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Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, December 10, 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 November 24, 2025 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry reported there is a public hearing regarding Local Law #1 of 2025 titled, "Amending Local Law #3 of 2024 titled, "Clinton County Room Occupancy Tax Law." He asked the Clerk of the Board to read the notice of public hearing.

Legislator Timmons motioned to open the public hearing at 5:18 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (9-0-1).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone present wished to address the Board regarding this matter.

Marty Martin, of 3449 State Route 9, Peru, New York, stated she has an Airbnb in Ellenburg, New York and is here to find out the particulars of what the law is going to be. It was her understanding that there was an agreement with Airbnb that they would collect occupancy tax for the listing, and with each one of the rentals that she's had, Airbnb has indeed done that. She has had some reservations about the fact that anyone who stays with her would have to register their name, the number of people in their party, how long they stayed, how much tax was collected, how much they paid to be there, etc. Ms. Martin feels this to be quite an infringement of people's privacy, but she understands that's what you have to do when you stay at a hotel and she thinks that is one of the reasons why this is happening now. She strongly believes hotels have outpriced themselves and people are looking for more freedom when they come and rent a place. She is anxious to hear what the parameters of the Local Law are now going to be.

County Attorney Jacqueline Kelleher responded that Airbnb did in fact have an agreement in place that there was a voluntary contribution agreement. Now that New York State has amended its law, that is no longer a fact. Ms. Kelleher is also aware of people who are contracting with Airbnb and thought Airbnb was collecting the occupancy taxes, but they were only collecting the sales taxes. Going forward, either Ms. Martin or the contractor will be responsible to do the quarterly filings for the occupancy tax and due to the special legislation under the Municipal Rule Law, the occupancy tax will be going up to five percent rather than three percent on January 1, 2026, so that has also been included in this.

There being no one else who wished to speak, Chairperson Henry entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

Legislator Lamoy motioned to close the public hearing at 5:22 p.m., seconded by Legislator Bezio. Carried (9-0-1).

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 Lamoy

Legislator Lamoy stated the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, December 8th was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #921 through #924 on the agenda.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea stated the Children and Family Services Committee met on Tuesday, December 2nd.

Gretchen Crowningshield, the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, was present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Safe Harbour Grant Application and Acceptance,” “Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2026” and “Authorizing Child and Family Service Plan.” Ms. Crowningshield also discussed True Link, monthly statistics and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Resolutions #925 through #934 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee’s recommendation.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Waldron

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

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Approving Reappointments to the Clinton County Planning Board” and “Amending Resolution #730 dated October 8, 2025 titled, “Authorizing Contracts for Geographic Information System (GIS) License Administration Services.”

David Souliere, the Republican Commissioner, was also present to discuss several resolutions including, “Authorizing Clinton County to Apply for a Permit for the use of the SUNY Fieldhouse as a Poll Site,” “Authorizing Contract Extension with Phoenix Graphics, Inc.” and “Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues.”

David Randall, the Director of Information Technology, was in attendance to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Contract with Tyler Technologies.”

Molly Ryan, the Economic Development Director, was also present to discuss the resolution, “Authorizing Contract for Appraisal Services of Bluff Point Campus.” Ms. Ryan also updated the Committee on the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency.

Resolutions #935 through #943 have been placed on the agenda based on the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

Legislator Timmons stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, December 3rd. A Public Hearing was held on the 2026 Budget and Resolution #915, which adopts the 2026 Budget, is on the agenda. Thank you to everyone for their hard work to bring us to this point.

Rebecca Murphy, the Deputy County Treasurer, was present to discuss the resolutions, “Authorizing Payment of 2026 Subscription and Membership Dues” and “Authorizing Contract with Systems East.” Ms.

Murphy discussed Adult Use and Medical Cannabis Taxes.

Sean Lukas, the Landfill Manager, was also in attendance to discuss Casella's 2026 rate increases.

The Committee also discussed several resolutions including, "Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues," "Awarding Bids for Office, Printing and Janitorial Supplies," "Authorizing Contract with Constellation New Energy, Inc." and "Authorizing Contract with NRG Business Marketing, LLC."

Resolutions #944 through #950 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee's recommendation.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Health Committee – Legislator Bezio

Legislator Bezio stated the Health Committee met on Wednesday, December 3rd.

Richelle Gregory, the Community Services Director, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2026," "Authorizing Contract Amendment with Behavioral Health Services North, Inc." and "Authorizing Contract Amendment with National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Champlain Valley." Ms. Gregory also discussed Promoting Wellness and Healing in the Community.

Jeff Sisson, the Director of Public Health, was also present to discuss several resolutions including, "Approving Appointments to the Clinton County Board of Health," "Authorizing Drinking Water Enhancement Grant Extension" and "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2026." Mr. Sisson also discussed the Health Department Report for November, 2025 and the Director's Report for October, 2025.

Resolutions #951 through #958 have been placed on the agenda based on the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 2nd was cancelled.

The Committee was polled on Resolutions #959 and #960 on the agenda.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Personnel Committee – Legislator Henry

Legislator Henry stated the Personnel Committee met on Monday, December 1st.

Resolutions #961 through #972 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee's recommendation.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – County Administrator Christine Peters

On behalf of Legislator Hall, Ms. Peters 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 Monday, December 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine stated the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, December 1st.

Major Nick Leon, of the Sheriff's Department, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Awarding Bids for Inmate Clothing, Janitorial Supplies and Personal Care Items for the Year 2026," "Authorizing Contract with Jail Solutions, LLC" and "Authorizing the Clinton County Sheriff's Department to Proceed with a Federal Aviation Administration Certificate of Authorization Application for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program."

Andrew Wylie, the District Attorney, and Jami Rock, the Executive Director of the Child Advocacy Center, were also present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Contract with the Franklin County Department of Social Services," "Authorizing Aid to Prosecution Legislative Grant Application and Acceptance" and "Authorizing the Foundation of CVPH Community Grant Application and Acceptance."

Chad Deans, the County Coroner, was present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2026" and "Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues." Mr. Deans also updated the Committee on the progress of the Decedent Holding Unit.

Eric Day, the Director of Emergency Services, was also present to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing Combined SFY2024, 2025 and 2026 Emergency Services IP Network Readiness Grant Program Application and Acceptance" and "Authorizing Agreement for Participation in FY24-25 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program." Mr. Day also discussed communication issues and a proposed path forward.

Dave Marcoux, the Probation Director, was in attendance to discuss the resolutions, "Authorizing County Pre-Trial Services Grant Acceptance," "Authorizing Various Contracts for the Year 2026" and "Authorizing Contract with ACM Global Labs/Drugscan, Inc."

Resolutions #973 through #995 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee's recommendation.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Transportation Committee met on Monday, December 8th.

Shannon Thayer, the Planning Director, was present to discuss the resolution, "Authorizing Section 5311 Federal Transit Administration Formula Grant for Rural Area Program Acceptance for 2025 Operating Assistance." Ms. Thayer also discussed providing emergency support to SUNY Plattsburgh.

Karl Weiss, the Highway Superintendent, was also present to discuss several resolutions including, "Authorizing Contract Extension for Asphalt Concrete Materials and Delivery for the Year 2026," "Awarding Bids for Automotive Supplies – Bench Stock Items for the Year 2026" and "Authorizing Payment of Membership Dues."

Resolutions #996 through #1000 have been placed on the agenda based on the Committee's recommendation.

The next Committee meeting date will be announced after the Reorganizational meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

Clinton Community College – Legislator Waldron

Legislator Waldron stated she was supposed to have a tour today with Acting President Ken Knelly, but she was unable to make it with Ken Knelly. She noted enrollments are up and the students are very happy with the new location, as well as, the staff.

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

Legislator Randall stated the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th in Warren County.

Soil and Water Conservation Board – Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Bezio stated the next meeting is on Thursday, December 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Workforce Development Board – Legislator Peryea

Legislator Peryea did not have a report but noted there will be a tour of the Warming Center on Monday, December 15th around 1:30 p.m. and encouraged all to attend.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher did not have a report.

County Administrator – Christine Peters, Esq.

Ms. Peters reminded the Legislature of the Organizational Meeting that will be held on Monday, January 5th. At 4:00 p.m., the photograph will take place outside the Legislative Office. It is requested that Legislators and staff dress in dark attire. The meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m. and the dinner will be held at 5:00 p.m. at Fork and Knife.

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Henry called for an Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue.

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

Resolutions #914 through #954 were approved.

Resolution #955 titled, "Approving Appointments to the Clinton County Board of Health" was motioned by Legislator Bezio and seconded by Legislator Castine. Carried (8-0-1-1).

Discussion: Legislator Lamoy abstained.

Resolutions #956 through #988 were approved.

Resolution #989 was withdrawn.

Resolutions #990 through #1017 were approved.

Legislator Randall thanked the Sheriff's Department for the Shop with a Cop Event.

Legislator Bezio motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kretser. Carried (9-0-1).

Legislator Kretser motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Legislator Peryea. Carried (9-0-1).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Timmons motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m., seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (9-0-1).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erin M. Light".

Erin M. Light
Senior Typist

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