

Mr. Perkins chaired the meeting as Mr. Gennett was attending the meeting remotely from the NYSAC Legislative Conference.

Members Attending: **Mr. Perkins**, Mr. Gennett, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, ~~Ms. Haggard~~, Mr. Hull, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Terminelli, and Mr. Webster

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Legislator Perkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Denesha moved to amend the agenda to include Committee Reports after the County Administrator’s Report, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Mr. Denesha moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Mr. Perkins said due to extenuating circumstances, Mr. Sheridan will attend the meeting remotely, as announced. Legislators Forsythe, Hull, Gennett, and Webster will attend remotely from the NYSAC Legislative Conference, as announced. Ms. Haggard is absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the minutes of the January 30th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

3. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services for County Route 38 (Furnace Street) Bridge over Raquette River, BIN 3363530 (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Roadside Mowing Contracts (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (Haggard).

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement between the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund and County of St. Lawrence, New York, Regarding Tax Delinquent Property Owned by Andy L. Maslin Jr. and Donna M. Maslin (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (Haggard).

B. Worker’s Compensation Algorithm Process (Discussion) – Mr. Button

5. LEGISLATOR REAGEN

A. Opposing the Imposition of Additional Unfunded Mandates in the New York State FY 2024 Budget and Calling on the Governor of New York State to Remove Part M of the Article VII Revenue Bills from the 2024 Executive Budget (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha.

Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Burke, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Perkins asked to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

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

6. LEGISLATORS HAGGARD AND CURRAN

A. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law A (No. __) for the Year 2023, “Exemptions for Certain Members of Volunteer Fire Companies and Ambulance Services in St. Lawrence County Pursuant to Section 466-A of the Real Property Tax Law” and Repealing Local Law No. 2 for the Year 2005 in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Burke 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 (Haggard).

7. LEGISLATOR FORSYTHE

A. Calling on the State of New York to Continue to Pass-Thru Federal Affordable Care Act Enhanced Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage Funds (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Lightfoot.

Ms. Curran, Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Denesha asked to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

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

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. WIOA – Ms. Pam Lewis requested to abolish a Senior Employment and Training Program Coordinator and create and fill a Senior Employment and Training Counselor, Position No. 701500004 in the One Stop Career Center.

B. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to abolish a Motor Equipment Mechanic/Heavy Equipment Operator, and create and fill a Motor Equipment Mechanic, Position No. 308100008; and fill a Laborer, Position No. 306000125, in the Highway Department.

C. Board of Legislators – Ms. Doyle requested to abolish a PT Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, and create and fill a FT Building and Grounds Supervisor, Position No. 303200003 in Buildings and Grounds.

9. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS – RUTH DOYLE

A. Information and Update (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation (NYSTEC) for Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) Independent Verification and Integration Services for the Public Safety Complex Renovation Project and Modifying the 2023 Budget for a Capital Project in the County Administrator’s Office (Res) – Mr. Denesha 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 (Haggard).

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Amending Resolution No. 21-2023 Bank Depositories and Investment of County Funds (Res) – Mr. Smithers 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 (Haggard).

B. Proclaiming March 2023 as Women’s History Month in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Mr. Reagen asked to add Rhoda Fox Grave, Dede Scozzafava and Chloe Ann O’Neil to the resolution as a friendly amendment.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension with Adirondack Architectural Heritage for Preparation of a National Register of Historic Places District Nomination Application and Modifying the 2023 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with Usherwood Office Technology to Provide Multi-Function Device (MFD) Leases and Maintenance Agreements (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (Haggard).

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for Purchase and Installation of Locksets with Kelley Bros for County Offices at 21 Harrowgate Commons, Massena, New York and Modifying the 2023 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Ms. Doyle said Senator Stec has requested to address the Board of Legislators at the March Full Board meeting.

The Health and Safety Committee met on February 9th to discuss locations in the Harold B. Smith Building, and updates to the panic alarm system.

Ms. Doyle said she spoke with Sheriff Bigwarfe and Captain Hollis of the Unified Courts System to talk about an active shooter training to be held in the Court House.

The County Clerk will be requesting to purchase new office furniture to reconfigure the office in order to update the area and provide better service to the public. .

Weekly meetings have begun regarding the construction at the Public Safety Complex.

A meeting will be held tomorrow on the next phase of the Interoperability Project.

Ms. Doyle said she is continuing to meet with BAR Association on the Indigent Defense contract for 18B Services.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – Mr. Denesha
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – no report
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board – no report
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board – Mr. Smithers
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee – no report
- F. Industrial Development Agency – no report
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board – Mr. Perkins
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – Mr. Forsythe
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Webster
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Burke

12. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Accepting the Recommendations of the County Administrator Regarding the 2022 Annual Vacancy Review Analysis Including Rescinding Resolution No. 281-2008 and Amending Resolution No. 304-2012 (Res) (*Note: This resolution was tabled and will need a motion to remove it from the table.*)

Mr. Lightfoot moved to remove this resolution from the Table, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Mr. Sheridan moved to withdraw this resolution, seconded by Mr. Denesha.

B. Community Services – Jay Ulrich

1. Modifying the 2023 Budget for Community Services for Funding from New York State Office of Mental Health Workforce Grant (Res) – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

C. Emergency Services – Matt Denner

1. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Modification with Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corporation for 911 Systems and Professional Services (Res) – Mr. Denesha 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 (Haggard).

The following six (6) resolutions were brought forward on the floor:

D. Accepting the Recommendation of the County Administrator and Rescinding the Hiring Freeze Established in Resolution No. 281-2008 as Recommended in the 2022 Annual Vacancy Review Analysis (Res) – Mr. Burke 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 (Haggard).

E. Accepting the Recommendation of the County Administrator to Issue a Request for Proposals for a Compensation Study of Titles in St. Lawrence County for the Management/Confidential Titles and all Other Active Titles as Included in the 2022 Annual Vacancy Review Analysis (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, failed by a roll call vote with seven (7) yes votes, seven (7) no votes (Forsythe, Lightfoot, Hull, Fay, Webster, Gennett, Curran), and one (1) absent (Haggard).

F. Accepting the Recommendations of the County Administrator Related to the Vacation Buy Back Benefit Regarding the 2022 Annual Vacancy Review Analysis (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

G. Accepting the Recommendations of the County Administrator Regarding the 2022 Annual Vacancy Review Analysis for Insurance Benefits and Leave Accruals for Non-Union Part-Time Employees (Res) – Mr. Burke 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 (Haggard).

H. Accepting the Recommendation of the County Administrator Regarding the Continuance of Creating Temporary Positions to Train with Employees Prior to Retirement or when the Need Arises (Res) – Mr. Burke 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 (Haggard).

I. Accepting the Recommendations of the County Administrator for Changes to the Application of the Salary Plan for Non-Union Graded and Management Employees as Recommended in the 2022 Annual Vacancy Review Analysis (Res) – Mr. Burke 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 (Haggard).

Ms. Curran said she has concerns with where homeless are being placed in the Massena area.

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A straw poll vote was taken regarding solar.

Mr. Denesha moved to go to Open Session at 8:41 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

14. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Perkins adjourned the February Finance Committee Meeting at 8:42 p.m., as there was no further business.