

****PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11, IN EFFECT UNTIL MARCH 16, 2022, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWS THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE****

Members Attending: Mr. Acres, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen arrived at 5:33 p.m., and Mr. Smithers

Members Attending via Video: Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran arrived at 5:35 p.m., Ms. Fiacco, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli

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. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Reagen).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the January 31st meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Reagen).

3. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Roadside Mowing Contracts (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Curran and Reagen).

B. Authorization to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Franklin County Highway Department for Road Salt through the 2022-2023 St. Lawrence County Salt Bid (Res) – Mr. Forsythe 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 (Curran and Reagen).

C. Approving Federal Aid Highway Project Supplemental Agreement #5 for Additional Funding for Final Design for the County Route 35 (Slab City) Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394 (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Reagen arrived at 5:33 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Supplemental Agreement #2 with Stantec Consulting Services for Additional Engineering and Design Services for County Route 35 Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394 and Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot.

Ms. Curran arrived at 5:35 p.m.

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

E. Approving Federal Aid Local Project Supplemental Agreement for Right-of-Way Incidentals for the Lazy River Road Bridge over Grasse River Federal Aid Highway Project BIN 3341820, PIN 775332 (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement between United Helpers, Inc. and St. Lawrence County for the Recovery and Recoupment of Pass-Through Funding Overpayments (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) abstention (Denesha).

5. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension with Auctions International, Inc. for Property Tax Auction Services on Foreclosed Real Properties in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Venesky & Company to Prepare the Annual Indirect Cost Allocation Report for the Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, and 2023 (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

6. HUMAN RESOURCES – JONNIE DOROTHY

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Excellus BC/BS to Purchase Stop Loss Insurance and Modifying the 2022 Budget (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing Wage Increases for Positions Categorized as Flat Rate Medical Providers (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

7. WORKFORCE INNOVATIVE & OPPORTUNITY ACT – BARB LASHUA

A. Authorizing the Treasurer to Modify the PY21 WIOA Budget to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker Accounts to Adult Training Accounts (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

8. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY – PATRICK KELLY

A. Approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement in Relation to Solar Project on Parcel 64.002-6-1 (Res) – Mr. Reagen moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

9. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with NCC Systems Inc. for Security System Equipment, Installation & Maintenance for the Opioid Treatment Program (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. OTP Progress Update (Discussion) – Mr. Ulrich

10. RECREATIONAL AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

A. In Support of All-Terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile Access on the Recently Acquired New York State Conservation Easement Lands Known as the South Branch Grasse River Tract and the Cranberry Forest (Res) – Mr. Arquiatt moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Denesha.

Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsors to this resolution.

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

11. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. One Stop Career Center/WIOA – Ms. Lashua requested to create and fill an Employment and Training Counselor, Position No. 701000028, at the One Stop Career Center.

B. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Motor Equipment Operator, Position No. 310000006, and fill a Motor Equipment Mechanic, Position No. 308100002, in the Highway Department

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Clerk’s Office for a License Plate Cutter for the Department of Motor Vehicles (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Lightfoot).

Ms. Doyle said there has been a dramatic decrease in COVID-19 cases in the County. Supplies are plentiful and are continuing to be dispersed to local municipalities. Governor Hochul announced that schools and daycares will be relieved of the mask mandate, and also gave Counties and Cities the authority to make their own mask mandate if they chose. Dr. William and Jolene Munger have determined that the County is in a low category of positive cases, so the County will not implement a mask mandate. The change to the mask mandate will begin Wednesday, and a press release will go out tomorrow. School buses fall under federal government and masks are no longer required on buses. The County will continue to maintain a robust testing program.

Ms. Doyle reported one transfer of funds in the amount of \$4,533 for the Sheriff’s Office for an increase in the cost of training supplies and ammunition.

The Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) Grant application is due and the timeframe has been shortened so a resolution will go directly to the March Board Meeting this month.

Ms. Doyle said she will meet with the new Director of the Children's Home of Jefferson County this week.

The County Treasurer has emailed February sales tax information to Legislators, and the December bank reconciliations have been posted in google drive.

The Board Office will be looking at new systems for meeting hosting platforms, and will bring a comprehensive plan to the Board.

A New York State audit is being conducted in the HEAP Unit in the Department of Social Services.

The Bonadio Group and outside council met with supervisors and some of the complainants this week.

The County will celebrate its 220th anniversary on March 3, 2022 at the Freight House at 11 a.m. with an event and luncheon planned.

March 4th is Employee Appreciation Day and National Safety Day.

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. Arquiatt/Perkins
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – Mr. Forsythe
- 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. Forsythe said he is proposing the County make an investment in contaminated property in the City of Ogdensburg, specifically Shade Roller and Diamond National.

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Executive Session at 7:23 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.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

16. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the February Finance Committee meeting at 9:01 p.m., as there was no further business.