

**\*\*PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.1 ARTICLE 7, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWING THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE\*\***

**Members Attending:** Mr. Denesha and Mr. Sheridan

**Members Attending Via Videoconference:** ~~Mr. Acres~~, Ms. Arquiatt, Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Leader, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, and Ms. Terminelli

**Others Attending:** Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, Stephen Button

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chair Denesha called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. Mr. Perkins moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Acres).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Acres).

### **3. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER**

A. Authorizing the Addition of Six Parcels, Totaling 583.3 Acres, to Agricultural District 2 in St. Lawrence County (Res) (Info) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Acres).

B. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Planning Office for Public Transportation Services (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Acres).

C. COVID-19 Transportation Update (Discussion)

D. 2020 Census Update (Discussion)

### **4. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MATT DENNER**

A. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services for a Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Technology Services Program (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Acres).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a One Year Extension with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for Fiscal Year 17 (FY17) Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula

Grant (SICG) (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Acres).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Mid-State Communications for the Interoperable Radio Site Developments in Gouverneur, Hammond and Waddington (Res) – Mr. Sheridan 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 (Acres).

D. COVID-19 PPE Update (Discussion)

## **5. BOARD OF ELECTIONS – JENNIE BACON AND TOM NICHOLS**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State for a HAVA – CARES Act Grant for the Board of Elections (Res) – Ms. Arquiatt moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Acres).

## **6. SHERIFF – BROOKS BIGWARFE**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a FY19 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Grant with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Sheriff's Office (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) recuse (N. Arquiatt), and one (1) absent (Acres).

B. Jail Update (Discussion)

## **7. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

A. Summary (Info) – Ms. Doyle

B. Sheriff: Sheriff Bigwarfe asked to fill a Correction Officer, Position No. 603000052, in the Sheriff's Office, Correctional Division.

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

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding and a Contract with the Rural Law Center of New York for Indigent Appellate Representation (Res) – Ms. Arquiatt 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 (Acres).

Ms. Doyle said the COVID-19 updates provided this evening from various departments was to inform the Board on how each department is handling workloads during this time.

Ms. Doyle said reopening efforts are gaining momentum. Three areas were identified today – Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, and Mohawk Valley have met all the criteria and will begin the reopening process. The North Country and Central New York have met six (6) of the seven (7) criteria, with the seventh being the number of test kits on hand. Of 602 test kits received last week, 215 were damaged and four were only days from expiring. 3,000 test kits were received today making us close to reaching that seventh criteria.

Chair Lightfoot, Dr. McGuire, and Ms. Doyle met last week with four of the Amish Bishops to discuss COVID-19 and to answer any questions and/or concerns. They stated that they have not held church services for over three (3) weeks. They all wore masks for the duration of the meeting and accepted 350 masks given to them that day.

On Friday, Ms. Doyle, Dr. Williams, and Dr. McGuire spoke with Senator Patty Ritchie about the volume of tests being given and the timely return of the results. The Senator was receptive to assisting with the process.

On Saturday, Chair Lightfoot was involved in the first discussion of the Control Room. This will be a daily discussion throughout the reopening process.

The May 18<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting will be held via Zoom, as previously determined. There has been an extension of the Executive Order which would require the Board to continue to meet via Zoom into June. Discussions will be held to determine how to proceed with the public comment portion of the Board Meetings. The 2019 unaudited results will be discussed at the upcoming Finance Committee Meeting, and the Fiscal Stability and Audit Committee will meet, via Zoom, at 4:30 p.m., prior to the meeting. Also, on the agenda will be an update from Brooke Rouse, Director of SLC Chamber of Commerce.

The Department of Social Services statistics have been posted to Google Drive.

Due to the pandemic, seventeen of the twenty-one vehicles order from Enterprise for the fleet have been delayed.

The NYS 2020-21 Budget changed funding associated with court commitments. Prior to the change, the County was responsible for fifty percent (50%) of the costs, but due to the change in the Budget, the County is now one-hundred percent (100%) responsible for court commitment costs.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board – no report
- 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 – no report
- F. Fire Advisory Board – Mr. Denesha
- G. Intercounty Legislative Committee – no report
- H. Jury Board – no report
- I. Planning Board – Mr. Fay

## **10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS** – There was no old/new Business.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, and personnel, seconded by Mr. Fay and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Acres).

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 8:57 p.m., seconded by Mr. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Acres).

**12. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Denesha adjourned the May Operations Committee Meeting at 8:57 p.m., as there was no further business.