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April 9, 2026

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, April 8, 2026 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Ron Deragon, Area 8
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
Kevin Randall, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7

EXCUSED: David Bezio, Area 4
David Kerr, Area 10
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Jennifer Facteau-Rabideau, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Christine Peters, Esq., County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq., County Attorney

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

Christine Peters, Esq., the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Ms. Facticeau-Rabideau and Messrs. Bezio, Kerr and Kretser asked to be excused.

Legislator Randall motioned to accept the minutes of the March 25, 2026 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Deragon. Carried (6-0-4).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Brandi Lloyd, the County Clerk, stated organ donation is near and dear to her heart and to her entire family. She and her father were blessed to receive kidneys from living donors, donors living here in Clinton County. She knows of too many families that have had to say goodbye to their children, but through their selfless gifts of life the memories of their children are able to live on. Ms. Lloyd thanked the Legislators for considering the passage of this resolution. The meaningful acknowledgement helps raise awareness about the lifesaving impact of organ, eye and tissue donation. Ms. Lloyd is grateful for the Legislature's support and sharing this message throughout the County. The Legislators are all heroes in her book.

Emily Moosmann, the Community Engagement Coordinator, with the Commercial Tobacco Use Reduction Network Clinton/Franklin/Essex stated this is a regional public health program focused on supporting healthier communities and environments through policy initiatives. Ms. Moosmann gave an overview of Clinton County related to the tobacco retail environment and vape products. She noted across the region and since their inception, nicotine products have changed significantly over the years, and the market has shifted towards disposable devices. These are designed for convenience and rapid consumption. There is currently a vape drop box at the Champlain Center Mall, which has received confiscated products from local schools. Since January, there have been 150 vape devices collected throughout the community and schools, and of that, 118 of the devices contained nicotine and none were legal flavors in New York State. More than 92 percent of these devices were single-use disposable vapes. Ms. Moosman noted some contain nicotine equivalent to high nicotine concentrations, along with large liquid capacities. This represents a significant change in how nicotine products are sold. What began as only a tobacco issue has now become an environmental management issue. There are 5.7 vape devices thrown away each second in the United States and the devices collected locally are part of a larger issue. Ms. Moosmann is working with Casella Waste Management to explore potential solutions, help raise awareness about proper disposal and the environmental impact. Most facilities in the region cannot accept these devices on their own due to the combination of hazardous waste components. Ms. Moosman stated Reality Check Youth conducted an environmental scan at the Franklin and Clinton County Fairs. At the Franklin County Fair, where there is not a tobacco-free grounds policy, Reality Check Youth counted 500 cigarette butts in a single visit. At the Clinton County Fair, where there is a tobacco-free policy, they counted less than 60 cigarette butts. Ms. Moosman explained the difference is very noticeable and reflects how policies and environments can influence behavior and the community's conditions over time. She stated Clinton County has demonstrated consistent and strong leadership in creating clean, family-friendly public spaces. Ms. Moosman wanted to share these observations so County leadership can see how quickly this marketplace is evolving. Ms. Moosman values the collaboration with the local government as we navigate this emerging public health trend. She thanked the Legislature for their time and appreciates the time to share this information (a copy of the handout has been attached hereto and made part of the minutes).

Linda Gilliland, the Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension, stated there are 52 Extensions throughout the state and this is an educational, non-profit. Ms. Gilliland spoke to Legislator Timmons about an opportunity she has and he suggested she speak with Ms. Peters regarding this. Ms. Gilliland is glad she did and thanked Ms. Peters for her assistance, stating it was great to have someone there to listen to her and offer suggestions.

There being no one else who wished to speak, Chairperson Henry moved onto the Committee Reports.

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Legislator Deragon

Legislator Deragon stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, April 7th.

Commissioner Gretchen Crowningshield was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with TipCo Automated Systems,” “Authorizing Contract with West Side Ballroom” and “Authorizing Out-of-State Travel.” Ms. Crowningshield provided updates on the Home Energy Assistance Program, daycare and the unhoused population. Ms. Crowningshield also discussed monthly statistics for February, 2026 and the Foster Parent Dinner.

Resolutions #224 through #228 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at 5:00 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – County Administrator Christine Peters, Esq.

On behalf of Legislator Kretser, Ms. Peters stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee met earlier.

David Souliere and Mary Dyer, the Commissioners of the Board of Elections, were in attendance to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Clinton County to Purchase Nine New Dominion Imagecast Evolution Voting Machines to Replace the Current Ballot Scanner Voting Machines.” Resolution #229 has been withdrawn.

Brandi Lloyd, the County Clerk, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with US Archives, Inc.,” “Amending Resolution #896 dated December 13, 2023 titled, “Authorizing Ongoing Contract with Valsoft/Cott Systems, Inc.” and “Proclaiming April as Donate Life Month in Clinton County to Raise Awareness of the Life-Saving Impact of Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation.”

David Randall, the Director of Information Technology, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing FY2023 Cybersecurity Grant Program Acceptance.” Mr. Randall also discussed the draft Policy of Acceptable Use of Artificial Intelligence Technologies.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Acceptance” and “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.”

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was also present to provide updates regarding grants, CPL, the Economic Development Coordinator position and the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency as a whole.

Resolutions #230 through #235 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, April 1st.

Randy Lozier, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Multi-Year Contract with Deckard Technologies, Inc.” Mr. Lozier also discussed In Rem Foreclosure.

Sean Lukas, the General Manager of Casella Waste Management, Kevin Bernstien, Esq. of Bond, Schoneck & King, PLLC and Alita Guida, Esq. of Couch White, LLP gave a presentation on the Casella Landfill Phase VI Expansion.

The Committee also discussed the resolutions, “SEQRA Resolution Adopting the Consistency Analysis and Authorizing New England Waste Services of N.Y. to Submit 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 360 Permit Application and Related Permitting” and “Authorizing Contract with Lumsden & McCormick, LLP.”

Resolutions #236 through #240 have been placed on the agenda based on the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, April 1st.

Jeff Sisson, the Public Health Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Ausable Valley Central School District” and “Authorizing Contract with Dual Development, LLC.” Mr. Sisson also discussed the Health Department Report for March, 2026 and the Director’s Report for February, 2026. The Committee also discussed Section 4408 Transportation and Transdev.

Resolutions #241 through #243 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – County Administrator Christine Peters, Esq.

On behalf of Legislator Facticeau-Rabideau, Ms. Peters stated the Human Services Committee met on Thursday, April 2nd.

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

Darleen Collins, the Director of the Office for the Aging, was also present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing Contract with Bright Market, LLC d/b/a FastSpring," "Authorizing Contract with GoGo Technologies, Inc." and "Authorizing Annual Update to the Four-Year Plan and Accepting Annual Implementation Plan."

Resolutions #244 through #246 have been placed on the agenda based on the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Chairperson Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, April 6th.

The resolutions from the Committee meeting will be placed on the Wednesday, April 22nd Regular Session.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – County Administrator Christine Peters, Esq.

On behalf of Legislator Bezio, Ms. Peters stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, April 6th.

Major Nicholas Leon was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Police Traffic Services Grant Application and Acceptance," "Authorizing Child Passenger Safety Program Grant Application and Acceptance" and "Authorizing the Deputy County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation from the Sheriff's Department Federal Justice Seizure Reserve."

Tori Singh, the Chief Assistant Public Defender, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Contract with E.T. Harris and Son, Inc.," "Authorizing Contract with Filevine, Inc." and "Authorizing Second Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Grant Acceptance."

Chad Deans, the County Coroner, was in attendance to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing

Various Contracts for the Coroner's Refrigerated Decedent Unit Project.”

Jami Rock, the Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center, discussed the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Together for Youth.”

Resolutions #247 through #261 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee's recommendation.

Resolution #259 has been withdrawn.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – County Administrator Christine Peters, Esq.

On behalf of Legislator Kerr, Ms. Peters stated the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 5:15 p.m.

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Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th.

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

Legislator Randall stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th at 1:00 p.m.

Soil and Water Conservation Board – Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Timmons provided a handout regarding tire roundup events, which is first come, first served. The ash tree removal in the Northern Tier is still being done, with over 1,200 ash trees marked for removal. Legislator Timmons noted there were eight on-farm conservation projects allocated \$285,000 for implementation via the AEM Tier 4 Program. Soil and Water was also awarded \$104,000 for meeting performance measure goals.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher stated she received a good result regarding a lawsuit that was filed against the City of Plattsburgh and Clinton County about the administration of the Civil Service Law. The judge determined the City of Plattsburgh and Civil Service did exactly what they should do and the suit was dismissed. Ms. Kelleher also requested a brief Executive Session about the sale and lease of real property.

County Administrator – Christine Peters, Esq.

Ms. Peters stated the Deputy County Treasurer Rebecca Murphy informed Ms. Peters the County received Mohawk Gaming revenue of \$447,000.

Chairperson's 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 #224 and #225 were approved.

Resolution #226 titled, "Authorizing Contract with West Side Ballroom" was motioned by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Deragon. Carried (6-0-4).

Discussion: Ms. Peters stated to save the date of Thursday, May 21st for the Foster Parent Dinner.

Resolutions #227 and #228 were approved.

Resolution #229 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #230 through #237 were approved.

Resolution #238 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Lumsden & McCormick, LLP – Legislature" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Deragon. Carried (6-0-4).

Discussion: Legislator Henry asked to look at the contract cost in the body of the resolution and if the County uses the Senior Accountant services that is \$243/hour. He is suggesting the Legislature think about setting a not to exceed number. He suggests \$50,000.

Legislator Castine motioned to table this resolution to discuss further in Executive Session.

Resolutions #239 through #258 were approved.

Resolution #259 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #260 through #266 were approved.

Legislator Peryea motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss the sale and lease of real property at 5:56 p.m., seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (6-0-4).

Legislator Timmons motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Legislator Deragon. Carried (6-0-4).

After further Executive Session discussion, Legislator Deragon motioned to table Resolution #238 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Lumsden & McCormick, LLP – Legislature" seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (6-0-4).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Peryea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m., seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (6-0-4).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin M. Light". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erin" written in a more stylized, connected script.

Erin M. Light
Senior Typist

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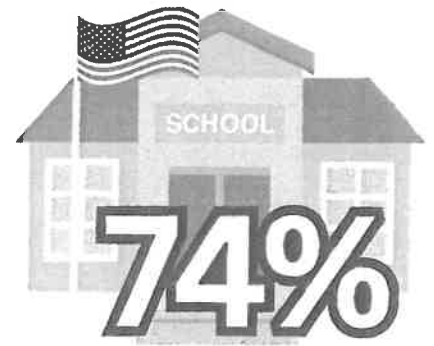
The Vape Problem Isn't Going Away



Vape products collected by C-TURN since January 2026



Of the 118 devices known to contain nicotine, ZERO were in flavors legal for sale in NYS



Of vape products were confiscated from a middle or high school

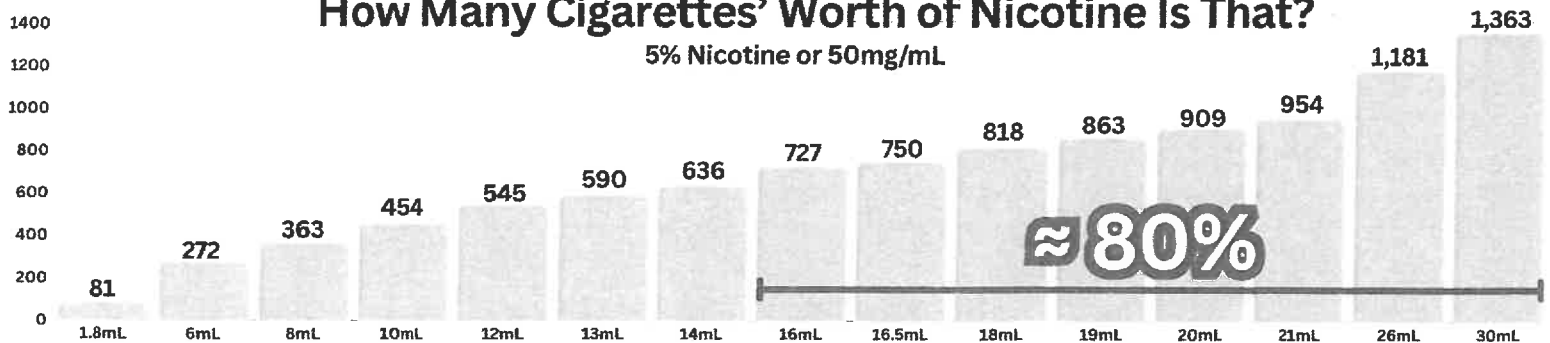


93.3% of Products Were 'Disposable' Vapes

'Disposable' vapes are single-use devices that contain both pre-filled e-liquid and battery components that cannot be separated. **Despite the name, these devices cannot be thrown in the trash.** Disposable devices have **no local solutions for disposal** due to the acute hazardous waste and electronic waste components that cannot be separated. **Disposable vapes that end up in the trash or recycling are known to cause fires or explosions.**

How Many Cigarettes' Worth of Nicotine Is That?

5% Nicotine or 50mg/mL



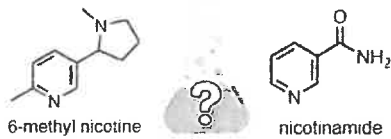
Manufacturers are using high concentrations of addictive nicotine; combined with large e-liquid capacities, this means a lot more nicotine on demand than a pack of cigarettes. **About 80% of nicotine devices contained between 16mL and 30mL of e-liquid. The estimated cigarette equivalents for the 118 nicotine vapes ranged from 81 to 1,363 cigarettes' worth of nicotine per device.** These estimates use the same mathematic equation as Stanford Reach Lab's 'Cigs in an E-Cig' educational flyer.

Enforcement



Local Environmental Health Departments Are Responsible for Retailer Enforcement

- They cannot confiscate anything, allowing illegal products to remain with the retailer to be sold another day.
- They are unable to search retailer premises & cannot evaluate anything not in clear view.
 - Most illicit products are kept in a cupboard or other hidden area, and are brought out upon request.
 - Some retailers will have a list of devices and illegal flavor options for customers to choose from upon request.
- Local ATUPA workers cannot assess synthetic nicotine products and/or products without the word 'tobacco' explicitly on the packaging. This excludes the majority of vape and nicotine pouch products (the main tobacco products used by youth) since most contain synthetic nicotine.



Vape Companies Are Weaving Through Existing Loopholes

- Selling flavored nicotine analogue devices, which are legal for sale.
 - Analogues are lab-created chemicals that simulate the same effects of nicotine, just without any health and safety reviews.
 - ex: 6-methyl nicotine, nicotinamide, etc.
 - Research indicates some nicotine analogues may be more addictive and toxic than nicotine.
 - Since substitutes for nicotine (SFN) are not considered tobacco products, they are becoming more prevalent, as they do not apply to the existing flavored nicotine vapor ban.
- Overseas manufacturers misdescribe goods to bypass product regulation.
 - Makes regulation difficult by: redirecting flagged shipments, labeling vapes as toys or other items, and constantly changing product names and brands.



Most Retailers Selling Illegal Devices Are Evading Taxes

- Illicit vape products are often sold under a different name and category, evading NYS Tobacco & Vapor taxes.
- Some retailers will categorize vapes as a food item upon sale, evading NYS Sales Tax as well.

Policy Approaches Used in Other Communities



Assigning Retail Enforcement to Law Enforcement Agencies

- Ability to search the premises, including storage rooms.
- Ability to confiscate illegal products.



Restrictions on Single-Use Disposable Vape Devices

- Most vapes sold are disposable devices, products that have no existing trash or recycling options in Clinton, Franklin, or Essex Counties.
 - Disposable vapes are both an acute hazardous waste and electronic waste - the majority of local facilities do not accept them.
 - Reduces the likelihood of devices causing fires or exploding in waste treatment facilities.
 - Reusable vapes (where the battery and e-liquid components can be separated) can be managed by local electronics and household hazardous waste collections.

Single-Use Plastic Reduction Policies

- Plastic reduction policies in some areas include tobacco-related products, making illegal the sale of cigarette filters, disposable vapes, cigar tips, and plastic vape pods/cartridges.
 - Cigarette filters are made of plastic fibers, which do not protect the smoker and become microplastics in the environment when littered.

Creation of Extended Producer Responsibility Laws

- EPR laws place the financial and operational burden of tobacco product waste cleanup and disposal from municipalities to manufacturers and producers.
 - Can help cover the expensive costs of cigarette cleanups, vape waste infrastructure, and vape waste disposal costs.



Regulation of Chemicals Meant To Simulate Nicotine (Analogues and/or Substitutes For Nicotine)

- Some policies address nicotine analogues or substitutes not covered under existing laws.
 - Vape devices containing nicotine alternatives, most of which are untested, are developed to skirt existing flavored nicotine vapor bans.
- Reduces the likelihood of our children becoming the testing ground for unknown and unregulated chemicals.