

Mr. Forsythe called the Special Board Meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present with the exception of Mr. Burke and Mr. Lightfoot. Ms. Terminelli attended remotely.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Denesha moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Burke and Lightfoot).

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Services Committee: 4-17-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 168-2023

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE 2023 RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN SIGNATURE PAGE AND SIGN CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAMS

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Services Committee

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) requires that the Youth Bureau submit a Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) Signature Page that certifies approval of the program and grant contracts for the 2023 Youth Development Program year, and

WHEREAS, signing the RAP Signature Page will qualify the County for State reimbursement in the 2023 Program Year, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has made RAP Funds available to provide Youth Development Programs (YDP), and

WHEREAS, the amount allocated to the County in 2023 for Youth Development Programs is \$79,842 (Y4073204 46000) with \$11,597 allocated for administration, \$1,500 for workshops, and \$19,300 for advocacy and training, and

WHEREAS, OCFS will reimburse St. Lawrence County for contract and county agency program expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau shall retain the overall responsibility to release the Request for Proposal (RFP), plan, provide fiscal/grants management, technical assistance, audit claims, monitor, and evaluate all programs approved in the 2023 RAP,

WHEREAS, various agencies have submitted an RFP for YDP Funding through the Youth Bureau,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign the 2023 Resource Allocation Plan signature page, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized to sign contracts with various organizations for Youth Development Grant Programs, upon approval of the County Attorney, as follows:

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| Village of Massena Therapeutic | \$2,000 |
| SLC Arts Council-Rising Teens | \$6,000 |
| Town of Stockholm Recreation | \$3,000 |
| Ogdensburg Command Performance | \$2,145 |
| NCCM STEAM Programs for Youth | \$4,000 |
| Canton Free Library | \$4,000 |
| Hammond Summer Recreation | \$1,000 |
| PAL of Massena | \$4,500 |
| Hepburn Library of Waddington | \$6,700 |
| Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club | \$10,000 |
| Claxton Hepburn Thriving Families | <u>\$4,100</u> |
| Total | \$47,445 |

Mr. Hull moved to adopt Resolution No. 168-2023, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Gennett and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) recuse (Terminelli), and two (2) absent (Burke and Lightfoot).

RESOLUTION NO. 169-2023

SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY (DANC) FOR THE 2023 CATALYST PROGRAM AND COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS TO THE NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION

By Mr. Gennett, District 13

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators continues to advocate for the expansion of and accessibility to broadband services throughout the County, and on October 4, 2022, a Broadband Committee was appointed that includes DANC, BOCES, and the St. Lawrence County IDA to address issues of broadband access within the County, and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2022, Resolution No. 181-2022 authorized the acceptance of the ARPA Committee recommendations for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, which included \$3M allocated for Broadband Development and Installation, and

WHEREAS, most recently, Resolution No. 145-2023 authorized signing contracts for the purpose of funding broadband development and installation for sixteen (16) projects from two (2) internet service providers, with the potential to provide high speed internet service to approximately 610 additional residences in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, the Northern Border Regional Commission is a partnership between the federal government and the States of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont whose mission it is to fund economic development and infrastructure projects throughout designated counties in its four-state service area, and

WHEREAS, Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) serves the common interests of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties and owns and operates a number of revenue-based infrastructure facilities including an extensive fiber optic network, and

WHEREAS, through a competitive process, DANC is preparing a regional application for the expansion of broadband infrastructure that includes St. Lawrence County, and this requires matching funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators supports the application of the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for the 2023 Catalyst Program and commits matching funds to the Northern Border Regional Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators commits up to \$250,000 in local funds as a portion of the required matching funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign any documentation necessary for the application and administration of this project.

Mr. Gennett moved to adopt Resolution No. 169-2023, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Burke and Lightfoot).

RESOLUTION NO. 170-2023

**RECOGNIZING MAY 21-27, 2023 AS NATIONAL EMS WEEK
WITH THE 2023 THEME BEING “WHERE EMERGENCY CARE BEGINS”**

By Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, the first national Emergency Medical Services (EMS) week was established in 1974 by President Gerald Ford, and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public services, and access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those in need of assistance from injury or illness, and

WHEREAS, the members of the emergency medical services squads are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and

WHEREAS, the EMS Teams consist of trained members of the community, first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and dispatchers, and

WHEREAS, these members, many who are volunteers, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills and serve their communities, and

WHEREAS, National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day services of the first responders on the front line,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators Recognizing May 21-27, 2023 as National EMS Week with the 2023 Theme Being “Where Emergency Care Begins.”

Ms. Curran moved to adopt Resolution No. 170-2023, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Burke and Lightfoot).

CHAIR’S APPOINTMENTS: There were no Chair’s Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Forsythe adjourned the May 22nd Special Board Meeting at 5:28 p.m., as there was no further business.