

Members Attending: Mr. Acres, Mr. Burke, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Smithers

Members Attending via Video: Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Curran arrived at 5:31 p.m., Ms. Fiaceo, Mr. Forsythe arrived at 5:32 p.m., Ms. Haggard, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, Steve Button, Don Chambers, Renee Cole, Steve Button, Bruce Green, Jason Pfothenauer, and Sandy Santamoor

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. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Fiacco, Forsythe, Terminelli).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the October 25th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Fiacco, Forsythe, Terminelli).

Ms. Curran arrived at 5:31 p.m.

3. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for Professional Engineering Services for the Design of a Recycling Transfer Facility at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station and Modifying the 2021 Budget for Solid Waste (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot.

Mr. Forsythe arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for Consulting Services for McCarthy Road Bridge over West Branch of St. Regis River, BIN 3358370 and Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways (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 (Fiacco and Terminelli).

B. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Department of Highways for Overtime, Machinery and Equipment Rental, Bridge Supplies, and Paving Material (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

C. Depot Street Bridge Reopening (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

5. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Charging Tax Items (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

B. Adopting the Mortgage Tax Report (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

C. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Treasurer’s Office for Taxes on County Reforestation Parcels (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

D. Establishing a Departmental Cash Drawer for the Treasurer’s Office for Collection of County Real Property Taxes in the City of Ogdensburg (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 (Fiacco and Terminelli).

E. City of Ogdensburg Location for Tax Collection (Discussion) – Ms. Cole

6. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Legalfiles Software, Inc. for Case Management Software Related to the Legal Representation of the Department of Social Services and Modifying the 2021 Budget for Social Services (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

7. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Elections, Real Property and Community College Apportionments for the Year 2022 (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

B. Tax Bills for Residents of the City of Ogdensburg (Info) – Mr. Green

8. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Department of Transportation for Accelerated Transit Capital Funds and Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Planning Office (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 (Fiacco and Terminelli).

9. COUNTY CLERK – SANDY SANTAMOOR

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the County Clerk’s Office for a License Plate Cutter for the Department of Motor Vehicles (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Lightfoot), and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

10. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Solid Waste – Don Chambers requested to fill a Site Crew Leader, Position No. 332300003, in Solid Waste.

B. Highway – Don Chambers requested to fill an Assistant Civil Engineer, Position No. 313100004, in Highway.

11. 2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET REVIEW

- A. Board of Legislators
- B. County Attorney
- C. Highway
- D. Treasurer
- E. Real Property
- F. Solid Waste
- G. Finalize the 2022 Tentative Budget

Mr. Denesha made a motion to move the 2022 Tentative Budget forward for adoption at the December Full Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for Property Maintenance Needs and Energy Costs Due to the COVID-19 Response (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

B. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office to purchase a multifunction copier in Central Printing (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

C. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office for Costs Associated with Community College Tuition (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fiacco and Terminelli).

Ms. Doyle said the COVID-19 positivity rate in St. Lawrence County is 6.77%, the vaccination rate for first dose is 59.8%, which is up one percent (1%), and fully vaccinated is 55.8%. On

November 30th the requirements for Canadians coming into the Country will be lifted if they are staying less than 72 hours. The State hosted a call asking what the needs of counties are.

The Treasurer shared the sales tax information via email.

Human Resources is required to do annual training on diversity, equal opportunity, affirmative action, workplace violence prevention and sexual harassment prevention, and the training will be schedule for Legislators after a meeting in December.

There is no meeting scheduled next week. The next meeting is Monday, December 6th for the Full Board meeting, along with two public hearings.

Mr. Burke asked what the cost of healthcare was to the County regarding COVID-19. Ms. Doyle said it was over \$100,000 a few months ago, but she would get an updated number.

Mr. Acres asked if the State was going to have a clinic for booster shots. Ms. Doyle said requests have been made to the State. Ms. Haggard asked if there was going to be a clinic for employees to receive booster shots. Ms. Doyle said a clinic for employees to receive the booster shot is scheduled on December 15th.

Mr. Reagen thanked Ms. Doyle for working with Save the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility Task Force.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – no report
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – no report
- 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. Arquiett
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – no report
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Haggard
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Burke

14. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Burke asked what the Board could do regarding the pending closure of the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility. Mr. Reagen said the Legislators should encourage their town boards to pass a resolution in support of keeping the prison open.

Mr. Denesha said he would like the Board to discuss removing sales tax on home heating fuel for the winter months as inflation is at a 30 year high, and fuel prices are at a 7 year high with no relief in sight.

Ms. Terminelli arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Mr. Arquiett said a funeral director reached out to him and said the body bags from the County were of poor quality, and he asked if different bags could be purchased.

Ms. Terminelli said municipalities are starting to finalize their budgets for next year and the question regarding compact gaming funds have been brought up. She asked if the County has received payments for the compact gaming funds. Ms. Doyle said the County has not received a payment since the third quarter of 2019.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fiacco).

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lightfoot moved to go to Open Session at 8:34 p.m., seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fiacco).

16. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the November Finance Committee Meeting at 8:34 p.m., as there is no further business.