

****PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11.9, IN EFFECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWS THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE****

Members Attending: Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Acres, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, ~~Ms. Haggard~~, Mr. Perkins left the meeting at 6:38 p.m., Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Terminelli

Members Attending via Video: Mr. Arquiett and Ms. Fiacco

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Chair Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Denesha moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the July 18, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss litigation, personnel, and negotiations, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A straw poll vote was taken to keep discussion in executive session regarding appealing the lawsuit with the City of Ogdensburg and, carried by a vote with eight (8) yes votes, six (6) no votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Mr. Perkins left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

A straw poll vote was taken to pursuit an appeal of the decision regarding the City of Ogdensburg, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Forsythe and Reagen), and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

Mr. Denesha moved to go to Open Session at 6:59 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

4. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOSEPH SEEBER

A. Social Services Statistics – June (Info) – Heather Rand and Chris Chandler

B. Social Services Statistics – July (Info) – Heather Rand and Chris Chandler

C. Statistics Year-in Review – 2021-2022 – Heather Rand and Chris Chandler

D. Follow-up Comprehensive Review of Children’s Services (Discussion) – Tim Ball, Executive Vice President, The Bonadio Group

E. Corrective Action Plans for Children’s Services (Discussion) – Mr. Seeber

F. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Health Center of the North Country, Inc. for the Provision of the Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program in the Department of Social Services (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Setting Business Hours for the St. Lawrence County Community Services Department Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Clinic (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for Funding from OASAS Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Program Funds and Modifying the 2022 Budget for Community Services (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Two Contracts with New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee to Accept the 2022-2023 Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

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

6. PUBLIC HEALTH – JOLENE MUNGER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with Contractors, Subcontractors, and Consultants for the Overdose Data to Action Grant for the Public Health Department (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Knowledge Capital Alliance for VMSG Dashboard Performance Management System (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

7. LEGISLATOR JIM REAGEN

A. Calling on the New York State Climate Action Council to Craft a Final Scoping Document that Reflects the Differing Climate Zones and Wealth in the State and that no Action be taken to Reduce or Ban any Energy Sources until Reliable Energy Sources that have been Proven Safe and Affordable are in Place (Res) – Mr. Reagan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

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

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Public Health – Ms. Munger requested to abolish an Account Clerk Typist, and create and fill Senior Account Clerk, Position No. 100200043, in Public Health.

B. Social Services – Mr. Seeber requested to fill Homemaker, Position No. 805000002, and abolish a Caseworker and create and fill Homemaker, Position No. 805000006, in Social Services.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Doyle said Public Health Director Jolene Munger will give a brief update on the changes made by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding quarantine for Covid. Ms. Munger said late Thursday afternoon the CDC made changes to the regulations for community members only. They are no longer recommending a quarantine if exposed, but to wear a mask for ten (10) days, and if symptoms develop, test on day five. For a positive test, there is still a five day isolation period. The CDC has also removed all the quarantine and testing for schools.

Ms. Doyle said the annual Senior Picnic was a success with 225 seniors being served lunch. There were over fifty (50) volunteers.

The County is moving forward with the Health Care bonuses and are evaluating the Departments affected. It appears there may be thirty (30) to forty (40) titles involved, and this will go through March 31, 2024.

A third round of septic tank replacement funds in the amount of \$595,000 has been awarded to St. Lawrence County.

Three (3) staff and three (3) incarcerated persons at the jail have been diagnosed with Covid this week.

There will be a bench dedication in memory of former County Clerk Mary Lou Rupp on Monday, September 12th, prior to the Board Meeting.

Budget reviews are ongoing.

Ms. Doyle will discuss the annual review of vacancies for the year on August 29th at Finance Committee.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Supporting the Efforts of Community Services to end the Wait List for Clinic Appointments and Requiring Same Day Services be Available for Addiction or Mental Health Services when a Request is Received (Res) *(Note: This resolution was tabled at the August Full Board Meeting,*

and will need a motion to remove it from the table.) – Mr. Acres moved to remove this resolution from the table, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, two (2) no vote (Arquiett and Burke), and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

Mr. Acres moved to amend this resolution to change the be it further resolved by changing the wording “same day appointment” to “the first available appointment possible and further direct the Community Services Director, who serves as the St. Lawrence County LGU, to implement a community services bulletin board accessible to the public of all services available posted with availability of appointments.”

Mr. Reagen accepted this as a friendly amendment.

Ms. Curran called the questions, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

Motion carried by a voice vote with twelve (11) yes votes, two (2) no vote (Fiacco and Smithers), and two (2) absent (Haggard and Perkins).

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Lightfoot moved to adjourn the August Services Committee at 9:44 p.m. as there was no further business.