

Members Attending: **Mr. Hooper**, Mr. Acres, Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Bell, Mr. Burke, Mr. Colbert arrived at 5:38 p.m., Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, ~~Mr. LaPierre~~, Mr. Leader arrived at 5:35 p.m., Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Paquin, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Timmerman

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Renee Cole, Jonnie Dorothy, Steve Button, Mike Cunningham, Keith Zimmerman, John Tenbusch, Matilda Larson, Kevin Wells, Mike LeCuyer, Chris Rediehs, Mary Lou Rupp, Tim LePage, Gordon Ward, Tom Nichols, Steve Ballan, and media representative.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Hooper called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Arquiett moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Bell, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Colbert, LaPierre, and Leader).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Burke moved to approve the March 12th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Colbert, LaPierre, and Leader).

3. BOARD OF ELECTIONS – JENNIE BACON AND TOM NICHOLS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts Requesting Grant Extensions for Poll Worker Training/Voter Education (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Colbert, LaPierre, and Leader).

Mr. Leader arrived at 5:35 p.m.

4. SHERIFF – KEVIN WELLS

A. Modifying the 2018 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to Accept a 2017 Legislative Grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Colbert and LaPierre).

Mr. Colbert arrived at 5:38 p.m.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security for a FY17 Operation Stonegarden Program Grant and Modifying the 2018 Budget for the Sheriff's Office (Res) – Mr. Timmerman moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

5. PLANNING – KEITH ZIMMERMAN

A. Modifying the 2018 Budget to Establish Appropriation and Revenue Accounts for a Community Development Block Grant Award for Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program 2 (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

B. Adopting the “Assessment of Fair Housing: St. Lawrence County, 2017” (Res) (Info) – Ms. Bell moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins.

John Tenbusch and Matilda Larson gave a PowerPoint Presentation on additional information regarding assessment of fair housing.

Motion carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

6. GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES – MIKE CUNNINGHAM

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with the Canton Chamber of Commerce for Use of the Parking Lots at the H.B. Smith Building and the Courthouse for the Annual Dairy Princess Parade (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Troy & Banks, Inc. for Utility and Telecommunication Auditing Services (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Bell, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

C. Authorization to Fill a Building Maintenance Worker Position in the Governmental Services Department (Res) (Info) – Mr. Arquiett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

7. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MIKE LECUYER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) to Install Dark Fiber to Tower Sites as an Interoperable Communications Resource (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Paquin, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

8. COUNTY CLERK – MARY LOU RUPP

A. Authorization to Abolish Two Senior Motor Vehicle Clerk Positions and Create and Fill a Motor Vehicle Clerk Position and a Motor Vehicle Supervisor Position in the Department of Motor Vehicles and Modifying the 2018 Budget for the County Clerk’s Office (Res) (Info) – Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to amend the agenda to remove the modify the 2018 Budget in the heading and then remove the budget modifications, seconded by Mr. Timmerman, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre). Motion carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

9. PUBLIC DEFENDER – STEVEN BALLAN

The following two resolutions were not discussed due to the absence of Mr. Ballan.

A. Authorization to Create a Chief Assistant Public Defender Position in the Office of the Public Defender and Fill Following a Contract With NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services (Res) (Info)

B. Authorization to Create an Assistant Public Defender in the Office of the Public Defender and Fill Following a Contract with NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services (Res) (Info)

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doyle said she received a letter from New York State Office of Family and Children's Services expressing thanks to the County for the letter regarding the Raise the Age Local Planning Guide.

NYSAC is hosting a conference call tomorrow regarding the impact of the State Budget.

As a reminder, financial disclosures for the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law were due on March 31st.

At this time, New York State employees who works in the Court House have not been authorized to change their work hours for the summer months to coincide with County summer hours, making vertical security ineffective.

The Vacancy Review Committee met last Tuesday and reviewed twenty-two positions.

Ms. Doyle said she, along with Chair Acres, attended a training exercise at Fort Drum today, and the exercise included a flight in a Black Hawk helicopter.

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Burke said there was information discussed last week regarding funding for Bassmasters, and that the money allocated from ESD Funds would go to pay back the Village or Town of Waddington, but after reviewing the budgets, he failed to see any notation of money borrowed in any previous Bassmaster events. He wants to be sure the Legislators have accurate information to make informed decisions.

Mr. Acres said this is a volunteer organization and financials are not their strong point. They were given a grant from Senator Ritchie's office in the amount of \$70,000, and in order to receive those funds, they had to submit the bills, and they had not submitted the proper paperwork in a timely manner. He said \$60,000 came out of an economic fund of the Village of Waddington.

Mr. Timmerman moved to go to Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A straw poll vote was taken regarding infringement rights.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 7:52 p.m. seconded by Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hooper adjourned the April Operations Committee Meeting at 7:52 p.m., as there was no further business.