

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

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Jonnie Dorothy, Renee Cole, Steve Button, Chris Rediehs, Mike Cunningham, Don Chambers, Brian Hurlbut, Bruce Green, Sandy Santamoor, Vicki Stiles, Emily Wilson, Raeanne Dulanski, Aaron Barrigar, Tom Plastino, and Media Representatives: Sue Mende

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Arquiatt moved to approve the May 20th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. 480A FOREST TAX LAW PROGRAM – Steven Sherwood, NYS DEC, Forester 1

4. SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – RAEANNE DULANSKI

A. Authorizing an Amendment to the St. Lawrence County Reforestation Land Management Plan (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 the 2019-2020 Local Sponsor Signature Form as Part of the Grant Application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Modifying the 2019 Budget for Forestry for Additional Funding Awarded to the Snowmobile Trail Grant (Res) – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

5. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Authorization to Create and fill a Temporary Keyboard Specialist Position in the Real Property Office (Res) (Info) – 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.

6. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Department of Highways for Salt/Sand and Equipment Storage Facilities (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Brooks Washburn, Architect, for Professional Engineering Services for the Design of Salt/Sand and Motor Equipment Storage Facilities (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot 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.

D. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Department of Highways for the Talcville Road Bridge over Oswegatchie River, BIN 3221090 (Res) – Mr. Sheridan 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 Delta Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, DPC, for Professional Engineering Services for Talcville Road Bridge Over Oswegatchie River, BIN 3221090 (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

E. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Department of Highways to Purchase Diagnostic Equipment (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.

F. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Department of Highways for Restoration of Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) CHIPS Funding (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

7. WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

A. Establishing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Budget (Res) (Info) – Mr. Burke 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.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the Chief Elected Official (CEO) Agreement (Res) – Mr. Burke 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.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a One Year Extension and Amendment to the Contract with the St. Lawrence County Workforce Development Board (Res) – Mr. Fay moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

8. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorization to Fill a Risk Manager Position in the Office of the County Attorney (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Arquiett, Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

9. COUNTY CLERK

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes for Postage Meters in the Department of Motor Vehicles Satellite Offices (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this

resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

10. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Resolution Opposing Senate Bill S4676 and Assembly Bill A4863 “An Act to Amend the Real Property Tax Law in Relation to Interest Rates Imposed on Late Payment of Taxes and Delinquencies and Redemption of Property Subject to More Than One Tax Lien” which would Undermine the Careful Balance that Exists in State Law Related to the Tax Foreclosure Process in New York State (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Arquiatt, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Cole said the external auditors are on site completing the 2018 single audit.

Sales tax numbers were emailed to Legislators, and for the month of June the numbers are coming in flat.

Twenty-six of the thirty-two towns have submitted final payments for taxes collected over and above their town warrant.

11. LEGISLATOR LARRY DENESHA

A. Resolution Opposing Senate Bill S8680 and Assembly Bill A10273, Proposed State Legislation Known at the “Driver’s License Access and Privacy Act” Concerning Undocumented Individuals (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran.

Ms. Arquiatt moved to table this resolution, seconded by Mr. Haggard, and failed by a roll call vote with ten (10) no votes, and five (5) yes votes (Fay, Haggard, N. Arquiatt, Burke, and Terminelli).

Resolution was forwarded to full Board by a roll call vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) no votes (Fay, Haggard, Burke and Terminelli).

12. LEGISLATOR BILL SHERIDAN

A. Resolution Calling on Governor Andrew Cuomo and the REDI Commission to Support Residents and Communities Along the St. Lawrence River Who are Critically Impacted by High Water Levels and to Commit to Determining Actions to Make Necessary Repairs and to Stabilize Properties from Further Damage (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Authorization to Abolish an Offset Press Operator Position and Create and Fill a Print and Mail Clerk Position in the Board of Legislators Office (Res) (Info) – Ms. Terminelli 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.

B. Establishing a Standard Work Day for New York State Retirement System Reporting Purposes (Res) – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for Office Space at the Human Services Center (Res) – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Doyle said the State of Emergency Declaration regarding high water was renewed for the period of June 22nd through July 21st.

The Budget Team schedule has been dispersed to Legislators, and all are welcome to attend as schedules allows.

The 2nd quarter financial update will be provided at the July Finance Committee Meeting.

There was a request for information at the June Board Meeting regarding administrative leave. Ms. Doyle said that at this time there are three (3) employees on leave, and the total amount spent is \$29,600.

The search for an Emergency Services Director has been reopened.

The Space Committee met and looked at an overview of the buildings and leased space in the County. Priorities and suggestions were discussed.

The Fiscal Stability/Audit Committee met today and reviewed recommendations regarding reserves and fund balance policy recommendations. There are three reserves: Capital, Employee Accrued Liability Reserve, and Health Care Reserve. This year the recommendations for Capital is \$1 million, Accrued Liability is \$400,000, and Health Care is \$500,000.

Mr. Reagen asked for a report on high water payment since relicensing.

Ruth said the Fund Balance recommendation goal is \$34 million or 15% of overall appropriations. \$1.684 million was appropriated in 2019. The unaudited figures now for Fund Balance are \$22.5 million and the unreserved unappropriated is \$20.2 million.

The July Finance Committee meeting will be held on July 29th at the St. Lawrence County Fair in Gouverneur.

The North Country region of New York – Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties – is one of five communities across the Country named to the 2019 Class of Great American Defense Communities.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – Mr. Denesha.
Mr. Haggard left the room at 7:46 p.m.

- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – Ms. Curran
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board – Ms. Terminelli

Mr. Haggard returned to the room at 7:48 p.m.

- D. Gouverneur Fair Board – Mr. Leader

Ms. Terminelli left the room at 7:49 p.m.

- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee – Mr. Denesha
- F. Industrial Development Agency – no report
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board – Mr. Arquiett

Ms. Terminelli returned to the room at 7:51 p.m.

- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – Mr. Forsythe
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Arquiett
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – no report

15. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Perkins made a motion to change the time of the Board Meeting to 5 p.m. and Committee Meetings to 4:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Arquiett.

Mr. Arquiett moved to amend the motion to change the time of all the Board of Legislators Meetings to 5 p.m., and failed by a voice vote of twelve (12) no votes, and three (3) yes votes.

Mr. Perkins withdrew his motion, and Mr. Arquiett withdrew his second.

Mr. Lightfoot said there will be a tour of the ProAct Facility in Gouverneur on Friday at 10 a.m. for any Legislator wishing to attend.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 7:59 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 9:16 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

17. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the June Finance Committee Meeting at 9:16 p.m., as there was no further business.