

Members Attending: Mr. Hooper, Mr. Acres, Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Bell, Mr. Burke, Mr. Colbert, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, ~~Mr. LaPierre~~, Mr. Leader, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Paquin, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Timmerman

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Jonnie Dorothy, Renee Cole, Steve Button, Mike Cunningham, Dana McGuire, Chris Rediehs, Andrea Montgomery, Jay Ulrich, James McGahan, Mike Boprey, Kindra Cousineau, and Renae Johnson

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. Mr. Denesha moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the January 8th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Paquin, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

3. PUBLIC DEFENDER – STEVE BALLAN

James McGahan spoke to the following resolution in Mr. Ballan's absence:

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the Division of Criminal Justice Services for the 2018-2019 Aid to Defense Grant (Res) – Mr. Leader 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).

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doyle said there was a water service main break on Thursday causing the Court House to be without water. There was a quick response by Buildings and Grounds and the Village of Canton and the water restored within 24 hours. Duck Brown Contracting was contracted to do the work, with the help of the Highway Department. There were approximately 43 employees impacted.

Negotiations is scheduled for tomorrow with the Sheriff's Deputies and Supervisors Units.

The Board of Elections has completely relocated to their new space in the Canton Human Services Building.

The Space Committee met today to discuss the immediate use of old jail, as well as the space in the Courthouse. The Courts are requesting space for new court room.

Vacancy Review Committee met and reviewed thirteen (13) vacancies.

A resolution regarding the Legislative Agenda for St. Lawrence County will be coming forward on an upcoming Finance Committee meeting agenda. Possible dates to travel to Albany to deliver the agenda are March 13 – 15.

Ms. Doyle reported that the Recreational Trails Coordinator for the County, Deb Christy's, father passed away and the services will be held next Wednesday.

Ms. Doyle said she will be off next week.

Ms. Doyle said she would like to hold a Shared Services Initiative Meeting sometime in March.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Colbert asked if the County had any input regarding the bypass proposed for Canton.

Ms. Doyle said no, not yet.

Mr. Timmerman moved to go to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Colbert, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 8:20 p.m. seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (LaPierre).

7. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hooper moved to adjourn the February Operations Committee Meeting at 8:20 p.m., as there was no further business.