain, New York stated we are very aware that farmers and hunters in this area have a lot of money, and with money comes control and power. Ms. Jewett stated we are very aware of a dog-fighting ring in the Town of Altona and some of the Legislators are protecting it with everything they've got and believes that some of the Legislators have been bought. Chairperson Henry gaveled down Ms. Jewett and asked her to step down from the podium.

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 reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #918 through #922 on the agenda to facilitate obtaining final numbers on the American Rescue Plan Act funded projects.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Peryea**

Legislator Peryea stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Christine Peters was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing New York State Code Blue Allocation Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing Contract with Clinton County Mental Health and Addiction Services.”

Commissioner Peters also discussed the homelessness numbers, the Warming Center, the Department of Social Services Parking Lot, the Eligibility Verification Assistant and monthly statistics.

Resolutions #923 through #926 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee's recommendation.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

### **Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron**

Legislator Waldron stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss the resolutions, "Approving Appointment to the Clinton County Planning Board" and "Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement between Clinton County and the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board for the Clinton County Countywide Resiliency Plan."

David Randall, the Director of Information Technology, was present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing Contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc."

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was also in attendance to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing Contract Amendment and Extension with Architectural & Engineering Design Associates (AEDA), P.C." Ms. Ryan also provided updates on the Clinton Business Innovation Gateway, Viewpoint, Beta Technologies, Inc. and the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency.

Resolutions #927 through #932 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kimberly Davis, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Various Ongoing Contracts with Abstract Companies" and "Awarding Request for Proposals (RFPs) for New York State Tax Collection Software."

Ms. Davis also discussed sales tax, 2024-2025 school installments and the Supreme Court surplus activity.

The Committee also discussed the resolution, "Authorizing Contract with Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC."

Resolutions #933 through #937 have been placed on the agenda based on the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meetings are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to review the 2025 budget.

### **Health Committee – Legislator Hughes**

Legislator Hughes stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Richelle Gregory, the Community Services Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Seton Catholic School” and “Approving Appointments to the Community Services Board – Behavioral Health Subcommittee.” Ms. Gregory also discussed the acceptance of the Court-Based Mental Health Navigator.

Jeff Sisson, the Director of Public Health, was also in attendance to discuss the Director’s Report for September, 2024, the Health Department Report for October, 2024 and the Breastfeeding, Chestfeeding and Lactation Friendly New York Grant Report for 2023-2024.

Resolutions #938 through #944 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Human Services Committee – Legislator Randall**

Legislator Randall reported the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin LeBoeuf, the Veterans’ Services Director, was present to discuss monthly statistics.

Darleen Collins, the Director of the Office for the Aging, was also in attendance to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract Amendment with the Senior Citizens Council of Clinton County, Inc.” and “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2025 and 2025-2026.”

Resolutions #945 through #949 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

#### **Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry**

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Resolutions #950 through #974 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

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

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #975 and #976 on the agenda.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for

Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine**

Legislator Castine stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Andrew Wylie, the District Attorney, was present to discuss three resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc.,” “Authorizing Payment of 2025 Membership Dues” and “Authorizing Contract with Advent FS.”

Chad Deans, the County Coroner, was also in attendance to discuss two resolutions, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2025” and “Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues.” Mr. Deans also provided an update on the progress of the bid process for the mortuary cooler.

Resolutions #977 through #981 have been placed on the agenda as a result of the Committee’s recommendation. The Committee was also polled on Resolution #982.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Legislator Castine wanted to thank the Transportation Committee for their letter of support in regards to the paving on I-87. Mr. Castine also thanked Joe LoTempio, of the Press Republican, and Kim Dedham, of Sun Community News, for their related articles.

Legislator Castine also asked for an Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

### **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 Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

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

Legislator Hughes noted the Board of Health is looking for Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (ATUPA) aides. Mr. Zurlo stated he authorized a countywide email on the subject.

### **Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislators Randall and Waldron**

Legislator Randall reported he attended the Intercounty meeting held on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in Essex County. Dave Lucas, of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), provided an update on County Medicaid costs and as of April 1, 2025 weekly shares will be back on each County’s statutory cap. Legislator Randall stated short-term rental legislation was also discussed and noted the biggest hang-up will be implementing a statewide registry. Mr. Randall stated the next Intercounty meeting will be on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in Washington County.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

**County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo reported 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 #916 through #919 were approved.

Resolution #920 titled, “Amending Resolution #809 dated October 9, 2024 titled, “Authorizing Contract with KAS, Inc.” was motioned by Legislator Bezio and seconded by Legislator Henry. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated the Purchasing Agent did open bids, as Mr. Castine made reference to the mortuary cooler that came in under bid by a few thousand dollars. Mr. Zurlo stated, however, Legislator Hall’s Airport bids that were opened well exceeded the amount of money budgeted for those projects costing. He explained the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) account now stands at negative \$45,000. Mr. Zurlo stated he removed a truck purchase that was previously approved through a resolution. Mr. Zurlo explained there is one more bid opening, which is phase two of the Highway Project that is due on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. He explained he did his very best to get to the ARPA account to zero, but noted the County did put a considerable amount of money from ARPA in the Fund Balance. Mr. Zurlo is hoping it comes in on bid but may have to solve the dilemma from the Fund Balance. Mr. Zurlo ended by noting \$45,000 is admirable, he had hoped to get to zero, but noted the County is not giving anything back. He explained ARPA funding needs to be expended by the end of 2025 and obligated by the end of 2024.

Resolutions #921 through #974 were approved.

Resolution #975 titled, “Authorizing Change Order No. 2 with A.W. Farrell & Son, Inc. (21 Arkansas Street) was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo stated this is money coming back to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) account.

Resolutions #976 through #993 were approved.

Resolution #994 was withdrawn, this was a duplicate of Resolution #935.

Resolution #995 was approved.

Legislator Kretser motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Kretser motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:36 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Waldron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin M. Light". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin M. Light  
Senior Typist

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