

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

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the September 18th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

3. ALBANY UPDATES – New York State Senator Dan Stec, District 45

4. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MATT DENNER

Jonathan Mitchell spoke to the following resolutions in Mr. Denner’s absence:

A. Modifying the 2023 Budget for Emergency Services for a FY22 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (Res) – Mr. Forsythe 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 (Gennett).

B. Modifying the 2023 Budget for Emergency Services for Overtime and Electricity Expenses (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corporation for Systems Equipment and Software for the Backup 911 Center (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corporation for Professional Services to Relocate, Install, and Program the Phone Services in the New Office of Emergency Services 911 Dispatch Center (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot 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 (Gennett).

5. LEGISLATOR CURRAN

A. Recognizing October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Haggard, Mr. Webster, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

6. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Vacancy Review Summary (Info) – Ms. Doyle

B. Sheriff – In the Sheriff’s absence, Ms. Doyle requested to fill a Secretary to the Sheriff, Position No. 600700003, in the Sheriff’s Office.

C. County Clerk – Ms. Santamoor requested to fill a Motor Vehicle Clerk, Position No. 009100018, in the DMV.

D. District Attorney – Mr. Pasqua requested to fill a Welfare Fraud Investigator, Position No. 026600001 and fill a Chief Assistant District Attorney, Position No. 270000001, in the District Attorney’s Office.

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Requesting Governor Hochul to Sign Senate Bill S.4583A and Assembly Bill A.5942A, Amending the County Law in Relation to the Next-Generation 911 System, an Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Ms. Doyle said bids are out for renovations for the Public Safety Building, and the bids will be open on November 16th.

On October 7th, the State of Emergency regarding the expiration of the Title 42 Order was once again extended through November 5th.

The Committee to Review the Arming of Probation Officers met on October 12th to review the survey results. There was also a presentation from neighboring counties on all perspectives of arming probation officers.

EMS information is posted on the BoardShare.

Statewide leadership from CSEA came to visit St. Lawrence County last Thursday.

As a result of the Health and Safety Committee meeting with CSEA, the County is working on adjusting the workplace assessment.

County Attorney Steve Button and Treasurer Renee Cole discussed a conference they attended regarding tax foreclosure.

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 – Ms. Curran

E. Environmental Management Council – Ms. Terminelli

F. Fire Advisory Board – no report

G. Jury Board – no report

H. Planning Board – Mr. Fay and Mr. Pfothenhauer

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Haggard said she attended the Local Government Conference at SUNY Potsdam.

Ms. Curran said former President Carter said we will not learn to live together in peace by killing each other's children, and asked for a moment of silence for all lives lost in Israel and Gaza.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 8:58 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

11. ADJOURNMENT – Ms. Curran adjourned the October Operations Committee Meeting at 8:59 p.m., as there was no further business.

First Announcement:

Appointments:

Environmental Management Council (Term to expire: 12/31/2025)

- Lynda A. Bage, 236 Sheldon Road, Winthrop 13697; (315) 244-4375 (H); Email: lbage@slc.com

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (Terms to expire: 12/31/2026)

- Alina Parcels, 33187 County Route 143, Carthage 13619; (253) 677-8433 (H); (315) 713-5187 (W); Email: aparcel@chmed.org
- Miranda Simpson, 352 Forbes Road, Russell 13684; (315) 212-8628 (W); Email: msimpson@chmed.org

St. Lawrence County Fair Housing Task Force

- PJ Herne, 17 Hoskin Street, Canton 13617; (518) 333-8632; (315) 386-4586 ext. 519 (W); Email: pherne@lasny.org (Term to expire: 4-4-2026) (Replacing Lashwanda Ingram)
- Reverend James Galasinski, 6 Farmer Street, Canton 13617; (414) 395-0253 (H); (315) 386-2498 (W); Email: minister@uucantonny.org (Term to expire: 12/31/2027) (Replacing Connie Jenkins)

Reappointments:

St. Lawrence County Planning Board (Term to expire: 2-29-2027)

- Kim G. Bisonette, 1005 State Highway 310, Canton 13617; (315) 386-3560 (H); (315) 778-8071 (C); Email: kimbisonette56@gmail.com
- Dan Huntley, 297 Post Road, Canton 13617; (315) 386-2336 (H); (315) 323-4967 (W); Email: goldenfarmer@gmail.com

Second Announcement:

Appointments:

Environmental Management Council (Terms to expire: 10-3-2027)

- Emily Hedlund-Bohnet, 25 Old State Road, Colton 13625; (315) 229-2070 (H); Email: coffeandgoodvibestoday@gmail.com

Fair Housing Task Force (Terms to expire: 10-3-2027)

- Tiffany Pray, 501 Kiah Street, Ogdensburg 13669; (315) 854-3755 (H); (315) 386-1102 (W); Email: hcvpdir@slccdp.org
- Robert T. Santamoor, 7191 County Route 27, Canton 13617; (315) 250-6141 (H); (315) 265-3680 (W); Email: rsantamoor@potsdamhousingauthority.com (Replacing Annette Bowman)

Reappointments:

Fair Housing Task Force (Terms to expire: 10-3-2027)

- Michael J McQuade, 285 Clinton Street, Gouverneur 13642; Emails: Mmcquade0601@gmail.com and codeenforcement@cantonny.gov
- Amy Plumadore, 137 Old DeKalb Road, Canton 13617; (315) 250-3972 (H); (315) 386-2265 (W); Email: aplumadore@nbtbank.com