

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

Ms. Curran announced that Ms. Haggard and Mr. Reagen are excused from the meeting, and due to extenuating circumstances, Mr. Gennett will attend remotely from 1350 County Route 53, Brasher Falls.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Ms. Curran called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Reagen).

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the June 12th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Reagen).

4. INDIGENT DEFENSE – JAMES MCGAHAN

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Indigent Legal Services for Year Five of the Hurrell-Harring Contract (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Reagen).

5. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Department of Transportation for Accelerated Transit Capital Funds and Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Planning Office (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Reagen).

6. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MATT DENNER

A. Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services for a Fire Investigation Team Grant (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Reagen).

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle said the State of Emergency with regards to St. Lawrence County has been extended for an additional thirty (30) days, through August 9th.

The court house swipe card access system is not working, and there is a technician onsite now with the hopes of quickly resolving the issue.

Ms. Doyle announced that today is the last day of working for the County for Assistant County Administrator, Dylan Soper.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board – no report
- B. Alternative 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. Jury Board – no report
- H. Planning Board – no report

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Forsythe asked Emergency Services Director Matt Denner to speak about the County Animal Response Team (CART), which is a group of volunteers that responds to animal issues during disasters. Mr. Denner said the CART Team has been having fund raisers to purchase a trailer to store equipment, and Northern Credit Union of Massena is making a donation towards the trailer.

Mr. Forsythe thanked Assistant County Administrator, Dylan Soper, for all his hard work over the years, and said it has been a pleasure to work with him and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Mr. Burke said he was glad there was a moment of silence in memory of Mike Cunningham and said he was a great employee. He said another former, retired employee also recently passed away. Daniel J. Jenack was a Physician's Assistant that served in Community Services.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Curran adjourned the July Operations Committee at 5:43 p.m., as there was no further business.