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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, October 22, 2025 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT:

David Bezio, Area 4

Calvin Castine, Area 1

Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3

Joshua Kretser, Area 9 Paul Lamoy, Area 8 Francis Peryea, Area 2 Kevin Randall, Area 5 Rob Timmons, Area 7 Patty Waldron, Area 6

EXCUSED:

Robert Hall, Area 10

ALSO PRESENT:

Christine Peters, County Administrator

Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator

Jacqueline Kelleher, County Attorney

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

Christine Peters, the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislator Hall asked to be excused.

Legislator Timmons motioned to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2025 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Geri Favreau, of the Clinton County Historical Association, reported they had a grant through the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership for \$40,000 this year and one of the tasks was to purchase banners for all of the municipalities in the County. The Plattsburgh North-Country Chamber designed the banner and every municipality (14 towns, three villages and the city) are going to receive a banner. She noted CCHA has big plans for the next year including sharing of information with the schools via packets and books. She noted next year, CCHA will receive another \$40,000 from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership. CCHA is planning to hold a signature weekend the weekend of October 9-11, 2026, which is the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Valcour. CCHA is trying to get this event recognized outside of Clinton County, as Benedict Arnold was a hero here. She mentioned that Mountain Lake Reporter Ken Birds produced a film on the American Revolution. It will be shown Wednesday, November 12th at 6 o'clock. She stated the preview is free, is 45 minutes long and then afterwards there will be a panel discussion. She encouraged individuals to access the website or Facebook to register. Ms. Favreau apprised the Legislature on other future events that they are planning to host. Lastly, she thanked the Legislature for listening to her and for what they do for the County.

Jody Perrea, the Dog Control Officer (DCO) for the Towns of Champlain, Chazy, Beekmantown and Rouses Point stated the primary purpose of a DCO is to license and control of the dog population in their municipalities. The secondary purpose is to control stray dogs. He apprised the Legislature on an issue that has been forming in the County for the last couple of years, and that is that dogs are being abandoned. In some cases, law enforcement is called and if the previous owners can be found, he will contact the State Troopers or the Sheriff's Department and ask them to intervene. As this is a criminal offense under Article 26 of Agriculture and Market's law, these people can be arrested and fined. The dogs are then taken into custody and treated humanely. Historically, he reported this has not been an issue because Elmore, SPCA would house the dogs if nobody claimed them in 10 days. At that point, the dogs would be vetted and rehomed. Unfortunately, New York State has severely cut down Elmore's ability to hold dogs, forcing the local townships to find alternative housing but space within the Counties is very sparce.

He advised the Legislature if they had any questions, he would be more than willing to talk about this in greater detail. He also stated he will speak to the supervisors in his district. Chairperson Henry suggested the best way for him to move forward is to address the Public Safety Committee.

Chairperson Henry moved onto the Committee Reports.

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Legislator Lamoy

Legislator Lamoy stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, October 14th.

Superintendent James Cleveland was present to discuss several resolutions, including, "Authorizing Contract with Architectural & Engineering Design Associates (AEDA), P.C." and

"Authorizing Contract with Hartson Total Opening," as well as, continued discussion regarding the former Clinton Community College campus.

Resolutions #784 through #786 have been placed on the agenda upon the Committee's recommendation.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 10th 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 Thursday, November 6^{th} 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.

Resolutions #787 and #788 have been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 12^{th} at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - Legislator Timmons

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

Resolution #789 was polled and has been placed on the agenda upon the Committee's recommendation.

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

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, November 5^{th} at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee - Legislator Randall

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

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 6th at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee - Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolutions #790 through #811 from the October 6th Personnel Committee meeting have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee - Legislator Waldron

On behalf of Legislator Hall, Ms. Waldron stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Chris Kreig, the Airport Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Event Venue Rental Agreement with Porsche Club of America, Inc." and "Authorizing Contract with Dragoon's Farm Equipment."

Resolutions #812 through #816 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 24th 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 Monday, November 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, October 14th.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing 2025 Round Accelerated Transit Capital Grant Application and Acceptance" and "Authorizing Contract with Evenmore Property Services, LLC."

Karl Weiss, the Superintendent of the Highway Department, was also present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the Treadwell Mills/Military Turnpike Corridor Pedestrian and Bike Improvements Project" and "Amending Resolution #706 dated September 17, 2025 titled, "Establishing Rates for Snow and Ice Removal Services on County Roads during the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Snow and Ice Seasons."

Resolutions #817 through #822 have been placed on the agenda upon the Committee's recommendation.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 10th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health - Legislator Lamoy

Legislator Lamoy stated the Board of Health met on Monday, October 20th and completed their annual Corporate Compliance training. He noted the Board received notice that the High Falls Bar and Grill was scheduled to attend a hearing but notified the Department of Health that they have closed their business. The Board also passed a resolution regarding a stipulation agreement with the Plattsburgh Mobile Home Park at 77 Banker Road. He noted \$12,500 in fines are being waived as long as the mobile home park meets all Department of Health conditions, including a barrier, preventing the overflow of sewage from running into a neighbor's property. That particular action must be in place by the end of November and all repairs to the sewage systems have to be completed by the end of 2026.

Legislator Bezio personally thanked Paul Lamoy for filling a vacant position on the Board of Health. Mr. Lamoy volunteered and will start this post in January.

Cooperative Extension - Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28th.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks - Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated that tomorrow, Thursday, October 23rd, Clinton County will host Intercounty at the former Clinton Community College location. The Committee will meet at the former George Moore building at 10:30 a.m., with a welcome message from Steve Frederick, the Vice President for Advancement, along with a presentation from Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director.

Soil and Water Conservation - Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Bezio stated the Board met on Thursday, October 16th at 5 p.m. to discuss year-end financials.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher reported the Even-Year Election Law has been upheld by the Court of Appeals and the County has received a memo from the Clinton County Board of Elections that was published a couple of years ago.

Ms. Kelleher reported there has been developments on short-term occupancy tax, which is for Airbnb vacation rentals. She noted there has been special legislation enacted for Clinton County, changing the rates and some of the definitions of the County's short-term occupancy tax. The County Treasurer has contracted with a vendor who is going to be mailing 110 notices to property owners in Clinton County that appear to be renting short-term rentals but are not paying the taxes. It's the first of a series of three letters; in this letter it says attached is an advertisement from a rental platform which shows that these people are trying to rent them. She noted legislators may receive contact from constituents inquiring on the letters. The letters states to please call the County Treasurer's Office and that is who you

should refer them to. She noted the fact that they have an advertisement regarding same does not necessarily mean they earn money on it.

Ms. Kelleher requested a brief executive session to discuss the credit history of particular persons and corporations, the sale of real estate and legal advice regarding a court decision on legislation.

County Administrator - Christine Peters, Esq.

Ms. Peters reported the Intercounty of the Adirondacks meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, October 23rd.

Ms. Peters apprised the Legislature regarding the Budget process and the first Department Head meeting where discussion was held on goals and expectations to move forward as one County.

Legislator Randall provided an update to the Legislature regarding the improved sewage system at the Clinton County Fairgrounds.

Chairperson's Report

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

Resolutions #783 through #819 were approved.

Resolution #820 titled, "Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Bids for the Treadwell Mills/Military Turnpike Corridor Pedestrian and Bike Improvements Project - Highway Department" was motioned by Legislator Kretser and seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (9-0-1).

Discussion: This is a duplicate resolution of Resolution #194 that was previously approved at the Regular Session of Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Resolutions #821 through #824 were approved.

Legislator Randall motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss an occupancy tax penalty, a proposed local law and pending or current litigation at 5:56 p.m., seconded by Legislator Lamoy. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Lamoy motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:13 p.m., seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Waldron motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

Toni M. Moffat

Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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