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December 2, 2024

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Monday, November 25, 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
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2024 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one 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 met on Tuesday, November 19th.

Superintendent James Cleveland discussed the Highway Garage Ventilation Project Bid and an update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects.

Resolution #997 has been placed on the agenda upon the Committee's recommendation.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 9th 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, December 3rd 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.

Resolution #998 from the November 13th Committee meeting has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee, as well as, Resolution #999, which was polled. Resolution #1020, under Waive Rule 13.2, has also been placed on the agenda.

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

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

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

Legislator Timmons reminded everyone that the Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 26th to begin discussion on the 2025 Budget. The Committee will also meet on Wednesday, November 27th to continue Budget discussion if necessary. These meetings begin at 4:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee is also scheduled to meet at its regular date and time of Wednesday, December 4th at 5:15 p.m. for normal business.

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, December 4th 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, December 3rd 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, December 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Hall

Legislator Hall reported the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, discussed several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Hynes Electrical Supply Co., Inc.” and “Awarding Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Baggage Conveyor Belt Systems Maintenance and Repair Contract.” He also discussed updates on airlines, personnel and in Executive Session, a tenant update. Legislator Hall was happy to announce a new route to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, two times daily beginning Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Resolutions #1000 through #1009 have been placed on the agenda upon the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

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

Legislator Castine reported Eric Day, the Emergency Services Director, is meeting with Steve Bronson, the Port Director, to discuss mutual aid to keep several border crossings available during the off hours.

Legislator Castine stated he spoke with Rob and his portion of Interstate 87 has been paved over adequately.

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

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, November 19th.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, discussed resolutions, “Authorizing 2024/2025 Round Accelerated Transit Capital (ATC) Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Mobility Management Services for the Clinton County Public Transit System.”

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, discussed several resolutions including, “Amending Resolution #245 dated March 22, 2023 titled, “Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100 Percent of the Federal-Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project and Appropriating Funds Therefore” and “Authorizing Supplemental Engineering Services Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for the Treadwell Mills/Military Turnpike Corridor Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements Project.”

Resolutions #1010 through #1014 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 9th at 5:15 p.m.

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Clinton Community College – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported things are on schedule and have begun to be moved into the Redcay Building.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17th. He also stated Linda Gilliland, the Executive Director, reported the Comptrollers Report was released today and the County is ranked second in Agriculture and Economic Development.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislators Kretser and Hughes

Legislator Kretser reported he is serving on the Bylaws Review Committee.

Soil and Water Conservation District – Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Bezio reported the District finalized payment on a large number of agricultural and farm projects that have been completed. He stated the staff from the District was in attendance in the audience.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested a brief Executive Session to report on settlement in the Opioid litigation.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo reported the budget document has been completed and can be viewed in hard copy or in electronic form.

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 #996 and #997 were approved.

Resolution #998 titled, “Approving the Issuance of Certain Obligations by the Clinton County Capital Resource Corporation to Finance a Certain Project for CVES BOCES” was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported when the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency passes bonds, the Clinton County Legislature, as the Municipal Governing Authority, needs to bless that transaction. He noted this resolution does not impact Clinton County’s bonds, ratings or finances in any way.

Resolutions #999 through #1019 were approved.

The Clinton County Legislature congratulated the Soil and Water Conservation District on their 75th Anniversary and Legislator Timmons read the resolution aloud and presented the plaque to Pete Hagar, the District Manager. Mr. Hagar thanked the Legislature and stated the District is happy to provide this service to the County.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (10-0-0).

Resolution #1020 titled, “Authorizing Execution of Deed to Complete Sale of Parcel #220.-1-3.1 to CIDC Plattsburgh, LLC” was motioned by Legislator Waldron and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this is the same project, once the lawyers were getting to closing documents the buyers attorney needed something in a resolution that wasn’t in the original resolution.

Resolution #1021 titled, “Authorizing Lease Agreement with Heart Aerospace, LLC (Nose Dock #2) was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall reported Heart Aerospace, LLC is building an electric airline to fly international flights. They are shipping the airplane to Plattsburgh, New York on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

Legislator Hughes motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:49 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (10-0-0).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:08 p.m., seconded by Legislator Hughes. Carried (10-0-0).

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

Respectfully submitted,

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