

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

Members Attending via Video: Mr. Arquiett and Mr. Forsythe

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Ms. Curran called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Smithers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Reagen moved to approve the July 18th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. SHERIFF – BROOKS BIGWARFE

A. Accepting a Howard G. Buffett Foundation Grant for a New York State Labor Trafficking Program and modifying the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff's Office (Res) – Ms. Fiacco moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

4. CONFLICT DEFENDER – AMY DONA

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Defenders' Association for the Public Defender Case Management System (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

5. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Vacancy Review Summary (Info) – Ms. Doyle

B. Planning – Mr. Pfothenauer requested to fill a Planner II, Position No. 400600003, in the Planning Department.

C. Sheriff – Sheriff Bigwarfe requested to fill a Correctional Officer, Position No. 603000022, in the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Acres moved to allow the Sheriff to abolish five (5) part-time Correction Officers, and create and fill three (3) full-time Correction Officers, seconded by Mr. Reagan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Chair Sheridan called for a special board meeting to be held on August 15th at 5:25 p.m. just prior to Services Committee.

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doyle said COVID is now being reported on the first week of the month. St. Lawrence County is at a community risk level of medium. The vaccination rate is 61.6%, and there is an infection rate of .76 cases per thousand.

IT Director, Rick Johnson, will talk with Legislators after the meeting about cybersecurity efforts of the County.

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with Municipalities to Provide Dispatching Services, known as Secondary Public Safety Access Services (S-PSAP) for Emergency Services Agencies in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board – no report
- B. Alternative to Incarceration Board – no report
- C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library – no report
- D. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board – Ms. Curran
- E. Environmental Management Council – Ms. Terminelli
- F. Fire Advisory Board – no report
- G. Intercounty Legislative Committee – no report
- H. Jury Board – no report
- I. Planning Board – Mr. Fay

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Denesha said the annual senior picnic will be held on Thursday, August 11th at the Gouverneur Community Center with lunch being served at 11:15 a.m.

Ms. Curran said two municipalities have expressed an interest in discussion plowing this year and the cost of fuel.

Mr. Burke said due to the changing workforce, he asked if the Vacancy Review Committee was still relevant. Ms. Doyle said she would be discussing and making recommendations at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Executive Session at 6:22 p.m., to discuss litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lightfoot moved to go to Open Session at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Ms. Curran adjourned the August Operations Committee Meeting at 6:57 p.m., as there was no further business.