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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: David Bezio, Area 4
Calvin Castine, Area 1
Ron Deragon, Area 8
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
David Kerr, Area 10
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Francis Peryea, Area 2
Kevin Randall, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Jennifer Facteau-Rabideau, Area 6

ALSO PRESENT: Christine Peters, Esq., County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy 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. All Legislators were present.

Legislator Randall motioned to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2026 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Kerr. Carried (10-0-0).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Greg Nesbit stated he spoke to everyone present except for Legislator Randall regarding his most recent interaction with the District Attorney. He is here tonight, mainly because he has never been to one of these meetings, and he would like to start to push towards politics, but the reason for that is that he thinks there are many things in State politics that need to change. Mr. Nesbit thinks more of a push from local politicians to the State could help create some of that change. The main thing he wants to reiterate to everyone is that when your District Attorney feels it is legal and viable to threaten to remove someone from a public building for simply questioning why he is not following a State Procedural Code of the Van Sickle doctrine. He noted that is how the State Police, the City Police and Sheriff's Deputies are allowed to prosecute vehicle and traffic cases in the State of New York, as you cannot practice law unless you have a legal license. He noted that is why we need the Van Sickle Doctrine. The Van Sickle Doctrine came from the 1960's and a man named Van Sickle was found guilty, except for he was prosecuted primarily by the witness to the crime and the District Attorney was basically holding that witness's hand. The New York State Supreme Court ruled that legal and okay. That is where the Van Sickle Doctrine came from, that is why they allow it in vehicle and traffic violations. It could be broadened, in theory, from the way the Supreme Court wrote the decision. However, it has only been expanded to the point of vehicle and traffic code, which Mr. Nesbit agrees with, sort of. At the end of the day, he understands there is no opposing counsel that wants to run and be District Attorney, but he also thinks the District Attorney could potentially cost the County millions of dollars with his current state of mind and his current inability to deal with public questioning. Mr. Nesbit noted this room is much larger, but he was speaking about the same volume the other day in the District Attorney's Office. However, everything echoes off the wall in front of the glass and then echoes back again. Mr. Wylie was saying Mr. Nesbit was yelling at everyone in the office. Mr. Nesbit stated he does not yell and speaks clearly. Mr. Wylie pushed his panic button feeling his life was in danger but Mr. Nesbit is not sure what the danger was. He asked the Legislature if he looked like a dangerous person because he was no different that day except he had his phone in his hand. Mr. Nesbit was only recording because he assumed the incident would go exactly how it did and Mr. Wylie wanted to go on a "power trip." He called the Sheriff's Deputy that was in the building on his personal cell phone, trying to impose his will and impose his power. Mr. Nesbit stated the reality of the situation is the District Attorney has absolutely no power over anyone that does not violate the law. The District Attorney seems to think that Mr. Nesbit was in violation of some law where he questioned why his office was not following a State rule for the Van Sickle Doctrine. Mr. Nesbit stated he has been to Franklin County, Essex County and St. Lawrence County and has had a ticket just about everywhere in the State. He did not have a have a great driving record but does now. Mr. Nesbit used to go and plead these out himself. The problem is last Tuesday, there were 30 people in the room waiting to go to a trial and there were no cops to prosecute. Mr. Nesbit thinks at least \$3,000 to \$4,000 in revenue walked out the door and the District Attorney has no care or mind for that, is what his exact words were to Mr. Nesbit, where it is not his problem because he does not prosecute traffic violations. With that being said, Mr. Nesbit strongly advises and encourages this group to look into the District Attorney, to question the District Attorney at one of these meetings while he can be recorded and questioned and look at his integrity. If you don't agree with his integrity, to push the State with articles of impeachment, or push the Governor to remove him from office and make a special election, because he is going to ultimately cost the County millions of dollars if he is allowed to do some of the things he has

done. Mr. Nesbit thanked everybody that took his calls, that called him back, that listened.

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 meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9th was cancelled.

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, March 3rd.

Gretchen Crowningshield, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Clinton County,” “Authorizing Contract with Language Line Services, Inc.” and “Authorizing Contract with Changed by Christ (Bridge House).” Ms. Crowningshield also discussed monthly statistics for January, 2026.

Resolutions #131 through #134 have been placed on the agenda based on the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Kretser

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

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss the New York State of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Feedback regarding the County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and possible grant funding for Hamlin Heights.

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Amending Resolution #165 dated March 13, 2024 titled, “Authorizing Empire State Development’s Fast-NY Shovel Ready Program Grant Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing Clinton County Foreign Trade Zone No. 54 Site Operating Agreement – Legislature.” Ms. Ryan also provided updates on the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency and the Economic Development Coordinator Search.

The Committee also discussed the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Northeast Business Interiors” and New York State Electric and Gas Rates.

Resolutions #135 through #138 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, April 8th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, March 4th.

Sean Lukas, the General Manager of Casella Waste Systems, presented on increasing the costs of Permits for Businesses.

Randy Lozier, the County Treasurer, and Rebecca Murphy, the Deputy County Treasurer, presented on several resolutions including, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation for the Coroner’s Refrigerated Decedent Unit Project – Coroner” and “Amending Resolution #942 dated December 10, 2025 titled, “Authorizing Contract with Tyler Technologies – Munis Division”

Mr. Lozier and Ms. Murphy also discussed In Rem Foreclosure, the 2026 Town/City Tax Installments, the Correction of Error Report, Investments and the Adult-Use Cannabis Report.

The Committee also discussed the resolutions, “Adopting Clinton County Gender-Based Violence in the Workplace Policy,” “Authorizing Lease Agreement with the Town of Plattsburgh” and “Appointing Records Management Officer.”

Resolutions #139 through #144 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, March 4th.

Richelle Gregory, the Community Services Director, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding with the Veterans’ Service Agency” and “Amending Resolution #59 dated February 11, 2026 titled, “Amending Resolution #954 dated December 10, 2025 titled, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2026.”

Jeff Sisson, the Director of Public Health, was also in attendance to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Greg Badger Art” and “Authorizing Contract with Symquest Group, Inc.” Mr. Sisson also discussed the Health Department Report for February, 2026, the Director’s Report for January, 2026 and First Transit, Inc.

Resolutions #145 through #151 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Facticeau-Rabideau

Legislator Facticeau-Rabideau stated the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, March 3rd.

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 the resolutions, "Authorizing Out-of-State Travel" and "Authorizing New York State Creative Aging Grant Application and Acceptance."

Resolutions #152 and #153 have been placed on the agenda based on the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Chairperson Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, March 2nd.

Resolutions #154 through #179 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee's recommendation.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 6th at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio 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, March 25th at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, March 2nd.

Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director, was present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing Contract with Post Residential Placement Program."

Sheriff Dave Favro was present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing Payment of 2026 Maintenance Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc." and "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Establish Appropriation from the Sheriff's Department Federal Justice Seizure Reserve." Sheriff Favro also discussed the status of the ICE contract.

Chad Deans, the County Coroner, was also present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing Dormitory Authority of the State of New York Grant Application" and "Amending Resolution #988 dated December 10, 2025 titled, "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2026."

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing FY2023 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula-Based Grant Program Extension" and "Authorizing FY2021 and 2022 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula-Based Grant Program Extension."

Resolutions #180 through #195 have been placed on the agenda based on the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kerr

Legislator Kerr stated the Transportation Committee met on Monday, March 9th.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was in attendance to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with Hebert’s Lawn Care and Snowplowing for Lawn Care Services at 226 Arizona Avenue” and “Authorizing the Purchase of a Tire Changer.”

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Awarding Bid for Bridge Scour Repair for the Year 2026,” “Awarding Bid for the Treadwell Mills/Military Turnpike Corridor Pedestrian and Bike Improvements Project” and “Authorizing the Award and Purchase of a New 2024 Ford F-600 with Dump Body and Plow/Spreader Package.”

Resolutions #196 through #204 have been placed on the agenda based on the recommendation of the Committee.

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

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Soil and Water Conservation Board – Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Bezio reported the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26th.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Christine Peters, Esq.

Ms. Peters reminded the Legislature the New York State Association of Counties Conference will commence on Sunday, March 16th through Wednesday, March 18th. On Thursday, March 12th there will be a press conference at the New York State Department of Transportation at 11:00 a.m. and Ms. Peters asked to please let her know if planning on attending.

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 #131 through #140 were approved.

Resolution #141 titled, “Authorizing the County Treasurer to Increase Appropriation for the Coroner’s Refrigerated Decedent Unit Project” was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Facteau-Rabideau abstained.

Resolution #142 was approved.

Resolution #143 titled “Authorizing Lease Agreement with the Town of Plattsburgh” was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (9-1-0).

Discussion: Legislator Peryea voted in the negative.

Resolutions #144 through #172 were approved.

Resolution #173 titled, “Approving Reclassification of a Permanent, Full-Time Typist Position up to a Permanent, Full-Time Social Welfare Examiner Position (PCN 4325)” was motioned by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (10-0-0).

Discussion: Ms. Peters stated she wanted to discuss this resolution because this illustrates how the County could use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to allow positions to do human-type work and allow AI to take over other more mundane tasks. Ms. Peters noted the Department of Social Services has an AI solution that does various things and one of the things is answer the phone. In Child Welfare and Adult Services there are five typist positions, but they needed a Social Welfare Examiner to do some clerical work that the Caseworkers were currently doing. Because of the AI solution taking some of the workload off the typists, they were able to reclassify and allow a human to do human work, not answer the phone, and to do work that Caseworkers were doing, which was taking them out of the field. Ms. Peters stated this is a good illustration of how some of the AI solutions can help the County put employees that show great promise in their job duties to do human work and free people up to go out in the field. This probably created a few hours on the Senior Caseworker’s desk to be able to get them back in the field instead of doing coding and eligibility work. Chairperson Henry stated Ms. Peters was the Commissioner of Social Services that pioneered the use of AI that was implemented a few years ago and here it is a year later where it is starting to show some benefits for the County.

Resolutions #174 through #183 were approved.

Resolution #184 titled, “Amending Resolution #775 dated September 11, 2024 titled, “Authorizing a Written Mutual Aid Agreement for Coroner Services” was motioned by Legislator Randall and seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Facteau-Rabideau abstained.

Resolution #185 titled, “Amending Resolution #988 dated December 10, 2025 titled, “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2026” was motioned by Legislator Randall and seconded by Bezio. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Facteau-Rabideau abstained.

Resolution #186 titled, "Authorizing Dormitory Authority of the State of New York Grant Application" was motioned by Legislator Randall and seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-0-1).

Discussion: Legislator Facticeau-Rabideau abstained.

Resolutions #187 through #207 were approved.

Legislator Castine stated he thinks it is very inefficient there were 13 routine backfills on the agenda tonight. He explained if one person quits tomorrow and there is someone waiting to fill the position, he figures every one of these positions we have in the County are needed and ought to be able to fill them in a timely manner. Those 13 positions that the Legislature passed tonight went to the Personnel Committee on March 2nd. If we lost somebody two days after the Personnel Committee meeting, then they would have to wait until the April 8th Regular Session to fill that position. Legislator Castine stated the Legislature should consider whether routine backfills should be required to go through this process and it would be more efficient for Department Heads to be able to fill these positions without waiting four or five weeks. Chairperson Henry stated that is true until you think about that when these are posted, they have to go through a process. It takes months to fill these positions so there is still the probability that even if the Legislature says yes, you may not hire a Sheriff's Deputy for a very long time. Chairperson Henry stated this is something for the Personnel Committee to discuss.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Randall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (10-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,



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