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March 14, 2025

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held  
Wednesday, March 12, 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  
Joshua Kretser, Area 9  
Paul Lamoy, Area 8  
Kevin Randall, Area 5  
Rob Timmons, Area 7  
Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED: Francis Peryea, Area 2

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zurlo, County Administrator  
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator  
Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Michael Zurlo, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislator Peryea asked to be excused.

Legislator Kretser motioned to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2025 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Chairperson Henry stated the topic of the dog tether law would not be discussed since there is no legislation and the Legislature has heard the position on the law several times, including a few days ago, and for tonight, the Legislature will not be granting the topic of the dog tether law the privilege of the floor.

Jessica Murnane, of Morrisonville, New York, asked to speak on the transparency and accountability of the Legislature. She stated she has been involved for a short period of time in local meetings. She stated Clinton County is an amazing County and has a lot of privileges. She is concerned about the lack of clear understanding as to what the process is if there is a concerned citizen in their area, how does she know when the topic is being discussed. Ms. Murnane stated whether the law is protecting animals or humans it needs to make sense. Her concern is a lack of a clear understanding of a process. Ms. Murnane stated a public hearing should be, come one, come all.

Jennifer Jewett, of Champlain, New York, asked to address the Legislature regarding the First Amendment and Open Meetings Law. Chairperson Henry said that would not be discussed.

After an outburst from the crowd stating it was unfair Ms. Jewett was not allowed to speak, Legislator Hall stated he doesn't believe it is right to not allow someone to speak. He stated the public should be able to tell him what is going on and what has happened tonight is totally wrong. Legislator Hall stated himself and Ms. Waldron are working hard to get a public hearing on the proposed dog tether law. He stated some of his colleagues do not agree with what Ms. Jewett and all are trying to do and there is nothing wrong with that. At the same time, Ms. Jewett and all have a right to have a public hearing. He noted it is not going to solve anything repeatedly talking about the dog tether law. He asked Ms. Jewett and all to give himself and Legislator Waldron a chance to get enough votes and they will fight like hell to get a public hearing.

There being no one else 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 met on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent James Cleveland was present to discuss the Highway Garage Ventilation System Project, the Highway Garage Roof Project, the Master Plan and an update on the American Rescue Plan Act.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Children and Family Services Committee – County Administrator Michael Zurlo**

On behalf of Legislator Peryea, Mr. Zurlo stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Christine Peters was present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Adoption and Legal Guardianship Incentive (AIPP) Funds Grant Application and Acceptance” and “Authorizing Contract with West Side Ballroom.”

Commissioner Peters also provided a Warming Center and Eligibility Verification Assistant update.

Resolutions #147 and #148 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, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Mary Dyer, the Democratic Commissioner, was present to discuss the resolution, “Amending Resolution #921 dated December 8, 2021 titled, “Authorizing Contract with NTS Data Services, LLC.”

David Randall, the Information Technology Director, was present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing FY2022 Cybersecurity Grant Program Application.”

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was also in attendance to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Acceptance of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding through the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.” Ms. Thayer also discussed the 2024 Planning Department Report.

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was present to discuss the Clinton Business Innovation Gateway and the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency.

Resolutions #149 through #151 have been placed on the agenda upon the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

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

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ken Knelly, the Administrator-in-Charge at Clinton Community College, provided a campus update to the Committee.

Rebecca Murphy, the Deputy County Treasurer, was in attendance to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Payment of 2025 Membership Dues.” Ms. Murphy also discussed the 2025 Sales Tax Charts, In Rem Foreclosure and Occupancy Tax.

The Committee also discussed the resolutions, “Approving Home Rule Request for New York State Senate Bill 4448 and New York State Assembly Bill 3755,” “Authorizing Contract with BENCOR, Inc.” and “Authorizing Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. relative to the Clinton County Corrective Measures Remedial Treatment System for 2025 Permit Monitoring and Reporting Services.”

Resolutions #152 through #155 have been placed on the agenda based on the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

#### **Health Committee – Legislator Bezio**

Legislator Bezio stated the Health Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #156 and #157 on the agenda.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

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

Legislator Randall reported the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> was cancelled.

Resolutions #158 and #159 have been polled and placed on the agenda.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:15 p.m.

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

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Resolutions #160 through #178 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 7<sup>th</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 next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Legislator Hall stated the Airport had a County resident picking up a passenger that had a massive heart attack. He noted the Airport security team and the Sheriff’s Department did a fantastic job in saving

this person's life.

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

Legislator Castine stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sheriff David Favro was in attendance to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with the Town of Ausable” and “Authorizing Operation Stonegarden Grant Application and Acceptance.”

Jamie Martineau, the Public Defender, was in attendance to discuss the resolutions, “Amending Resolution #841 dated October 9, 2024 titled, “Authorizing Contract with the New York State Defenders Association, Inc.” and “Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding with the Clinton County Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services.”

District Attorney Andrew Wylie and Jami Rock, the Director of the Child Advocacy Center, were in attendance to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with SUNY Plattsburgh College Auxiliary Services” and “Authorizing Contract with The Impact Project, LLC.”

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, presented on the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Chimera Integrations.”

Coroner Chad Deans was also in attendance to discuss the appointments of Deputy County Coroners.

Legislator Castine stated members of the public were also present to discuss the proposed dog tether law.

Resolutions #179 through #190 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 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser**

Legislator Kretser reported the Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, provided a copy of the Clinton County Public Transit 2024 Annual Report.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was also in attendance to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Triangle Electrical Systems, Inc.” and “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the Treadwell Mills/Military Turnpike Corridor Pedestrian and Bike Improvements Project.”

Resolutions #191 through #195 have been placed on the agenda upon the Committee's recommendation.

Resolution #193 has been withdrawn and will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons**

Legislator Timmons stated Linda Gilliland, the Executive Director, wanted to advertise that Cornell will have a manure pit training for fire personnel at the Miner Institute on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Legislator Timmons stated there are limited spots available and he is hoping Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, can reach out to those who would need the training.

### **Soil and Water Conservation – Legislators Bezio and Timmons**

Legislator Bezio stated the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

### **County Administrator – Michael Zurlo**

Mr. Zurlo stated Governor Kathy Hochul has issued an Executive Order regarding future employment of those terminated by New York State Corrections and noted that New York State Civil Service is advising all to comply with the Executive Order. Mr. Zurlo stated Kim Kinblom, the Deputy County Administrator, will be informing all departments and municipalities of the Executive Order.

### **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 #146 through #192 were approved.

Resolution #193 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #194 through #200 were approved.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,



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