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June 27, 2025

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, June 25, 2025 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
Paul Lamoy, Area 8
Kevin Randall, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Francis Peryea, Area 2

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

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

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislators Kretser and Peryea have asked to be excused.

Legislator Hall motioned to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2025 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (8-0-2).

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 Lamoy

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

Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds James Cleveland reported the Old Courthouse Window Project is going extremely well. He stated approximately two-thirds of the windows have been installed and the exterior trim has been completed on those windows. Additionally, he noted once all windows are installed, the staff will move inside and situate the interior trim.

Mr. Cleveland reported the Highway Ventilation System Project also went well, everything is installed and the startup inspection was scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th.

Resolution #479 titled, “Amending Resolution #239 dated March 27, 2024, titled, “Awarding Bid for the Government Center Brick Rehabilitation” has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, July 14th at 4:00 p.m. has been cancelled.

Children and Family Services Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Peryea, Mr. Zurlo 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 1st at 5:00 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 16th at 3:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

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

Resolutions #458 and #459 have been polled and placed on the agenda based on the Committee's recommendation.

The next Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 2nd at 5:15 p.m. has been cancelled.

Health Committee – Legislator Bezio

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

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

Legislator Bezio stated he attended the Adaptive Kayak Launch Grand Opening and was shown how the launch works. He noted it is great that more people will be able to kayak with the help of this launch.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

He was pleased to announce the approval of the sale of the Clinton County Nursing Home by the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council. Ms. Kelleher will be working with the new owners to facilitate a closing in the future. The Personnel Department will also be providing information sessions at the Nursing Home to facilitate employment options.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 1st 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 Tuesday, July 8th 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 Lease Agreement with Planemasters, Ltd." and "Awarding Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Airport Jet Bridge Maintenance and Repair Contract," as well as, several leases including C & S Engineers, Inc. and Aljobe Bajeky, LLC.

Resolutions #460 through #471 have been placed on the agenda upon the Committee's recommendation.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 16th 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.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 8th at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo

On behalf of Legislator Kretser, Mr. Zurlo stated the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #472 and #473 have been polled and placed on the agenda based on the Committee's recommendation.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 14th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Lamoy

Legislator Lamoy reported the Board of Health met on Monday, June 16th and discussed fine schedules and New York State Vaccines for Children presented and provided suggestions for the Department. He noted Clinton County continues to be rabies-free. He stated on Friday, May 23rd the first municipal level food Waste Collection Program was started in Champlain, New York. Lastly, he apprised the Legislature that students of Chazy Rural Central School received lessons in kayaking from a grant made available after the health and wealth policies were updated (with help from the Clinton County Health Department).

Clinton Community College – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron reported the feasibility study and unveiling will occur on Monday, June 30th at Clinton Community College in the Moore Building in which all Legislators have been invited to.

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, and James Cleveland, the Buildings and Grounds Superintendent, will be researching how to maintain the building moving forward and reviewing the maintenance contracts.

Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated financially the Board has picked up a few add-ons for their budget as they received \$5,800 for Climates Stewart Fund to kick-start a program, 4-H donated \$3,500 towards the Robotics Club, Master Gardeners and Garden Advice raised \$7,000 for educational outreach at their annual plant sale and Chappel Hill Foundation continues their support of the horticulture programs with a \$15,800 donation. He noted Roost, North Country Community College, Rulf's, Adirondack Harvest and I Love NY are set to host the agritourism regional networking event. He mentioned the Fair week will start Saturday, July 5th for the 4-H youth groups and if any Legislator would like to tour the 4-H building

you may. Legislator Timmons reported Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) educators are providing educational showings regarding how to eat healthy and affordable. Lastly, he noted the Agricultural tour is scheduled for Friday, September 12th.

Grievance Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Grievance Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, July 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26th in Herkimer County followed by the Thursday, July 24th meeting in Hamilton County.

Soil and Water Conservation – Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Board met Thursday, June 19th and reported district technicians have been busy hydroseeding roadsides for towns, trapping ash bore beetles to see what is going on with them, water testing local farms and assisting farmers for soil testing, as well as, the three tire recycling dates that have been completed at the Schuyler Falls, Peru and Champlain sites, collecting a total of 2,600 tires that would have otherwise been disposed in ditches and waterways. He noted the State is close to executing the Ash Tree contract (for privately-owned properties in Champlain, the City of Plattsburgh and Rouses Point that are eligible based on criteria) and technicians have been marking trees in preparation of that date. Legislator Timmons reported the 2025/2026 State budget has increased the Environmental Protection fund by \$25 million with many direct benefits to the Soil and Water Districts. He apprised the Board that the AEM Program was submitted with a request of \$300,000 for technical assistance and \$315,000 for the implementation of best management practices on Clinton County farms, which is a three-year contract. Lastly, he stated the Champlain Waste Shed Improvement Coalition of New York was awarded \$900,000 by the Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board to support the new Water Shed Coordinator Position and projects on the New York side of Lake Champlain.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher requested an Executive Session regarding two matters: one of litigation and one matter relating to the sale of the real property. Ms. Kelleher reported she has begun working with the water district attorney for the Town of Schuyler Falls to get the Sand Road Water District established. That lawyer is preparing a petition and there is going to be an informational meeting for residents on Wednesday, July 16th. Mr. Zurlo stated there has been considerable progress made as of late and finally have a path forward. He noted the engineers will be presenting at the July 16th meeting and the State has provided a \$5 million grant for this project. The expense to Clinton County, which will be split with the company over five-years is \$17,000 for years one through three, \$10,000 for year four and \$5,000 for year five. Lastly, he stated the residents will begin to pay a water bill in year six that is slightly less than their neighboring water district.

County Administrator – Michael Zurlo

Mr. Zurlo stated he would like to request an Executive Session to discuss a matter of a particular employee.

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Henry reported on behalf of the Legislature that he, the Commissioner of Social Services Christine Peters and Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, were at a press conference earlier at the YMCA where the Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie, along with Assemblyman Billy Jones were present to announce the two men have an additional \$1.5 million for the YMCA Project. Mr. Zurlo stated it is important to note that initially \$3 million was awarded by their earlier efforts for a grand total of \$4.5 million.

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

Resolution #458 was approved.

Chairperson Henry skipped forward to Resolution #472, which was approved.

Resolutions #459 through #461 were approved.

Resolution #462 titled "Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Avflight Corporation" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Mr. Zurlo reported this codifies the discussion that was had two weeks ago.

Resolutions #463 through #468 were approved.

Resolution #469 titled "Awarding Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Airport Jet Bridge Maintenance and Repair Contract" was motioned by Legislator Hall and seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Legislator Timmons asked for the resolution to be amended to reflect the Economy Sales and Service Quote was only for a single Jet Bridge not the four specified in the RFP document.

On a motion by Legislator Timmons, the resolution was amended to reflect the above, seconded by Legislator Hall. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #470 and #471 were approved.

Resolutions #473 through #478 were approved.

Legislator Hall motioned to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolution #479 was approved.

Resolution #480 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Fischer, Bessette, Muldowney & McArdle, LLP" was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Ms. Kelleher reported last week an Article 78 Action was filed against the City of Plattsburgh and the Clinton County Civil Service Department relating to the City of Plattsburgh's appointment of a new Police Chief. The Civil Service Department was named because the Action contends that the new Police Chief was not eligible to be appointed and therefore Clinton County's Civil Service Director should not have appointed him. In Ms. Kelleher's opinion, that is a totally baseless case

because the Clinton County Civil Service Director's duty is to look at the Civil Service Law to see if this person qualifies to be appointed. She indicated that both herself and Assistant County Attorney Gary Favro have conflicts that will not allow them to represent the County in this matter. She contacted Fischer, Besette, Muldowney & Mcardle, LLP and they are willing to represent the County's interest at a reduced municipal rate of \$300.

Legislator Bezio motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss the sale and lease of real property at 5:55 p.m., seconded by Legislator Lamoy. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Hall motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:26 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolution #480 was approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m., seconded by Legislator Waldron. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,

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

Toni M. Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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