

****PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11.6, IN EFFECT UNTIL JUNE 14, 2022, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWS THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE****

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

Members Attending via Video: Mr. Arquiett

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 Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the April 25th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways for Revenue Received from Insurance Recovery for a Dump Truck (Res) – Ms. Fiacco moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Modifying the 2022 Budget the Department of Highways for an Increase in the Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) (Res) – Mr. Fay moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

4. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Adopting the Mortgage Tax Report (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. 2021 Unaudited Results (Info) – Renee Cole and Deb Bridges

5. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Treasurer’s Office – Ms. Cole requested to abolish a Collections Specialist and create and fill a Senior Account Clerk, Position No. 100200042, in the Treasurer’s Office

B. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill an Assistant Civil Engineer, Position No. 313100001, and fill a Field Operations Coordinator, Position No. 314200001, in the Highway Department.

C. WIOA One-Stop Career Center – Ms. Lashua requested to abolish a Principal Account Clerk and create and fill a Senior Account Clerk, Position No. 100200041, at the One Stop Career Center.

6. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS – RUTH DOYLE

A. Update (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Proclaiming June as Dairy Month (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with the Children’s Home of Jefferson County (CHJC) for Office Space at the Human Services Center (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law B (No. __) for the Year 2022, “Setting the Salary for the County Historian” (Res) – Ms. Fiacco moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Establishing a Standard Work Day for New York State Retirement System Reporting Purposes (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

E. Modifying the Budget for the County Administrator’s Office for the Purchase of a Tractor for the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Arquiatt, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

F. Authorizing the Sale of a Parcel of Land to Michael J. Lennox and Billie Jean Lennox located Near State Highway 68 (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

G. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Amended Contract with Odin Environmental, LLC for Initial Environmental Investigation on Property Owned by the Estate of Lawrence Churchill, Andy Maslin & Donna Maslin, and White’s General Store (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Doyle said the current infection rate of COVID-19 is 5.6% in St. Lawrence County.

Ms. Doyle said the Chamber of Commerce will host a tourism dinner at Pickens Hall in Heuvelton on Wednesday.

Budget preparations for 2023 is underway.

Ms. Doyle said she will bring recommendations forward regarding reserves and fund balance to the June Finance Committee meeting.

8. 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 – no report
- F. Industrial Development Agency – Mr. Reagen

Ms. Terminelli left the meeting at 6:54 p.m., and returned at 6:56 p.m.

- 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

9. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lightfoot said the Committee met regarding the Shade Roller Property in Ogdensburg.

Mr. Forsythe made a motion to use ARPA funds in the amount of \$183,000 to support the City of Ogdensburg with the Shade Roller property project, seconded by Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Smithers moved to table this resolution until further discussions with the County Attorney, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by nine (9) yes votes, and six (6) no votes.

Ms. Curran moved to bring a resolution to the floor and forward this resolution to the full Board meeting entitled, “Calling on New York State Governor Katherine Hochul and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to Work Cooperatively with St. Lawrence County on Long Standing Goals and Objectives to Promote Tourism in St. Lawrence County,” seconded by Mr. Reagen and Mr. Perkins.

Ms. Haggard made a motion to table the resolution to the June Operations Committee, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with nine (9) yes votes, and six (6) no votes.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no need for Executive Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Acres adjourned the May Finance Committee Meeting at 7:45 p.m., as there was no further business.