

Members Attending: Mr. Acres, Ms. Arquiett, Mr. Arquiett, ~~Mr. Burke~~, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Haggard, Mr. Leader, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen arrived at 5:32 p.m., Mr. Sheridan attended via teleconference, and Ms. Terminelli

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, Jonnie Dorothy, Steve Button, Renee Cole, Don Chambers, Brian Hurlbut, Jay Ulrich, James McGahan, Bruce Green, Tim LePage, Andrea Montgomery, Dana McGuire, Chris Rediehs, Heather Wenzel, Sean O'Brien, Amanda Dox Bobbett, Amanda Calton, and media representatives

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Burke and Reagen).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Arquiett moved to approve the December 16th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Burke and Reagen).

3. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing Chair to Sign Multi-Year Agreements for Winter Maintenance on the County Road System (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Haggard.

Mr. Reagan arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Annual Contracts and Modifying the 2020 Budget for Community Services (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

5. INDIGENT DEFENSE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Provision of Indigent Legal Services Funds for the Contract Period of January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017 (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Haggard), and one (1) absent (Burke).

6. HUMAN RESOURCES – JONNIE DOROTHY

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Guardian Life Insurance Company for Group Life Insurance Coverage (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

7. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Real Property Office for Fuel Charges (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Summary (Info)

B. Community Services – Jay Ulrich

- Behavioral Health Clinician – Unit/Mental Health (Position No. 506500005)
- Chemical Dependency Counselor (Position No. 510400016)

C. Public Health – Dana McGuire

- Principal Fiscal Officer (Position No. 101000005)

D. Social Services – Chris Rediehs

- Social Welfare Examiner – Unit/TA/SNAP (Position No. 81400047)
- Senior Caseworker – Unit/Children’s Services (Position No. 815100013)
- Support Investigator – Unit/Child Support (Position No. 813000011)
- Caseworker/CPS – Unit/CPS (Position No. 815200025)
- General Counsel – Unit/Social Services (Position No. 8122000001)

E. Sheriff – Undersheriff Sean O’Brien

- Correction Officer – Unit/Correctional Facility (Position No. 603000031)

F. Governmental Services – Ruth Doyle

- Custodial Worker (Position No. 303000018)

G. Treasurer – Renee Cole

- Senior Account Clerk (Position No. 100200015)
- Account Clerk (Position No. 100100033)

Ms. Cole said the external auditors, Dresser and Malaki, will be on site this week as part of the 2019 audit planning.

The 2019 November Bank Reconciliation Summary is posted on Google Drive which shows the sales tax receipt, and it was a good final quarter.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Police for Space at the Public Safety Complex (Res) – Mr. Haggard moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

B. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office for Costs of Services for Court-Ordered Patients at State Operated Mental Hygiene Facilities (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

C. 2019 Fourth Quarter Financial Update (Info) – Ms. Doyle

Ms. Doyle reported four transfers of funds: Emergency Services transferred \$1,000 for phone charges and \$1,100 for fuel; \$1,275 was transferred for Community Services for travel; and \$3,500 for Probation for document management.

There will be an employee appreciation event at Sergis in Potsdam on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

The County was prepared for the anticipated ice storm, but were fortunate to get milder impacts than forecasted. Ms. Doyle said she is proud of staff and their diligent preparation efforts.

A survey went out to the Shared Services Group of supervisors, mayors, and some school districts. A meeting will be scheduled soon in Canton to discuss.

Negotiations were cancelled last week with CSEA, but will be rescheduled in early February. Negotiations with Indigent Defenders will also be scheduled in February, followed by negotiations with the Solid Waste Unit.

10. 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 – no report
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee – Mr. Denesha
- F. Industrial Development Agency – no report
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board – Mr. Arquiatt
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – no report
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Arquiatt
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Acres

11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Curran said she would like a resolution opposing the new bail reform. Mr. Denesha said he spoke with Assemblymen Smullen and Walczyk and asked that they forward a resolution for review regarding bail reform.

A. Paper Bag Carryout Reduction Fee (Discussion) – Mr. Lightfoot

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Arquiett moved to go to Open Session at 6:54 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the January Finance Committee Meeting at 6:55 p.m., as there was no further business.