

****PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11.8, IN EFFECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12, 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, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Perkins, 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 AGENDA – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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

3. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Permanent Easements with National Grid on the Parcel and the Adjoining Property for Construction of Utilities for the County Highway Facility in the Town of Potsdam (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with St. Lawrence Valley Educational Television Council, Inc. for the Purpose of Maintaining an Antenna on the Tower in South Colton (Res) – 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.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc. for an Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Trainer Certification Program and Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Project Updates (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

4. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for the Construction of a Recycling Station Transfer Facility at the Ogdensburg Transfer Station and Modifying the 2022 Budget for Solid Waste (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. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for Bidding, Construction, and Inspection Services for the Ogdensburg Transfer Station Improvement Project and Modifying the 2022 Budget for Solid Waste (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.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services for Part 360 Permit Renewal for the Massena Transfer Station and Modifying the 2022 Budget for Solid Waste (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

5. SHERIFF – BROOKS BIGWARFE

A. Proclaiming September 18-24, 2022, as Sheriff’s Week in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for Overtime Expenses County (Res) – Mr. Forsythe 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.

6. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Opioid Treatment Program for Community Services (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.

7. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Annual Vacancy Analysis (Info) – Ms. Doyle

B. Board of Legislators – Ms. Doyle requested to fill three (3) Custodial Workers, Position Nos. 303000007; 303000009; and 303000015, in Buildings and Grounds.

C. Real Property – Mr. Green requested to create and fill a Coordinator of Real Property Tax Services III, Position No. 108400002, in Real Property.

D. County Attorney – Mr. Button requested to fill an Assistant County Attorney, Position No. 021900006, in the County Attorney’s Office.

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

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

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the Purpose of the Removal of Ash Trees with the Soil and Water Conservation District and Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator's Office (Res) – Mr. Burke 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.

9. STATE OF THE FOREST DISCUSSION – RAEANNE DULANSKI, SWCD Manager and AARON BARRIGAR, Conservation District Forester

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office to Complete Additional Work of Hazard Tree Removal Associated with the Ash Tree Removal Project (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. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office for Advertising Expenses (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law C (No. _) for the Year 2022, “Authorizing the Use of Video or Similar Service for Remote Attendance of meetings of Public Bodies Acting in the Name of St. Lawrence County Pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 for the State of New York” (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Authorizing the Creation of a Sheriff’s Marked Vehicle Reserve for the Purpose of Ensuring that St. Lawrence County Patrol Vehicles are Replaced on a Schedule that Ensures Public and Officer Safety (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Doyle said Claxton Hepburn Hospital has requested eight (8) cases of COVID tests from the County, leaving the County with fifty-two (52) remaining cases. Tests are available at the Board Office for pickup for anyone who needs them.

A resolution will be brought forward in September to address work that needs to be done to the exterior of the Court House, along with a budget modification and contracts to approve the work.

There is no meeting scheduled next Monday for Labor Day.

The NYSAC Conference is being held in Erie County on September 19-21, 2022.

St. Lawrence County was awarded \$172,413 for a Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant from the State of New York.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – Mr. Denesha
- 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
- 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

12. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Smithers said that towns are required to maintain their own individual courts, and he would like to see a resolution drafted to present to State officials for towns to have the option to share court facilities.

Mr. Smithers said he received a phone call with concerns that the Office of the Aging is requesting seniors to call the Gouverneur Community Center to schedule attending a sit down meal at the site.

Ms. Terminelli said there was a get-ready-for-school event held at Massena Central School District last week, and she thanked all the representatives from the various County Offices who attended.

Mr. Forsythe said the level on the St. Lawrence River is extremely low for this time of year.

Mr. Sheridan moved to go to Executive Session at 7:41 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel and appointments, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Fay and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 8:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Acres moved to adjourn the August Finance Committee Meeting at 8:44 p.m., as there was no further business.

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19. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the August Finance Committee Meeting at ** p.m., as there was no further business.