

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

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the August 29th meeting minutes, seconded Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Service Agreement with TRANE US Inc. for Heating, Venting, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Services for the Department of Highways (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways for Increased Fuel, Repair, and Overtime Expenses (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. Approving a Change Order with Lawman Heating and Cooling for the Construction of Fuel Island Stations at the Lisbon, Russell, and Potsdam Highway Outpost Facilities (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.

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Supplemental Agreement with Brooks Washburn, Architect for Additional Services for the Potsdam Outpost Facility and Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

4. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Award and Sign a Contract with Waste Management for Processing Recyclable Materials from the Ogdensburg Recycling Transfer Facility (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.

5. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Authorizing Collection of Omitted Taxes (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Adoption of the Equalization Rates for 2023 County Taxes (Res) (Info) – 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. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Forgiveness of Interest, Penalties, and Certain Fees on the Property Known as “The Oswegatchie River Cranberry Reservoir Regulating District” Located at 50 Riverside Drive in the Town of Clifton (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.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Amended Contract with Odin Environmental, LLC, for Phase II Environmental Investigations on Property Owned by the Estate of Lawrence Churchill and Andy Maslin & Donna Maslin (Res) – Mr. Perkins 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. Transferring an Easement to National Grid for the Benefit of Dillon Smith and Charisse Smith over a Portion of Reforestation Land Owned and Maintained by St. Lawrence County (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Transferring Funds from the 2019 Tax Foreclosure Sale to the Environmental Remediation Reserve Account (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

E. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Attorney’s Office for the Self-Insurance Fund due to Increased Costs in Scheduled Loss of Use Awards (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

7. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Treasurer’s Office for Taxes on County Reforestation Properties (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.

B. Amending Resolution No. 22-2022, “Bank Depositories and Investment of County Funds” (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.

Ms. Cole said the County tax foreclosure auction closed on Saturday. There were 288 registered bidders and 86 parcels sold.

The sales tax numbers for September were emailed to Legislators today, and the July bank reconciliation was posted on google drive.

8. COUNTY CLERK – SANDY SANTAMOOR

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Clerk’s Office for the Purchase of Equipment Related to the Turnkey Management Solution System (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

9. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEBER

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) for the Department of Social Services (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

10. LEGISLATOR RITA CURRAN

A. Condemning United States Army Guidance Directing Soldiers to Apply for SNAP Benefits and Calling on the Department of Defense to Investigate Salary Increases for Active Duty Military Personnel (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Arquiett, and Mr. Sheridan.

Mr. Arquiett asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Mr. Denesha moved to amend the resolution to replace the word condemning to “questioning”, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Haggard.

Mr. Denesha withdrew his motion to amend and Mr. Burke and Ms. Haggard withdrew their second.

Mr. Reagen moved to amend the resolution to change the title of the resolution to “Calling on the Department of Defense to investigate salary increases for active duty military personnel,” seconded by Ms. Haggard.

Ms. Curran offered a friendly amendment to that motion to change the word “investigate” to “initiate.” Mr. Reagen accepted this as a friendly amendment.

Mr. Denesha moved to modify the now therefore be it resolved to state, “The Board of Legislators calls on the Department of Defense to initiate salary increases for active duty military personnel,” seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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

11. LEGISLATOR JOE LIGHTFOOT

A. Authorizing the County Attorney to Act “of Counsel” to the Plaintiffs in Antonyuk et. al V. Bruen et. al Challenging the Conceal Carry Improvement Act as a Violation of the United States Constitution (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Fay, Mr. Arquiett, and Mr. Smithers asked to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

Motion carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Haggard).

12. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Treasurer – Treasurer Cole requested to fill a Chief Payroll Clerk, Position No. 104300001, in the Treasurer’s Office.

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

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

14. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Property Maintenance Needs and Energy Costs (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for Exterior Maintenance and Updates at the County Courthouse Complex and Modifying the 2022 Budget to open a capital project in the County Administrator’s Office (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.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Maintenance Agreement for a Monochrome Digital Press in Central Printing and Mail and Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Authorizing a Contract with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. to participate in the New York State Purchasing Card (P-Card) Program (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation for Elevator Maintenance in County Facilities (Res) – Ms. Haggard moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Doyle said five representative of the County attended NYSAC this year. She will share the adopted resolutions with the Board of Legislators.

October is St. Lawrence County History Month, and a resolution will be on the Full Board Meeting.

The County Historian will be holding an event at the Fairfield Inn, Canton.

Through the Resiliency & Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Project, an event for a new water treatment plant in Waddington will be held on Wednesday at Island View Park, Waddington.

St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual dinner at the Stables at Windy Point on October 19, 2022.

Renewal House will be hosting a dinner on October 12th at 5:30 p.m. at the Grandview in Ogdensburg.

Ms. Doyle said she will present the 2023 Tentative Budget at the October Finance Committee.

Ms. Doyle said New York State has announced the fiscal distress score for St. Lawrence County is zero.

15. 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

16. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Adopting 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) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss personnel, and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

18. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the September Finance Committee meeting at 8:03 p.m., as there was no further business.