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March 27, 2026

Stenographer's minutes of the Regular Session of the Clinton County Legislature held Wednesday, March 25, 2026 in the Legislative Chambers, 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburgh, New York.

PRESENT: Calvin Castine, Area 1
Ron Deragon, Area 8
Mark Henry, Chairperson, Area 3
David Kerr, Area 10
Joshua Kretser, Area 9
Kevin Randall, Area 5
Rob Timmons, Area 7
Jennifer Facticeau-Rabideau, Area 6

EXCUSED: David Bezio, Area 4
Francis Peryea, Area 2

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 Bezio and Peryea asked to be excused.

Legislator Randall motioned to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2026 Regular Session, seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-2).

Chairperson Henry asked if anyone wished to address the Legislature.

Geoffrey Barker, of Route 9 Plattsburgh, New York stated he read that the Legislature is going to act on a resolution tonight concerning the New York State Electric and Gas Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). He expressed his position stating the following letter he wrote was published March 10th of this year in the Press Republican. He read the relevant parts into the record for the Legislature's consideration tonight. He noted electricity costs will be ever increasing. Economic development has increased housing, Artificial Intelligence (AI) centers, packaging distribution centers, etc. which all require electrical growth needs. The mandated electric school buses will have to be taxpayer paid and their excessive weight will reduce road lifespans from 10 to eight years is what he has read in an article, adding more indirect costs. The utility companies are adversely affected by this CLCPA. They are tasked to provide safe, efficient electricity for all. Mr. Barker has noticed new, stronger, higher utility poles being installed, as well as, tree-free perimeters in Peru, New York, on the north end of Lyon's Road, south of the South Junction Road. He stated these necessary costs are being passed on to the consumers by companies that have a fiduciary obligation to their employees and investors. Think of how much the electrical grid will have to be improved to comply with the statewide CLCPA. Fortunately, State Senator Dan Stec and other responsible legislators are hopefully going to repeal it. In the alternative, if you sponsored or voted for said act, you will have to accept the adverse consequences that we are reading about. Furthermore, last weekend, the Sun Community News had a survey and asked its readers if they wanted to change it as a CLCPA. He took the survey and the results were that 77 percent said yes, they want changes, 12 percent said no and 11 percent were unsure. Clearly, the area County residents want relief. Recently four electric school buses in Vermont were lost in a fire. They were insured, yes, but the cost of the insurance policies and premiums are passed on to the consumers. For New York to expect to change the situation on the global atmosphere due to its overreaching policy, will be expensive and wrong. He does not know what the Legislature's ideas are tonight. He knows Governor Kathy Hochul has demonstrations down there (in Albany). People are not in favor of changes. He thinks it is wrong not to have changes. He encouraged the Legislature to think of the poor people. They can not afford fuel. He thanked the Legislature for their time.

Geri Favreau, the President of the Board of the Clinton County Historical Association (CCHA) and the Chair of the America 250 Committee for Clinton County stated they asked the Legislature to donate financial support to help them pay for their operating expenses, and this year again, the County provided more than last year, and CCHA certainly appreciates it. They hope they earn it. They certainly try, they work hard to promote the history of Clinton County. She would also like to thank the County Legislature for the \$11,000 that they gave for America 250.

She distributed their annual report and stated there is a very short synopsis of what they are doing and where they are. She noted the event that they are planning will be held October 9th – 11th, which is the 250th anniversary of the actual Battle of Valcour. She also discussed various other events, fundraisers and materials associated with the celebration of America 250. She inquired if she could expend the \$14,000 from the Grant to the villages to utilize to celebrate America's 250. Ms. Peters reported the County would have to fill out forms for whatever it is to be utilized for.

Craig Russell spoke on the history of the Battle of Valcour and the re-enactment being held on Sunday, October 11th. He stated he appreciates the \$11,000 donated by the County. He noted it is going to

go a long way to help prepare, get the boats and get everything that they need to run the battle. He invited the Legislature to the event and hopes they attend. Lastly, he thanked them for their support.

There being no one else 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 has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Children and Family Services Committee – Legislator Castine

Legislator Castine 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 Tuesday, April 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Economic Development and County Operations Committee – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser stated the Economic Development and County Operations Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #208 titled, “Expressing the Strong Concern of the Clinton County Legislature Regarding Escalating Energy Costs in New York State Including NYSEG Delivery Charges and Urging a Reassessment of the Ratepayer Impacts of New York’s Climate Policy and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)” has been placed on the agenda based on the Committee’s recommendation from the March 11, 2026 meeting.

The next Economic Development and County Operations Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Legislator Timmons

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

The next Finance Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st at 5:15 p.m.

Health Committee – County Administrator Christine Peters, Esq.

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

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st at 4:00 p.m.

Human Services Committee – Legislator Facticeau-Rabideau

Legislator Facticeau-Rabideau stated the Human Services Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Health Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd at 4:15 p.m.

Personnel Committee – Chairperson Henry

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

The next Personnel Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 6th at 5:00 p.m.

Plattsburgh International Airport Committee – County Administrator Christine Peters, Esq.

On behalf of Legislator Bezio, Ms. Peters stated the Plattsburgh International Airport Committee met earlier.

Patrick Sharrow, the Airport Director, discussed several resolutions including, “Authorizing Contract with Record-USA, Inc.” and “Authorizing Contract Extension with BBG Real Estate Services,” as well as, an Airport Update and Parking Lot Management – Request for Proposals (RFPs) Discussion.

Resolutions #209 through #218 have been placed on the agenda upon the Committee’s recommendation. Resolution #217 was withdrawn.

The next Plattsburgh International Airport Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the Public Safety Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

Resolution #219 was polled and placed on the agenda upon the recommendation of the Committee.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee – Legislator Kerr

Legislator Kerr stated the Transportation Committee has not met since the last Regular Session.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 5:15 p.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Health – Legislator Facticeau Rabideau

Legislator Facticeau-Rabideau reported the Board of Health meeting was held on Monday, March 16th. She was unable to attend, however, she has the agenda and the meeting packet if anyone wishes to look at it.

Chamber of Commerce – Legislator Kretser

Legislator Kretser reported regarding airport customs, the Chamber continues to work with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand to hopefully secure inclusion of the County’s airport customs language in a major bill. The current target is the House version of the new transportation authorized bill now under committee development.

He noted the bi-national Quebec-New York Transportation Rendezvous and B2B was a thorough success, contracting more than 150 participants with 110 on-site meetings facilitated.

He reported regarding messaging, the Chamber is continuing to actively push its special messaging campaign, We know Canadians... as in Canada, as well as, in the U.S with excellent response. An affirmation of friendship and partnership between Quebec and New York's North Country region was signed on March 10th. He reported this will be actively used as a further messaging tool in Quebec.

Regarding Clarkson University, he stated the Chamber recently arranged for a full day visit by the new president of Clarkson University, with meetings and tours at the IAM building, SUNY Plattsburgh, CV-TEC, Norsk Titanium and Beta Technologies, Inc. with follow ups underway.

Clinton Community College – Legislator Fecteau-Rabideau

Legislator Fecteau-Rabideau stated she attended the meeting yesterday, and prior to the meeting, she did a tour with Ken Knelly, the Acting President, and noted it looks great. She reported the full-time equivalents (FTE) of students have increased 20 percent over the last couple of years for their student enrollment.

Tom Nesbit gave a good intro enrollment management presentation with different ways that the County can help. The Opt-in services at SUNY Plattsburgh have grown to include the Clinton students using Fee for Services, and will be able to use the career center, the fitness center and the medical student health services with the medical and mental health option. She noted conversations are ongoing for state funding. She was interested to learn that community colleges are not funded and really included in SUNY funding as community colleges do not get the same state funding as SUNY or four-year colleges. She believe it is about 15 percent. 15 percent of the funding that state colleges get, the 30 community college in New York State have to split amongst themselves. She was also provided with information on the presidential search. Lastly, she noted, April 14th has been deemed the 60th anniversary of Clinton Community College and they have a lot of activities scheduled.

Intercounty of the Adirondack – Legislator Randall

Legislator Randall stated the Comptroller spoke stating the New York State Retirement System is in really good shape.

Soil and Water Conservation Board – Legislators Bezio and Timmons

Legislator Timmons reported the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26th.

STAFF REPORTS

County Attorney – Jacqueline Kelleher, Esq.

Ms. Kelleher would like to request an executive session to talk about the sale and lease of real property.

County Administrator – Christine Peters, Esq.

Ms. Peters did not have a report.

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.

Resolution #208 titled, "Expressing the Strong Concern of the Clinton County Legislature Regarding Escalating Energy Costs in New York State Including New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) Delivery Charges and Urging a Reassessment of the Ratepayer Impacts of New York's Climate Policy and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)" was motioned by Legislator Castine and seconded by Legislator Kerr. Carried (8-0-2).

Discussion: Chairperson Henry reported he and Ms. Peters had a Zoom call with NYSEG representatives earlier today. He stated regarding the things that are relative to this resolution, they sent the County a resolution they had, and suggested the County consider. A copy of the NYSEG resolution was sent out to every legislator to review and NYSEG also provided a fact sheet for discussions with constituents so they can understand their electric bills. Chairperson Henry compared the County's resolution with NYSEG's supplied resolution. He noted there is some specific wording the County might want to include. Ms. Peters read highlighted language from the NYSEG resolution indicating it resonates with the resolution that was introduced by Legislator Castine. She noted part of the discussion that was had, in addition to the resolution, was some success that NYSEG has had in engaging the community around their electrical bills. One of the things she thinks that the Legislators should advocate with their constituents, if they call you, is that some of the solution, not all of it, but some minor relief would be to advocate for a day/night change. There are two rates, a day/night residential rate, and then there is also a residential rate that takes the dips, basically out of the rate. A lot of people have found some relief by calling NYSEG and advocating to be put on the straight residential rate as opposed to the day/night rate, because the rates were so excessive and variable over the wintertime. The other rate basically allows them to take the variability out of any rate and stabilize it. She discussed two handouts, one of them allows people to decipher their energy bills, there are multiple charges on the energy bills and this provides a key as to what things are on the electricity bills, such as supply charges, delivery charges, governmental charges, etc. The second handout provides a list of mandated charges and programs that are included in utility bills that can also be shared with constituents. Ms. Peters realizes that most people probably didn't get a chance to check out the proposed resolution that NYSEG, that is being offered for consideration, not advocacy in any way. If you look at the last whereas paragraph, there is language there that she has highlighted that basically says, and would be added somewhere in the proposed resolution, if so desired, to add in a sentence that says "to allow immediate action to lower bills, place safeguards on utility bills to protect our consumers from extreme price spikes, initiate suspensions of taxes, fees, and surcharges on energy bills, and expedite the construction of baseload generation." This was a little bit more succinct as to direct impacts on energy bills. Legislator Castine inquired on the definition of baseload generation. Chairperson Henry stated let's say this county or this state always needs a billion kilowatts, that is the base. We know every day we are going to wake up and we will need a billion kilowatts. The power plants, such as nuclear power plants would provide that baseload for those generating plants to run all the time to provide that base. Then what kicks in during peak times when everybody comes home and turns on their stoves or whatever, then you have the peak power off the base. That is when natural gas kicks in to run that, that is when hyperpower kicks in to run that. As he understands NYSEG's position, it is better and is it fair to say cheaper? Ms. Peters replied yes. It is cheaper to have baseload generation running all the time than it is turn it off and on and start it up. NYSEG recommended that that would be something that the County could consider. Ms. Peters read the amendment which would be "whereas the Clinton County Legislature implores the Governor of the State of New York and the New York State legislature to immediately intervene, to allow immediate action to immediate action to lower bills, to place safeguards on utility bills to protect our consumers from extreme price spikes, initiate suspension of taxes fees, and surcharges about energy bills and expedite the construction of baseload generation."

Legislator Timmons motioned to amend the resolution to reflect the additional whereas clause, seconded by Legislator Randall. Carried (8-0-2).

Resolutions #209 through #216 were approved.

Resolution #217 was withdrawn.

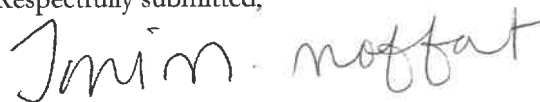
Resolutions #218 through #223 were approved.

Legislator Kerr motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss the sale and lease of real property at 6:09 p.m., seconded by Legislator Deragon. Carried (8-0-2).

Legislator Kretser motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:54 p.m., seconded by Legislator Kerr. Carried (8-0-2).

There being no further business to come before the Legislature, Legislator Randall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Legislator Timmons. Carried (8-0-2).

Respectfully submitted,



Toni M. Moffat
Executive Secretary to the County Administrator

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