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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, October 14, 2026 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

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

A moment of silence was taken in honor Sara Rowden, a former legislator whose 12.5 years of service and contributions, spanning 2001-2013 and May-November 2016, touched many. Chairman Henry began by noting that Legislator Bezio wished to offer remarks regarding the recent passing of former Legislator Sara Rowden. He expressed his condolences and shared his reflections on her service and character.

Mr. Bezio stated that former Legislator Rowden (Area 4) passed away on Monday, October 12th. He recalled meeting her once during his campaign and spending nearly an hour speaking with her, during which he found her to be warm, thoughtful and deeply committed to her community. He noted that numerous public comments and social media posts reflect her reputation for working collaboratively across political lines, her passion for serving others and her role as a trailblazer for women in government. He described her as someone with a generous spirit who consistently sought to help others.

Chairman Henry also acknowledged her long record of public service, stating that she served approximately twelve and a half years as a Town Legislator in Area 4, including a period during which she returned to fill an appointment after previously stepping down.

He then requested a moment of silence in honor of former Legislator Rowden. A moment of silence was observed.

Legislator Deragon motioned to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2026 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (7-0-3).

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 meeting scheduled for Monday, October 19th has been canceled. He also reminded members that the time capsule celebration will take place on Friday, October 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Final planning is currently underway.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 9th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, October 6th.

Gretchen Crowningshield, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for Warming Center Expenses and Staffing” and “Authorizing New York State Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment (SAEF) Program Grant Application and Acceptance,” as well as, August statistics.

Resolutions #759 through #762 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Children and Family Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 5th 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.

David Souliere, the Republican Commissioner of the Board of Elections, and Mary Dyer, the Democratic Commissioner, discussed several resolutions including, "Amending Resolution #683 dated September 9, 2026 titled, "Authorizing 2026 Mail Ballot Grant Program Application and Acceptance" and "Amending Resolution #684 dated September 9, 2026 titled, "Authorizing 2026 Election Grant Program Application and Acceptance." Ms. Dyer and Mr. Souliere were reappointed to the Committee as well. Ms. Peters congratulated them.

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was in attendance to discuss several resolutions including, "Designating an Authorized Official for the Northern Border Regional Commission Catalyst Program Grant Application and Award," as well as, "Authorizing Adirondack Park Smart Growth Grant Acceptance."

David Randall, the Information Technology Director, discussed the resolutions, "Authorizing Contract with AlchemyCore, LLC" and "Authorizing Contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc."

Tammy Lacey, the Director of Real Property, discussed the Veterans Exemption for Permanent and Total Disability.

Ms. Peters discussed the resolutions, "Authorizing the Chairman to Execute an Amended and Restated Host Community Agreement (HCA) for the Clinton County Landfill" and "Authorizing a Contract with Rosenbaum Appraisal & Consulting for an Appraisal of Property".

Resolutions #763 through #777 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 7th.

Randy Lozier, the County Treasurer, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing the County Treasurer to Transfer Appropriation from the Contingency Budget and Increase the Bluff Point Campus Budget" and "Awarding Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Tax Bill Printing Services," as well as, discussion on 2025 Fiscal Stress Scores (Financial and Environmental).

Ms. Peters discussed several resolutions, "Authorizing the Chairperson to Execute Amendment No. 2 with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for the Former Clinton County Airport Redevelopment Project—

Stage 3 Investigation and Reporting" and "Authorizing Contract with Golden Shovel Agency," as well as, discussion on Corrections Contract Negotiations.

Resolutions #778 through #787 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, October 7th.

Jeff Sisson, the Public Health Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Early Intervention Administration Grant Application and Acceptance" and "Authorizing Contract with Preschool Related Contractor."

Richelle Gregory, the Director of Community Services, was present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Veterans' Service Agency" and "Authorizing an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Joint Council for Economic Opportunity, Inc."

Resolutions #788 through #795 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – County Administrator Christine Peters, Esq.

On behalf of Legislator Facteau-Rabideau, Ms. Peters stated the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, October 6th.

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

Karla Romeo, the Administrative Assistant of the Office for the Aging, was present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing Contract with The Strand Center for the Arts."

Resolution #796 has been polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Human Services Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Chairperson Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, October 5th.

Resolutions #797 through #807 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

Kim Kinblom, the Personnel Director, noted interviews are underway for two key positions: the Health Department Director and the Weights and Measures Director. She reminded legislators that Committee members received email notifications regarding the interview schedules. Ms. Kinblom added the Board of Health is responsible for conducting interviews for the Health Department Director position.

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, October 28th at 3:30 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 5th.

Diana Livermore, the Administrative Assistant of the District Attorney, was present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing Contract with Ashley Stallings d/b/a Audibly Ashley."

Jamie Martineau, the Public Defender, was present to discuss resolutions, "Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues" and "Authorizing an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Clinton County Mental Health and Addiction Services."

Resolutions #808 through #814 have been placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kerr

On behalf of Legislator Kerr, Ms. Peters stated the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 4:00 p.m.

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Community Services Board – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine expressed appreciation to all individuals who participated in the numerous American 250 events. He noted that it has been a particularly busy period for community engagement and acknowledged the strong attendance and support shown at these events. Legislator Castine also commended the Clinton County Historical Association for its effective leadership and contributions to the commemorative activities.

Cornell Cooperative Extension – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons announced the Committee had not met recently but noted that the annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th and all legislators are invited to attend. He stated that the meeting will be held at the SUNY Plattsburgh campus.

Intercounty of the Adirondacks – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall reported on recent Intercounty activities. He stated the most recent meeting occurred shortly after the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) conference and included participation from several legislators. The meeting featured a presentation on geothermal drilling operations at the Syracuse University campus. Legislators received information on the project's design, objectives and cost implications.

Legislator Randall noted that although project representatives expressed enthusiasm, several concerns emerged during discussion. Legislator Bezio raised specific questions about project cost, anticipated lifespan and long-term return on investment. He observed that the estimated payback period was approximately 100 years, while the system's expected operational life was only about 50 years. If system components were to fail, replacement would require extensive excavation and removal. Legislator Randall commented that, based on the information presented, the financial justification for the project appeared limited.

He reported that Syracuse University nonetheless plans to continue installing new geothermal wells, some of which will be located beneath parking areas. He described the presentation as informative and noted the next Intercounty meeting will be held in Franklin County, which he plans to attend.

Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated he attended the October 1st conference held at The Lodge at Schroon Lake. He explained the event covered multiple topics, though sessions were divided into two tracks, limiting the ability to attend every presentation. He participated in several sessions and provided the following summary:

One presentation addressed developments at Ausable Chasm, including adaptations the organization have made over time as tourism patterns changed, particularly after Interstate 87 opened and reduced pass-through traffic. He reported the venue has several new initiatives planned for the upcoming Christmas season, including expanded lighting and trail displays.

The Northern Border Regional Commission discussed its newly released housing-zoning guide for towns, now available online. The session also addressed Brownfields, defined as abandoned or underutilized properties that may contain environmental contaminants. Legislator Randall noted substantial federal funding is available to assist municipalities in assessing and remediating brownfield sites.

CONNECTALL, a contracted firm working on broadband and cellular assessment in the Adirondack region, reported findings indicating significant gaps in cellular coverage, including areas with limited service and others with none at all. The study is nearing completion and a final report will identify locations where new towers should be prioritized. He noted the importance of this effort, given the implications for emergency response and 911 call reliability.

Legislator Randall also reported on a presentation by Ben Doyle of Vermont, who discussed preservation and revitalization of older buildings. He explained that numerous State and Federal Grants exist to support restoration projects, with a particular emphasis on general stores, which play an important role in community cohesion. Vermont's program allows assistance both for building acquisition and renovation, as well as, for identifying qualified operators to run the stores and has been highly successful.

During Session Two, the Northern Border Regional Commission and representatives from MJ Engineering discussed community revitalization strategies. The session included updates on 2023 Adirondack projects and noted the Commission continues to seek additional proposals for funding. Several recent grant awards were highlighted, including two projects within Clinton County.

Mr. Randall reported the group also received an update on available workforce-housing funding, noting that approximately $5 million remains available and may align with the two apartment-building projects currently under consideration in the County.

He concluded by noting that the LC/LG Regional Planning Board recently transitioned to QuickBooks for bill processing and adopted a new employee manual. He announced the 2026 "Forward Together" conference has been scheduled and that he continues to monitor regional development initiatives.

Soil and Water Conservation – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio reported Soil and Water Conservation District meeting will be held Thursday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Henry reported legislators were invited to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new town offices in Altona. He noted the event was well-received and thanked all who participated.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Christine Peters, Esq.

Ms. Peters reported she and several attendees participated in the BETA paint-booth event earlier in the day. She stated the demonstration was impressive and that BETA is moving forward with plans to establish a local paint-booth operation. Ms. Peters noted the event was well attended and thanked those who were able to participate.

Ms. Peters requested the Board enter Executive Session to discuss the lease or sale of real property.

Chairperson's Report

Chairman Henry recognized County Administrator Christine Peters for reaching her one-year anniversary with Clinton County on Tuesday, October 6th. He noted Ms. Peters also brought many years of prior experience from her previous position and expressed appreciation for her contributions and

dedication during her first year with the County. Ms. Peters thanked the Chairman and members of the Legislature for their acknowledgment.

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

Resolutions #759 through #816 were approved.

Legislator Peryea motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:53 p.m., seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (7-0-3).

Legislator Peryea motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:42 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (7-0-3).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Peryea motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m., seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (7-0-3).

Respectfully submitted,



Shelly M. Peryea
Principal Clerk/Typist

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