St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators Board Room Operations Committee Monday, February 10, 2020 Immediately following Services Committee

**Members Attending: Mr. Denesha,** Mr. Acres, Ms. Arquiett, <del>Mr. Arquiett</del>, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Haggard, Mr. Leader, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, <del>Mr. Reagen</del>, Mr. Sheridan arrived at 7:49 p.m., and Ms. Terminelli

**Others Attending:** Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Renee Cole, Steve Button, James McGahan, Brooks Bigwarfe, Gary Pasqua, Sandy Santamoor, Jason Pfotenhauer, Jay Ulrich, Dana McGuire, Chris Rediehs, Andrea Montgomery, and media representatives

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chair Denesha called the meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and T. Arquiett).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and T. Arquiett).

# 3. INDIGENT DEFENSE – JAMES MCGAHAN

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, 2018 – December 31, 2020 (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Haggard), and three (3) absent (Reagen, Sheridan, and T. Arquiett).

# 4. SHERIFF – BROOKS BIGWARFE

A. Authorizing the Creation of a Gun Safety Educational Program for St. Lawrence County and Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Sheriff's Office (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett.

Mr. Sheridan returned to the room at 7:49 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

B. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to Accept a 2020 Police Traffic Services (PTS) Grant from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

C. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the Purchase of a Vehicle for the Sheriff's Office (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

D. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to Purchase two LiveScan Systems (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report for the Sheriff's Office for the Year 2019 (Res) – Ms. Terminelli 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 (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

F. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Overtime for the Correctional Division (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 (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

### 5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – GARY PASQUA

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report (Res) – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

# 6. COUNTY CLERK - SANDY SANTAMOOR

A. Authorizing the Office of the County Clerk to Assess a Fee for Conveyance Notices Under Real Property Law §291 (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Mr. Acres asked what the intent of the legislation was. Ms. Santamoor said to determine if anyone sold someone else's property illegally.

Mr. Leader said this is an unnecessary, unfunded mandate by the State, and he thinks it is wrong. He said he will only vote in favor of this because St. Lawrence County has to do it, but he is absolutely against this, and again said it is wrong.

Mr. Forsythe said he is going to oppose this for the principle of the matter.

Motion carried by a voice vote nine (9) yes votes, four (4) no votes (Acres, Curran, Forsythe, and Sheridan), and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

#### 7. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Authorizing the Director of Planning, Jason Pfotenhauer, to Serve as the Section 3 Coordinator for HUD-Funded Housing Projects and Community Development Programs in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Ms. Terminelli 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 (Reagen and T. Arquiett). B. Authorizing the Director of Planning, Jason Pfotenhauer, to Serve as Fair Housing Officer for St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Haggard moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Documents for the Census 2020 Complete Count Outreach Grant Funds and Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Planning Office (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a 2019-2020 5311 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula Grant Application for Rural Areas (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Haggard.

Frank Doldo, mobility manager for the County, was recognized.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

# 8. LEGISLATOR RITA CURRAN

A. Resolution Urging the State of New York to Immediately Amend the Bail and Discovery Reform Laws that have Endangered the People of New York and Reversed Decades of Bipartisan Progress in Reducing Crime (Res) – Ms. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Fay, Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Haggard moved to adjourn this resolution to a specific date, three weeks from now, to allow time to obtain further information, seconded by Mr. Burke, and failed by a roll call vote with seven (7) no votes, five (5) yes votes (Leader, Perkins, Haggard, Burke, and Terminelli), one (1) abstention (N. Arquiett), and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

Mr. Lightfoot moved a friendly amendment to delete the last whereas, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

Mr. Lightfoot called the question. There was no second.

Mr. Haggard moved a friendly amendment to delete second whereas. There was no second to the motion.

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

Mr. Perkins called the question, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

Motion carried on amended resolution by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) abstention (N. Arquiett), and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

## 9. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

- A. Sheriff Brooks Bigwarfe
  - 1. Fill Correctional Sergeant (6032000007)
  - 2. Fill Correctional Corporal (6033000003)

# **10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE**

Ms. Doyle reported one transfer of funds: \$3,500 for Solid Waste for the purchase of new loader

The 2020 Legislative Agenda work session is scheduled on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., followed by sales tax negotiations with the City of Ogdensburg. The second work session for the Legislative Agenda will be held on Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Updated documents regarding the coronavirus have been posted on Google Drive.

The State Financial Restructuring Board issued recommendations for the City of Ogdensburg, such as consolidation of dispatch services with St. Lawrence County. Ms. Doyle said she met with City Manager, Sarah Purdy, and discussed this item.

In December, two (2) additional individuals were committed making a total of four (4) court commitments resulting in a cost for the month of December of \$64,000.

The consultant for the tower project, Blue Wing, will attend the March Operations Committee meeting to give an update on the project.

Dr. Updike will teleconference into the March Services Committee meeting to give an update on the opioid treatment program.

At Finance Committee, there will be discussion on GIS mapping for Real Property and Emergency Services.

# **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board Mr. Denesha
- B. Alternatives to Incarceration Board no report
- C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library no report
- D. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board Ms. Curran
- E. Environmental Management Council Ms. Terminelli
- F. Fire Advisory Board Mr. Denesha
- G. Intercounty Legislative Committee no report
- H. Jury Board no report
- I. Planning Board Mr. Fay

# **12. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Denesha said he will be bringing a draft resolution forward regarding pistol licenses.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 10:06 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

#### **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A straw poll vote was taken during Executive Session regarding negotiations.

Ms. Curran left the room at 10:36 p.m. and returned at 10:39 p.m.

Ms. Terminelli moved to go to Open Session at 10:50 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and T. Arquiett).

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Denesha adjourned the February Services Committee Meeting at 10:50 p.m., as there was no further business.