

*\*\*PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.1 ARTICLE 7, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWING THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE\*\**

**Members attending:** Mr. Acres, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Smithers

**Members Attending Via Videoconference:** ~~Mr. Arquiatt~~, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, ~~Ms. Haggard~~, and Ms. Terminelli

**Others Attending Via Videoconference:** Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Steve Button, Don Chambers, Patrick Kelly, Jolene Munger, and Barb Lashua

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Denesha moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Haggard).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Haggard).

### **3. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for Solid Waste for Revenue Received from Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for Recycling Equipment (Res) – Mr. Smithers 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 (Arquiatt and Haggard).

### **4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways Capital Fund for the Purchase of a Trail Grader for the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail Project (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Haggard).

B. Authorizing a Bond Resolution for the Acquisition and Construction of Two Equipment Garages and Two Sand/Salt Storage Buildings at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$6,000,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of Up to \$6,000,000 Bonds of St. Lawrence County to Pay the Cost Thereof (Res) (*Note: A 2/3 vote is needed.*) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Haggard).

### **5. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN**

A. Authorizing Real Property Tax Law Correction of Errors (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Haggard).

## **6. TREASURER – RENEE COLE**

A. Adopting Mortgage Tax Report (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Haggard).

Ms. Cole said the bank reconciliations for March have been posted on Google Drive, the May sales tax numbers have been emailed to Legislators, and the Auditors will be coming on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

B. 2020 Unaudited Results (Info) – Ms. Cole and Deb Bridges

## **7. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Septic System Replacement Program and Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Planning Office (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Haggard).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with North Country Housing Council to Administer the 2021 Septic System Replacement Program (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Denesha), and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Haggard).

## **8. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Odin Environmental LLC for Environmental Investigation on Property Owned by the Estate of Betty Davis and Properties Owned by Melvin Bice and Property Owned by Grant's Gas & Grocery, LLC (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to amend the resolution amount from \$7,640 to \$10,140, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Haggard).

Mr. Perkins moved to forward this amended resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Haggard).

## **9. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

A. County Attorney – Mr. Button requested to abolish a Paralegal and Create an Assistant County Attorney (022000002) position in the County Attorney's Office.

## **10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with Lot #21 for Space in the City of Ogdensburg Located at 206 Ford Street (Res) – Mr. Reagen moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes, three (3) no votes (Curran, Forsythe, and Lightfoot), and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Haggard).

B. Appointing the St. Lawrence County Historian (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this

resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Haggard).

Ms. Doyle said the County is no longer requiring mask wearing for the fully vaccinated, but are maintaining the six feet social distancing protocol. The Courts are continuing to require wearing masks in courtrooms. Covid cases will be monitored and the County buildings are scheduled to open on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. The vaccine hub zoom meetings have been decreased to once a week, and mostly for discussion on counties in the region sharing vaccines.

An achievement award for the First Mile, Last Mile Program was received from NYSAC. It has been a very successful program with 8.2% of ridership using this program to access the transit system.

The work on environmental contaminated properties in the City of Ogdensburg are continuing with the Shade Roller property at this time, and are also continuing to access other properties as well. The tax collection option discussions are ongoing, and there is a meeting later this week with the City of Ogdensburg to discuss dispatch services.

The entrance interview with Drescher & Malecki, LLP, for the 2020 audit will be held on Wednesday.

There is a meeting scheduled on Wednesday with Enterprise to begin planning the 2022 fleet.

Ms. Doyle said she will be making recommendations on the reserves next month.

Mr. Burke asked if guidelines for the use of stimulus fund have been received. Ms. Doyle said she has received guidelines on uses for the American Stimulus Funds, although that guidance has changed periodically.

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – no report
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – Ms. Curran
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board – no report
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board – Mr. Smithers
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee – Mr. Smithers
- F. Industrial Development Agency – Mr. Reagen
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board – Mr. Perkins
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – Mr. Forsythe
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – no report
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Burke

## **12. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. Proclaiming June as Dairy Month (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Haggard).

Mr. Denesha said the Watertown Daily Times printed a great photo of County employee, Christina Adams, painting a mural at the Department of Social Services.

Mr. Fay moved to go to Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Haggard).

### **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Curran left the meeting.

Mr. Denesha moved to go to Open Session at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Arquiett, Haggard, and Curran).

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Acres adjourned the May Finance Committee Meeting at 8:40 p.m., as there was no further business.