

Members Attending: Mr. Acres, Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Terminelli

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, Steve Button, Don Chambers, and Brooke Rouse

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 unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the May 24th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. FISHING TOURNAMENTS – St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Brooke Rouse, Director of Tourism and Ben Dixon, Executive Director

Mr. Arquiatt moved to amend the agenda to move Item No. 8, resolution financially supporting the efforts of the Major League Fishing (MLF) 2021 Bass Pro Tour Tournament in Massena, New York, forward on the agenda to become Item 3a, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3a. LEGISLATORS ARQUIETT, TERMINELLI, AND CURRAN

A. Financially Supporting the Efforts of the Major League Fishing (MLF) 2021 Bass Pro Tour Tournament in Massena, New York, and Modifying the 2021 Budget (Res) – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Arquiatt.

Mr. Arquiatt recognized Brooke Rouse, St. Lawrence Chamber of Commerce Director of Tourism.

Motion carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and 2 no votes (Lightfoot and Smithers).

4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an amended Contract for J.E. Sheehan Corporation for the Jones Road Over West Branch of St. Regis River Project and Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for Restoration of Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) Funding (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) abstention (Perkins).

B. Approving Supplemental Agreement #2 with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Construction Inspection Services for the Northumberland Street Bridge Over Morristown Bay Project, BIN 3341380 (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Highway Outposts Projects Update (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

D. Authorizing the Acquisition of a Parcel of Land, and a Permanent Easement on the Adjoining Property, for Construction of a County Highway Facility in the Town of Potsdam and Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Supplemental Agreement with Brooks Washburn, Architect, for Professional Engineering Services and Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Lightfoot, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with eleven (11) yes votes, three (3) no votes (Haggard, Fiacco, and Burke), and 1 abstention (Perkins).

5. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Declaring Default of the Norfolk Bakery, LLC Regarding an Agreement to Pay on a Tax Delinquency and Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement Between the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund and County of St. Lawrence, New York, Regarding a Tax Delinquent Property (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) no votes (Arquiett, Burke, Fiacco, and Haggard).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund Regarding Tax Delinquent Properties Owned by Irene Carter (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Workers’ Compensations Self-Insurance Apportionment for the Year 2022 (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

6. WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT – BARB LASHUA

A. Establishing the 2021 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Budget (Res) (Info) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

7. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – GARY PASQUA

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Aid to Prosecution Grant (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Treasurer’s Office – Ms. Cole requested to fill a Principal Account Clerk Position (1003000006) in the Treasurer’s Office.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. 2020 Reserve Funding Levels Recommendation (Discussion)

B. 2022 Fund Balance Policy Recommendation (Discussion)

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for Office Space at the Human Services Center (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Doyle welcomed everyone back and said it has been 66 weeks and 6 days since the Board has gathered as one body in the Chambers. The County will continue to broadcast the meetings on YouTube. The Executive Orders of the Governor have expired so the County will defer to the recommendations of the Department of Health and the CDC. The County will make adjustments and will unlock doors, cease daily assessment of County employees each morning, remove floor markings, signs, Plexiglas, and reduce midday cleaning.

The Nutrition Site in Gouverneur will reopen on July 6th, with consideration of other sites in the future.

The budget process for 2022 is underway. From July 6th through the 30th, departments will work on their projections for 2021 and requests for 2022. In August the Budget Team will meet with each Department, September 1st through the 24th, the Budget Team will work to complete the budget, and on October 4th, the tentative budget will be presented to the Board of Legislators.

St. Lawrence County is working with Jefferson and Lewis Counties to amend the reporting of COVID to two times a week. Conversation with schools continue regarding grant funding available for testing in the fall. Public Health has completed the second round of vaccinations at schools, and the Pfizer vaccine is now available at the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department, located in Canton.

Ms. Doyle said the broadband survey and lead grant update will be provided in July at a Committee meeting.

There will be a work session scheduled in July regarding cyber security.

The August full Board Meeting will be held at the St. Lawrence County Fair on August 2nd.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet on Wednesday.

The County is moving to a pilot program on dispatch with the City of Ogdensburg.

There will be a new DSS report provided at the July Services Committee meeting.

There is no meeting next Monday in observance of Independence Day.

The second quarter financial update will be provided at the July Finance Committee meeting.

10. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Perkins said a few weeks ago he brought forward information regarding moving a veterans' memorial wall from the Pierrepont Museum to property owned by the County, on the corner of County Routes 24 and 29. He asked the Board if there was interest in using this land for this purpose. This lot may also eventually be used for a parking area for the multi-use trail. The County Attorney will prepare a resolution.

Ms. Curran said the Fish and Wildlife Committee met and they will be looking for a member with sportsman status, as one member will be resigning from the Committee.

Mr. Button said upon further inspection of the resolution presented earlier tonight entitled, "Workers' Compensations Self-Insurance Apportionment for the Year 2022," corrections need to be made and a new resolution will be presented at the full Board meeting next week.

Mr. Sheridan said the CDP has not received any weatherization funds and the agency may not be able to sustain their programing and may have to lay off staff. They will receive funds eventually, but not in a timely fashion. Mr. Sheridan said the County should reach out to State Representatives, and said he spoke with Senator Ritchie's office today.

Mr. Forsythe said CDEIP 2021 Grants have been announced: The Cranberry Lake Mountaineer Club received \$15,000; GardenShare received \$7,500; Lisbon Town Beach received \$20,000 for IT updates; Town of Louisville received \$20,000 for improvements to the golf course; Black Lake received \$7,500 for a study on milfoil; St. Lawrence County North Country Events received \$15,000 for Bassmasters; Village of Waddington received \$10,000 for the relocation of a railroad depot; the Village of Potsdam received \$5,000 for a new road; the Police Activities League of Massena received \$20,000 for an air conditioning system; and the Town of Waddington had a remaining balance from a previous grant and those funds went towards a fire alarm system.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 8:41 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A straw poll vote was taken during Executive Session regarding negotiations with a vote of thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) no votes.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 10:19 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Button said there is pending lawsuit that the County has been a part of regarding opioid litigation, and a settlement has been reached in the matter. Mr. Forsythe moved to take action on a settlement agreement for the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy exit, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Acres).

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the June Finance Committee Meeting at 10:22 p.m., as there was no further business