

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

Members Attending via Video: Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, and Ms. Terminelli

Others Attending in Person or via Video: Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Steve Button, and Jason Pfothenhauer

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Ms. Curran called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Haggard moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Smithers moved to approve the August 9th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. PROBATION – TIM LEPAGE

A. Authorizing the Chair to sign a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for a FY22 Alternative to Incarceration, Pre-Trial, Electronic Home Monitoring Grant (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Casella Waste Services for Refuse Services at Massena Harrowgate Commons Building for the District Offices of Probation, Department of Motor Vehicles and Community Services (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Res) – Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

4. COUNTY CLERK – SANDY SANTAMOOR

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office for Overtime Costs at the Department of Motor Vehicles (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

5. SHERIFF – BROOKS BIGWARFE

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Council 82, AFSCME Local No. 2390, Contract Settlement for Uniform Maintenance (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Council 82, AFSCME Local No. 2390, Contract Settlement for Salaries (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for Medical Doctor Malpractice Insurance Coverage at the Correctional Facility (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for 207C Compensation (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

E. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for the Purchase of Body and Security Cameras for the Correctional Facility (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres.

Mr. Denesha moved to amend the resolution to state in the second whereas that “Jail State Readies Funds” have been realized to cover the cost, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Amended resolution carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

F. Modifying the 2021 Sheriff’s Office Budget to Accept a 2022 Police Traffic Services (PTS) Grant from the State of New York Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

G. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for Overtime Expenses for the Correctional Division (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

H. Overtime Expenses for the Criminal Division (Discussion) – Sheriff Bigwarfe

6. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MATT DENNER

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services for a Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Technology Services Program (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

7. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Overview of Redistricting in St. Lawrence County (Discussion) – Mr. Pfothenhauer

B. Black Lake Invasive Species Assessment (Update) – John Tenbusch, Planner II

8. LEGISLATOR RITA CURRAN

A. Supporting Senate Bill S4104 and Assembly Bill A7006, “An Act to Amend the General Business Law, in Relation to the Sale of Digital Electronic Equipment and Providing Diagnostic and Repair Information” Known as the “Digital Fair Repair Act” (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres.

Ms. Terminelli requested a friendly amendment to remove the names of manufacturers listed in the first whereas and simply state “large scale manufacturers.”

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

B. Opposing COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates Imposed by Federal, State, or Local Governmental Bodies (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot.

Ms. Curran recognized Mr. Ben Hall.

Mr. Reagan recognized Mr. Ken Gardener, Chief of Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Mr. Perkins asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Mr. Reagan called the question, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Motion carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) no votes (Haggard, Burke, and Terminelli).

9. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Review Committee Summary (Info) – Ms. Doyle

B. County Clerk – Ms. Santamoor requested to create and fill a Deputy County Clerk position in the County Clerk's Office

C. Sheriff – Sheriff Bigwarfe requested to abolish and create and fill a Senior Civil Account Clerk position; fill two Sergeant positions; fill a Corrections Officer position; and fill a Cook position in the Sheriff's Office.

D. Information Technology – Mr. Johnson requested to fill an Information Services Manager position in IT.

E. Buildings & Grounds – Ms. Doyle requested to fill a Senior Account Clerk position in Buildings & Grounds.

F. Conflict Defender – Mr. Jason Marx requested to fill a Legal Secretary position in the Conflict Defender's Office.

G. Public Defender – Mr. McGahan requested to fill an Assistant Public Defender position in the Public Defender's Office.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board – no report

B. Alternatives to Incarceration Board – no report

C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library – no report

D. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board – no report

E. Environmental Management Council – Ms. Terminelli

F. Fire Advisory Board – Mr. Denesha

G. Intercounty Legislative Committee – Ms. Curran

H. Jury Board – no report

I. Planning Board – Mr. Fay

J. Consolidation Committee – Mr. Fay

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Burke recognized Matt Denner, Emergency Services Director, to give a brief discussion on EMS and the shortage of volunteers for rescue squads.

Mr. Smithers said he has a constituent who has a radio tower that he is no longer using and he would like to sell it to the County.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive Session will be held in conjunction with the following Services Committee Meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Ms. Curran adjourned the September Operations Committee Meeting at 8:20 p.m., as there was no further business.