

Mr. Forsythe called the Special Board Meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** All Legislators were present with the exception of Mr. Gennett. Ms. Haggard and Mr. Webster arrived at 5:26 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Mr. Smithers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Haggard, Gennett and Webster).

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**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2023

**THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS REQUESTS THE ENACTMENT OF SENATE BILL NO. S4567A AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A5021A TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 115-2023**

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, St. Lawrence County was one of few remaining counties in the State that had not previously increased its sales tax over the three (3%) percent sales tax authorized by Tax Law Section 1210, and

**WHEREAS**, subparagraph (iii) of the opening paragraph of Tax Law Section 1210 was amended effective July 31, 2013 to include St. Lawrence County in the group of counties authorized to impose sales and compensating use taxes at a rate that was one percent additional to the three percent rate for the period beginning December 1, 2013 and ending November 30, 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, since the initial approval by New York State, resolutions have been adopted to request extensions of home rule authorization and supported by Senate and Assembly Bills to that end; and in 2017, New York State authorized a third year of authorization which prompted an extension, and

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2023, Resolution No. 115-2023 was adopted requesting an extension of home rule authorization to St. Lawrence County to allow an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes to be collected for a period of three (3) years from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2026, and following the adoption and submission to the State, notice was provided that only a two year extender would be granted, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Legislators requests enactment of two new bills; New York State Senate Bill No. S4567A and New York State Assembly Bill No. A5021A to allow the extension of the authorization of St. Lawrence County to impose additional sales and compensating use taxes, and

**WHEREAS**, the current economic environment requires the County to continue to impose the sales tax rate as previously authorized and extend from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025, and

**WHEREAS**, the revenue anticipated from the extension of the additional one percent (1%) sales and compensating tax provides the County with the necessary opportunities to continue to deliver locally preferred services deemed vital to the community while simultaneously funding mandates imposed by New York State,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Legislators requests enactment of Senate Bill No. S4567A and Assembly Bill No. A5021A to extend the authorization of St. Lawrence County to impose an additional one percent (1%) of sales and compensating use taxes from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Mark Walczyk; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; Assemblyman Scott Gray; Deborah R. Liebman, Esq., Deputy Counsel, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York State Secretary of State, New York State Office of State Comptroller, and St. Lawrence County Clerk Sandra Santamoor.

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Mr. Forsythe moved to adopt Resolution No. 154-2023, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

**CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS:** There were no Chair's appointments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Forsythe adjourned the April Special Board Meeting at 5:28 p.m., as there was no further business.