

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 arrived at 5:31 p.m., and Mr. Webster

Mr. Perkins chaired the February Finance Committee Meeting in Mr. Gennett's absence.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Perkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Fay moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes, and five (5) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, Hull, and Terminelli).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Webster moved to approve the January 29th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes, and five (5) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, Hull, and Terminelli).

Ms. Terminelli arrived at 5:31 p.m.

3. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, BIN 3366670 (Res) – Mr. Fay moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Roadside Mowing Contract (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

C. Authorizing the Highway Department to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Franklin County Highway Department for Road Salt (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

4. WORKFORCE INNOVATIVE OPPORTUNITY ACT – PAM LEWIS

A. Modifying The PY23 WIOA Budget to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker and Administration Accounts to Adult Accounts (Res) – Mr. Fay moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

5. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Atlantic Testing Laboratories to Complete Environmental Investigation and Tank/Drum Removal on Property Owned by The Reddick Revocable Trust (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

B. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law B (No. _) for the Year 2024 “Rescinding all Previous Ethics Laws and Amendments and Adopting the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law” (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

6. LEGISLATOR DENESHA

A. Urging Governor Hochul to Double the Amount of Funding for Critically Needed Aging Services for the 2024-2025 New York State Budget so that Older Adults May Age Safely in Place (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke.

Mr. Webster asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Motion carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

7. LEGISLATORS FORSYTHE AND PERKINS

A. Adopting Proposed Local Law A for the Year 2024 Rescinding Local Law No. 7 for the Year 1994 “Banning Dangerous Weapons in County Owned Buildings & Vehicles” (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

8. LEGISLATOR GENNETT

Jason Pfothenauer spoke to the following resolution in Mr. Gennett’s absence:

A. Calling on the United States Congress to Pass the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act (H.R.6929/S.3565) (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

9. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to abolish a Bridge Construction Mechanic and create and fill Motor Equipment Operator, Position No. 310000035; and fill a Motor Equipment Operator, Position No. 310000004, in the Highway Department.

10. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Information and Update (Discussion) – Ruth Doyle

B. Authorizing the Purchase of an Airboat for St. Lawrence County and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office (Res) – Mr. Reagen moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to table this resolution to the next committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Reagen and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

11. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the Generator Project and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

B. Retiree Health Insurance Coverage for Employees in Unrepresented Titles (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

12. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Jonnie Dorothy, HR Director, spoke to the following resolution:

A. Establishing a Health Insurance Premium Payment Policy for St. Lawrence County Retirees (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

Joe Seeber, Commissioner of Social Services, spoke to the following resolution:

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Renewal Agreement with Securitas Security Services for the Provision of Security Services at the Harold B. Smith Building (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

Carly Zimmermann, Interim Public Health Director, spoke to the following two resolutions:

C. Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Public Health Department for the Preschool Program (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

D. Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Public Health Department due to an Increase in Expenses in the Preventive Services Program (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

Rick Engle, Sheriff, spoke to the following resolution:

E. Authorizing Pay Adjustments for the Medical Director and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Physician for the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

Mr. Smithers said he thought the online auctions created a hardship for the Amish in being able to bid.

Mr. Perkins said he has concerns with social media being used on company time, and would like a social media policy drafted.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – no report
- 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 – no report
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – no report
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Webster
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Burke

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Executive Session at 6:51 p.m., to discuss appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Open Session at 7:11 p.m., seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent (Curran, Forsythe, Gennett, and Hull).

15. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Perkins adjourned the February Finance Committee Meeting at 7:12 p.m., as there was no further business.