

****PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11.8, IN EFFECT UNTIL AUGUST 13, 2022, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWS THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE****

Members Attending: Mr. Acres, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, 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. Forsythe moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the June 27th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. 2022 SINGLE AUDIT RESULTS – Luke Malecki, CPA, and Charles Trottier, CPA, Drescher and Malecki, LLP

4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Resolution Declaring the Intent of St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators to act as Lead Agency for the Lazy River Road over Grasse River Bridge Replacement Project, PIN 7753.32 (Res) (Info) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for Camera Security System in the Department of Highways Outposts in Lisbon, Russell and Potsdam (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for the Fuel Management System in the Department of Highway Outposts in Lisbon, Russell and Potsdam Outposts (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Modifying the 2022 Department of Highway's Budget for Increased Fuel and Repair Expenses – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

E. Projects Updates (Discussion) – no update was given.

5. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Declaring the Intent of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators to act as Lead Agency for SEQRA Assessment of the Ogdensburg Transfer Station Improvements Project at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station in the Town of Lisbon, St. Lawrence County, New York (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Determining that Construction of the Ogdensburg Transfer Station Improvements Project at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station in the Town of Lisbon in St. Lawrence County, New York will not Result in any Significant Adverse Environmental Impact (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Modifying the 2022 Solid Waste Department Budget for Increased Fuel and Repair Expenses (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Fiacco, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

6. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Apportionment for the Year 2023 (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. Authorizing the Conveyance of Real Property Known as the “Rathbun Site” at 78 Main Street, Town of Hermon, to the Town of Hermon (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.

7. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY – PATRICK KELLY

A. Approving the Issuance of Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Civic Development Corporation for St. Lawrence University (Res) – Mr. Burke 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) no vote (Denesha).

8. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MATT DENNER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles for the Purchase of a Replacement Mobile Command Center, and Modifying the 2022 Budget for Emergency Services (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

9. SHERIFF’S OFFICE – BROOKS BIGWARFE

Undersheriff Sean P. O’Brien spoke to the following resolution in the Sheriff’s absence:

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation with the Sheriff’s Office (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services for the Locum Tenens Staffing Agency Contract (Res) (*Note: This Resolution was tabled at Operations Committee meeting and will need a motion to remove it from the table*) – Mr. Burke moved to remove this resolution from the Table, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Curran moved to amend the resolution to add the Professional Practice Group affiliated with SUNY Upstate Medical University to the fourth whereas, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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

11. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with AllPaid, Inc. to Provide Credit Card Services to St. Lawrence County Departments (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Creation of a Blighted Residential Property Reserve Account (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

12. LEGISLATOR – MARGARET HAGGARD

A. Urging the State of New York to Eliminate the Requirement of DOT Perm 75 for Fiber Optic Facilities and Infrastructure (Res) – Ms. Haggard moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Fiacco and Ms. Terminelli.

Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

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

13. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to abolish Assistant Civil Engineer and create and fill a Heavy Equipment Operator/Instructor, Position No. 311500001, in the Highway Department.

B. Solid Waste – Mr. Chambers requested to abolish (2) Sanitary Landfill Attendants, and create and fill a Heavy Equipment Operator, Position No. 309800019, in Solid Waste.

C. Board of Legislators – Ms. Doyle requested to fill a Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Position No. 305000001, in Buildings and Grounds.

D. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) – Pam Lewis requested to fill an Assistant Accounting Supervisor, Position No. 102000001, in the One Stop Career Center.

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

A. Information and Update (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the Purpose of Economic Development and Tourism and Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator's Office (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. 2021 Second Quarter Financial Update (Info) – Ms. Doyle

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – no report
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – Ms. Curran
- 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
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board – Mr. Arquiett
- 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

17. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Curran said she received a phone call from a constituent regarding an error on a property tax bill, and she would like to verify the information and have a resolution drafted to correct the error, if needed.

Mr. Forsythe said he had reached out to Assistant County Administrator, Dylan Soper, to get a tax rate comparison of all counties in New York State, and the information gathered by Mr. Soper is on google drive. Mr. Forsythe said property taxes are too high, and he would like to see a decrease of five percent (5%) in the 2023 Budget.

Mr. Forsythe moved to task the County Administrator to create a financial scenario to decrease property tax by five percent (5%) in the 2023 budget, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and failed by a roll call vote with ten (10) no votes, and five (5) yes votes (Acres, Terminelli, Curran, Reagan, and Forsythe).

Ms. Terminelli said following a presentation by the Planning Office regarding the stance of the Environmental Management Council on nuclear energy, the Council would like to know how to move forward and if a resolution would be considered.

Ms. Terminelli made a motion for the Board to consider a resolution supporting the stance of the Environmental Management Council on nuclear energy at an upcoming Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Haggard moved to go to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss negotiation, litigation, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the July Finance Committee Meeting at 8:25 p.m., as there was no further business.