

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

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Rebecca Collins, Steve Button, Matt Denner, Tim LePage, Dale Grant, Jason Pfothenauer, Sean O'Brien, Jonnie Dorothy, Dale Grant, Chris Rediehs, James McGahan, and media representatives

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Denesha called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Arquiatt moved to approve the February 10th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

Public Health Director, Dana McGuire, gave a brief update on the coronavirus.

Chair Lightfoot said he will appoint the following people to the Coronavirus Response Work Group: Dana McGuire (Chair), Ruth Doyle, Jolene Munger, Judge Mary Farley, Matt Denner, Andrea Montgomery, Sheriff Brooks Bigwarfe, Sean O'Brien, County Attorney Stephen Button, Legislator Rita Curran, Ken Gardner, Tanya Burnett, Tom Tromboli, Dr. Andrew Williams, and himself, Legislator Joseph Lightfoot

3. INTEROPERABILITY PROJECT PRESENTATION – Mark Hoppe, Project Manager, Blue Wing

4. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MATT DENNER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Modifying the 2020 Budget for Emergency Services (Res) – Ms. Terminelli 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 (Fay).

Legislator Lightfoot and Legislator Acres left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

5. PROBATION – TIM LEPAGE

A. Declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness Month (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

B. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off for the Probation Department (Res) (Info) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagan, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

6. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – DALE GRANT

A. Modifying the 2020 Budget for Governmental Services to Utilize Funding from the New York State Unified Court System for the Installation of Carpeting in Multiple Areas of the Courthouse (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

7. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Proclaiming Earth Day in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

B. Designating April 2020 as Fair Housing Month (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

C. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Planning Office for Transportation (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

D. Designating April 2020 as “Census Month” in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

8. SHERIFF – BROOKS BIGWARFE

Undersheriff O’Brien spoke to the following resolution in Sheriff Bigwarfe’s absence:

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for a SFY 2020-2021 Livescan Equipment Program Grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office (Res) – Mr. Arquiett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

9. LEGISLATOR RICK PERKINS

A. Opposing FY2021 Executive Budget Legislation Amendments to the Transportation Economic Development and Environmental Conservation (TED) Bill, known as “TED New Part JJJ”, specifically the portion amending the Article 10 siting process and removing local municipal input on the siting of renewable energy projects (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Legislator T. Arquiett moved to table this resolution to the March 30th Finance Committee Meeting, seconded, and failed by a roll call vote with seven (7) no votes, four (4) yes votes (Haggard, Burke, T. Arquiett, and Terminelli), one (1) recuse (N. Arquiett), and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

Resolution carried by a voice vote with seven (7) no votes, four (4) yes votes (Haggard, Burke, T. Arquiatt, and Terminelli), one (1) recuse (N. Arquiatt), and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

10. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Summary (Info)

B. Probation:

- Abolish Probation Assistant and Create and Fill Probation Officer (Position No. 610000029)

11. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle said International Women's Day is celebrated today.

She reported two transfers of funds.

New York State will manufacture their own hand sanitizer to be dispersed at no charge.

There have been eighteen (18) applicants for the position of the Commissioner of Social Services.

Tomorrow they will be traveling to Albany to meet with representative and hand deliver the 2020 Legislative Agenda.

Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that Phase III of the REDI Regional Dredging Project has commenced along the south shores of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.

Super User Training is offered.

Dr. Updike will be on the next agenda to give an update.

12. 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 – No Report
- 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 – No Report

13. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel and appointments, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 8:32 p.m., seconded by Mr. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Acres and Lightfoot).

15. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Denesha adjourned the March Operations Committee Meeting at 8:32 p.m., as there was no further business.