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The Honorable Norman St. George
First Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge
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Dear Judge St. George:

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your letters regarding the Capital Plan Amendments. I assumed the role of County Administrator in October, 2025 and have worked to provide a comprehensive update. Clinton County remains strongly committed to collaboration with the New York State Unified Court System and to continued investment in court facilities, safety and functionality. Since the submission of the last Court Facilities Capital Improvement Plan, which has not been updated in many years, Clinton County has undertaken numerous projects and improvements designed to enhance security, efficiency and the overall court environment. The following provides a synopsis of the Capital Plan Improvements, both completed and contemplated.

The relocation of the Grand Jury courtroom from the third floor to the second floor allowing for a more controlled and secure process for the Grand Jury process. Additionally, since our last Capital Improvement Plan, to accommodate the growing needs of the Family Court at the time, the construction of a new Family Court courtroom (Courtroom #4) was completed, and this included the renovation of an associated conference room and office space. More staff required the construction of an office for the Assistant to the Family Court Clerk and facility improvements included the installation of a new roof at the Government Center. Moreover, to meet changing legislation requirements and needs, the construction of three Youth Counsel meeting rooms and three interview rooms within restricted areas added to capacity to meet further changing needs. Of course, with more concerns regarding safety and security in today's society, we endeavored to provide multiple security enhancements, including new doors in restricted hallways near Chambers to the secure holding cell areas; new hallway doors to Chambers #2 and relocation of double doors from the lobby to the restricted area entrance.

Additional completed improvements include: the construction of two new offices and a storage closet in space previously used as the Lawyers' Lounge; full renovation of the Chief Clerk's area, including new workstations and expansion of the Chief Clerk's office; renovation of the Surrogate's Court office, including the addition of an office and a secure wall with an access window to separate staff from the public; replacement of carpeting in Courtrooms #1 and #2, including reupholstered gallery seating and installation of new juror seating in the jury boxes; as well as, multiple painting, lighting and carpeting projects completed over the years.

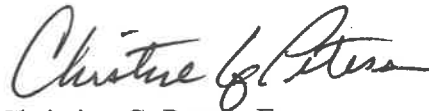
In support of court staff, jurors, and members of the public, the County has also completed site improvements, including parking lot expansions, which provided the addition of 90 new parking spaces and enhanced exterior lighting to improve safety and accessibility.

Looking ahead, Clinton County has several tenant and capital projects underway or planned for 2026. These include the replacement of carpeting in the Clerk's Office, Family Court waiting area, restricted hallways, Family Court Chambers, and Support Magistrates' areas; construction of new male and female locker rooms as well as a staff break room; installation of new cabling runs for Surrogate's Court; and a feasibility study for renovation of Courtrooms #1 and #2 in preparation for a future audio and visual upgrade. Additional work includes painting, cleaning, lighting upgrades and hazardous materials testing at the Supreme Court Chambers and Library on Oak Street to accommodate our newly elected Supreme Court Justice and his staff.

The County is also actively planning for future expansion of court operations at the 72 Clinton Street (also known as the Supreme Court Library) location by incorporating currently unoccupied square footage into the existing "686" agreement. This expansion would allow for renovation of the space to provide much-needed office space, potential conference space and additional support areas.

As in the past, Clinton County remains firmly committed to working in partnership with the Unified Court System to meet evolving operational needs, support capital improvements and explore opportunities for expansion or use of additional facilities as appropriate. We value our collaborative relationship and look forward to continued coordination to ensure safe, functional and effective court operations for our community. Thank you for your leadership and continued partnership. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss these projects or future planning efforts in greater detail.

Respectfully submitted,



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