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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, August 12, 2026 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

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

EXCUSED: David Kerr, Area 10
Joshua Kretser, Area 9

ALSO PRESENT: Christine Peters, Esq., County Administrator
Kim Kinblom, Deputy County Administrator
Justin Meyer, Esq., County Attorney

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

Christine Peters, Esq., the County Administrator, conducted roll call. Legislators Kerr and Kretser asked to be excused.

Legislator Bezio motioned to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2026 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-2).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

There being no one 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, September 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, August 4th.

Gretchen Crowningshield, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss the resolution, “Amending Resolution #489 dated July 15, 2026 titled, “Authorizing Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Plan Funds Grant Application and Acceptance,” as well as, June statistics.

Resolution #581 has been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 1st at 4:45 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.

Tammy Lacey, the Director of Real Property, was present to discuss the resolution, “Amending Resolution #311 dated May 13, 2026, titled, “Authorizing Maintenance and Supply Contract with Usherwood Office Technology for HP DesignJet T2600DR 36-in PS Color Wide-Format Multi-Function Printer (MFP)” and Assessment Contract Pricing for 2027-2029.

David Randall, the Information Technology Director, was also present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing the Adoption of Acceptable Use of Artificial Intelligence Technologies Policy,” as well as, technology supply chain issues and County phone system upgrades.

David Souliere, the Republican Commissioner of the Board of Elections, discussed resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with Carpenter Brothers Moving & Storage Company, Inc.” and “Authorizing Contract with Enhanced Voting.”

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Approving Appointment to the Clinton County Planning Board” and “Authorizing the Planning Department to Apply for the 2026-2027 Snowmobile Trail Program Grant Funding,” as well as, an update on the Brownfield Inventory.

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was in attendance to discuss resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with John V. Lashway” and “Approving the Terms and Conditions of a Certain Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement to be Entered into Between County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (The “Agency”) and the Company (As Defined Herein) in Connection with the UMS Property, LLC Project Being Undertaken by the Agency, and (B) a Certain Host Community Agreement which may be Entered into Between the Company and Peru Central School District,” as well as, several updates including the Clinton Business Innovation Gateway Signage and the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency.

Christine Peters, the County Administrator, discussed the resolutions, “Adoption of County Logo” and “Authorizing Lease with the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA).”

Resolutions #582 through #594 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #586 has been withdrawn.

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

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, August 5th.

Randy Lozier, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Adopting County Fuel Card Policy” and “Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to Solicit Requests for Proposals for Tax Bill Printing Services,” as well as, 2026 Sales Tax Chart and 2026 Occupancy Tax.

The Committee reviewed several resolutions including, “Authorizing Amendment No. 2 with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Supplemental Professional Services” and “Urging New York State to Provide Equitable and Sustainable Funding for the Ausable Valley Central School District.”

Resolutions #595 through #601 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, August 5th.

Jeff Sisson, the Public Health Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract Amendment with First Transit, Inc.” and “Authorizing Parent Compensation for Preschool Transportation,” as well as, tobacco permitting.

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Contract with Champlain Valley Family Center” and “Authorizing Contract with Policy Strategy Consultants, LLC,” as well as, a presentation on the Clinton County’s Local Services Plan.

Resolutions #602 through #608 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

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

Human Services Committee – Legislator Facteau-Rabideau

Legislator Facteau-Rabideau stated the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, August 4th.

Darleen Collins, the Director of the Office for the Aging, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Awarding Bid for Cleveland Range Commercial 60-Gallon Tilting Steam Kettle” and “Authorizing Contract with 3Wire, LLC.”

Kevin LeBoeuf, the Director of the Veterans’ Service Agency, was also present to discuss monthly statistics.

Resolutions #609 and #610 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Chairperson Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, August 3rd.

Resolutions #611 through #631 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

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

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Patrick Sharrow, the Airport Director, discussed several resolutions, including, “Authorizing Contract with Volaire Aviation, Inc.” and “Authorizing Contract with Equipment Rentals, Inc.,” as well as, the Airport Potluck, the Transient Hangar Door, Nose Dock #7 and the Part 139 Inspection.

Resolutions #632 through #636 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd at 3:30 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, August 3rd.

Major Nicholas Leon, of the Sheriff's Department, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Contract with National Tactical Officers' Association" and "Awarding Milton CAT for Generator Control Board Replacement and Upgrade."

Andy Wylie, the District Attorney, and Jami Rock, the Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center, were also present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing the National Children's Alliance Grant Application" and "Authorizing Youth Bureau Grant Application."

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing FY2025 State Homeland Security Program Grant Application and Acceptance."

Resolutions #637 through #652 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Bezio

On behalf of Legislator Kerr, Legislator Bezio stated the Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, August 10th.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss resolutions, "Authorizing Contract with Town & County Bridge and Rail, Inc. for Repairs to the Goddeau Road Bridge, BIN 3335780" and "Amending Resolution #566 dated July 15, 2026 titled, "Authorizing an Engineering Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Rehabilitation of the Military Turnpike Extension Bridge over the Saranac River, BIN 3359870."

Resolutions #653 and #654 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee. Resolution #655 was withdrawn. Resolutions #664 and #665 have been placed on the agenda under Waive Rule 13.2.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 5:00 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Fecteau-Rabideau

Legislator Fecteau-Rabideau stated the next Board of Health meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Clinton Community College - Legislator Fecteau-Rabideau

Legislator Fecteau-Rabideau stated at the meeting on Tuesday, July 21st Brian Hamill, the Clinton Community College Human Resources/Information Technology Director, provided an informative presentation outlining the functions of the Human Resources and Information Technology departments, describing staff roles and departmental responsibilities.

Ms. Fecteau-Rabideau noted that Ken Knelly, the Clinton Community College's President, discussed fall enrollment trends, reporting that enrollment for 2026 is higher than 2025 and showing year-over-year

improvement. She added that the college either recently met with the County or will soon be meeting with County representatives to discuss campus-use matters and other shared issues.

She concluded by stating that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated he attended the meeting held on Thursday, July 23rd in Saratoga County at the Saratoga County Airport. He stated that the airport operates entirely as a private facility with no commercial air service, but has nevertheless received approximately \$36 million in federal funding enabling substantial infrastructure upgrades.

Mr. Randall provided updates shared at the meeting by representatives from New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), including issues related to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative cost-shifting, error rate penalties and the broader state fiscal outlook. He stated that New York is one of the few states where counties continue to shoulder the administrative responsibility for SNAP and related social-service programs, although efforts are underway to re-evaluate this structure.

He reported that the federal SNAP error rate, which has been the subject of statewide concern, was finalized at 15.2 percent. Even counties that did not contribute to the error rate will share in the resulting financial consequences. Although the State sought a two-year extension to delay the fiscal impact of the penalty, State officials advised counties not to expect approval, barring significant future developments.

Mr. Randall added that the State will be transitioning Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) benefits to chip-enabled cards, while retaining magnetic-stripe functionality for vendors without chip readers. The change is intended to improve security and prevent fraud.

He noted that New York continues to maintain a statewide moratorium on most Artificial Intelligence-related data usage, pending further evaluation of infrastructure, privacy and cybersecurity implications.

Mr. Randall also reported that the State is requiring counties to complete an Emergency Medical Services Needs Assessment Survey by November 2026. The survey is intended to identify local emergency-medical-service availability, gaps and resource needs across counties.

He concluded by stating that the next Inter-County meeting is scheduled for later in the month.

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

Legislator Randall reported he has registered for a conference in October and will inform the Legislature regarding same upon his return.

Soil and Water Conservation – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported on the most recent Soil and Water Conservation District meeting. He stated that Peter Hagar, the District Manager, attended and informed the group that three projects had been completed, all corresponding paperwork had been submitted and all requirements had been satisfied. Mr. Hagar requested authorization to release grant funds to compensate the participating farmers for the completed projects. Legislator Bezio noted that the Committee agreed to proceed with the payments.

He added that the Soil and Water Conservation District discussed an upcoming regional meeting, which may be held in Essex County. Mr. Hagar indicated that one or two Clinton County legislators would be welcome to attend on behalf of the County.

Legislator Bezio also mentioned that his meeting report included a notation regarding the Supreme Court Library, which he will be visiting next.

STAFF REPORTS

Attorney – Justin Meyer, Esq.

Attorney Justin Meyer requested an Executive Session to discuss proposed litigation.

County Administrator – Christine Peters, Esq.

Ms. Peters reported that several legislators attended the Zone 9 Police Academy signing ceremony earlier in the day. She stated that the event marked the official launch of the academy and was attended by the Commissioner of the State Department of Labor, whom she and the Personnel Director met with the previous day. Ms. Peters described the Commissioner as highly supportive of workforce-development initiatives and apprenticeship programming, noting that this partnership helped create the foundation for the Zone 9 Academy.

Ms. Peters stated that she and Personnel Director Kim Kinblom continue to advance work on the Countywide Strategic Plan. She noted that Ms. Kinblom has completed meetings with all department heads and collected substantial input, which Ms. Peters is now reviewing. She anticipates presenting an initial strategic-planning framework to the Finance Committee in September or October. The presentation will outline a unified mission, shared goals and a coordinated planning structure for all County departments.

She reported that the Airport's marketing plan is progressing, with continued collaboration between the Airport Director and County leadership. The County is also working with Golden Shovel on a website redesign and modernization project, with discussions taking place this week about branding and digital-platform improvements.

Ms. Peters stated that the budget process has officially begun, with all departmental budget submissions due by Tuesday, September 1st. She confirmed that the Budget Kickoff has taken place and that the County is working toward a more structured and timely process this year.

She added that the Committees will need to set a meeting date for Public Safety and Personnel meetings in September and requested an Executive Session to discuss the purchase and sale of real property.

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 #581 through #585 were approved.

Resolutions #586 titled, "Authorizing Contract with Dominion Voting Systems Corporation" was withdrawn.

Resolutions #587 through #591 were approved.

Resolution #592 titled, “Adopting Clinton County Logo” was tabled on a motion by Legislator Timmons and seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #593 through #654 were approved.

Resolution #655 titled, “Awarding Bid to Supply and Deliver Coarse Rock Salt and Treated Salt for the Snow and Ice Season 2026-2027” was withdrawn.

Resolutions #656 through #663 were approved.

Legislator Bezio motion to Waive Rule 13.2, seconded by Legislator Deragon. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #664 and #665 were approved.

Legislator Peryea motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter of current litigation at 6:02 p.m., seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Deragon motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolution #666 was approved.

Ms. Peters inquired of the Public Safety and Personnel Committees if moving the Public Safety and Personnel meetings to Tuesday, September 8th at the same meeting times was viable. The Committees approved the change in date.

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Peryea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m., seconded by Legislator Facticeau-Rabideau. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,

Toni M. Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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