

****PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11.7, IN EFFECT UNTIL JULY 14, 2022, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWS THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE****

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Chair Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Fay.

Mr. Smithers moved to amend the agenda to include a resolution under old and new business entitled, “Opposing Assembly Bill A.7919 and Senate Bill S.3908, “An Act to Amend the State Finance Law, the General Municipal Law, the Public Authorities Law, and the Highway Law, in Relation to Enacting the New York State Buy American Salt Act”, seconded by Mr. Fay and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

Motion carried to approve the amended agenda by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Sheridan moved to approve the May 16th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

3. PUBLIC HEALTH – JOLENE MUNGER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Amendment to the Contract with Health Research Inc. (HRI) for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Reopening Schools (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

B. Public Health Fellows Update (Discussion) – Ms. Munger and Anne Marie Snell, Executive Director of St. Lawrence Health Initiative.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Authorizing an Intergovernmental Transfer for an Upper Payment Limit and Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

B. Accepting Donations to St. Lawrence County Community Services Addiction Services Program (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with Drugscan for Use of a Centrifuge Device for Community Services (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

D. Mental Health and Addiction Clinic Updates (Info) – Mr. Ulrich

5. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOSEPH SEEBER

- A. Social Services Statistics (Info) – Heather Rand, Director of Children’s Services
- B. Unit Update – Caseworker Training – Chris Chandler, Senior Caseworker

6. LEGISLATOR ACRES AND LEGISLATOR CURRAN

A. Opposing the Recently Enacted “New York State Gun Package” Consisting of Ten (10) Bills Identified as A.1023-A/S.4970-A, A.6716-A/S.89-B, A.7926-A/S.4116-A, A.7865-A/ S.4511-A, A.10428-A/S.9229-A, A.10497/S.9407-B, A.10501/S.9465, A.10502/S.9113-A, A.10503/S.9458, and A.10504/S.9456 and Calling upon the State of New York to Adequately Address the Fundamental Causes of Mass Shootings (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Acres.

Mr. Smithers, Ms. Sheridan, and Mr. Perkins requested to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

Motion carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Haggard and Terminelli), and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

7. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Social Services – Mr. Seeber requested to fill a Social Welfare Examiner, Position No. 814000039; Social Welfare Examiner, Position No. 814000048; Social Welfare Examiner, Position No. 814000020; Social Welfare Examiner, Position No. 814000021; Employment and Training Counselor, Position No. 701000019; and Caseworker, Position No. 815200003 in Social Services.

B. Public Health – Ms. Munger requested to fill a Community Health Educator, Position No. 502500002 and Public Health Specialist, Position No. 504300006, in Public Health.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Doyle said St. Lawrence County remains at a medium level regarding COVID-19, and St. Lawrence County will be partnering with St. Lawrence Health Initiative for a fellows program. Reporting will continue to be on Monday and Thursday through June, and then will be changing to monthly reporting at the beginning of July.

Ms. Doyle reported on one transfer of funds: \$455 for the Sheriff’s Office for acquisition of mobile data tablets as the price had increase between the time the quote was given and purchase was made.

The Bonadio Group will present on the finding of the comprehensive review of Child Protective Services, Preventative, and Foster Care within Children’s Services next week at the Finance Committee meeting.

A year-end review of DSS updates will be given at the July Services Committee meeting.

Ms. Doyle will discuss recommendation for reserves at the upcoming Finance Committee meeting, to include a fund balance policy for 2023.

The Fiscal Stability and Audit Committee will meet prior to the June Finance Committee meeting.

The bond rating was confirmed as an A+ rating with a stable outlook.

There will be discussions at the upcoming Finance Committee regarding bonds, and how to fund the construction of outposts. The property is ready and construction of the Potsdam outpost will begin.

Emergency Services Advisory Board will meet this week regarding information gathered from the community about Emergency Services.

A recognition ceremony for years of service was held last week at Social Services.

On Thursday, Ms. Doyle will be traveling to Lake Place for a follow-up meeting on mediation regarding Indian Land Claims.

ARPA Committee will meet with the IDA this week regarding the economic development component that the IDA will be managing for the County.

Ms. Doyle said she will be meeting with the Soil & Water Conservation District Manager and County Forester to discuss ARPA Funds to be used for the Emerald Ash Borer.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Board of Health – Mr. Acres
- B. CDP Board of Directors – no report
- C. Community Services Board – Mr. Haggard
- D. Office for the Aging Advisory Board – Mr. Denesha
- E. Youth Advisory Board – Ms. Terminelli

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Opposing Assembly Bill A.7919 And Senate Bill S.3908, “An Act to Amend the State Finance Law, the General Municipal Law, the Public Authorities Law, and the Highway Law, in Relation to Enacting the New York State Buy American Salt Act” – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Acres, Ms. Haggard, Ms. Curran, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Sheridan asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Ms. Terminelli said she will recuse herself from discussion and voting as she is a member of the OBPA Board.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstained (Terminelli), and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

Ms. Haggard said there was a wonderful celebration in Potsdam for Juneteenth, and she thought the County should look at giving a holiday to the County employees. Ms. Doyle said there has been communication between counties regarding Juneteenth with most counties not acting on giving the day off at this at this time. One county granted the day off and one county has exchanged a floating holiday for Juneteenth.

Mr. Acres moved to go to Executive Session at 8:23 p.m., to discuss personnel and negotiations, seconded by Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Denesha moved to go to Open Session at 9:12 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Lightfoot moved to adjourn the June Services Committee Meeting at 9:12 p.m., as there was no further business.