

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. Hull moved to approve the agenda, seconded Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Denesha moved to approve the February 12th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

Chair Curran announced that due to extenuating circumstances, Legislator Sheridan will be attending remotely from 282 107th Avenue, Treasure Island, Florida.

3. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MATT DENNER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Onondaga County for a Master Radio Communications Site Agreement for the Office of Emergency Services (Res) – Mr. Gennett 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 (Fay).

B. Supporting Emergency Service Communication Towers for Star Lake and Cranberry Lake in the Adirondack Park (Res) – Mr. Smithers 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 (Fay).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a FY23 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services (Res) – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Office of Homeland Security for a FY23 PSAP Grant and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services (Res) – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery Corporation for a Pet Disaster Relief Unit to be Utilized by St. Lawrence County Animal Response Team (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

4. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Proclaiming Earth Day in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Perkins 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 (Fay).

B. Proclaiming April 2024 as Fair Housing Month (Res) – Mr. Webster moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

5. PROBATION – TIM LEPAGE

A. Declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness Month (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

B. Approval of Bad Debt Write off for the Probation Department (Res) (Info) – Mr. Gennett 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 (Fay).

6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RICK JOHNSON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Customer Support Agreement with SADA Systems, Inc. for Google Workspace Licenses and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Information Technology (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

7. LEGISLATOR RITA CURRAN

A. Advocating for the Adoption of Farm-Friendly Policies within the State of New York (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Perkins.

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

Mr. Hull made a motion to remove the first eight (8) paragraphs, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and motion failed by a roll call vote with nine (9) no votes, five (5) yes votes (Terminelli, Smithers, Hull, Haggard, and Webster), and one (1) absent (Fay).

Motion carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, three (3) no votes (Terminelli, Burke, and Haggard), and one (1) absent (Fay).

B. Proclaiming April 21-27, 2024, as National Volunteer Appreciation Week in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

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

B. Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Engle requested to fill a Deputy Sheriff, Position No. 605000028; fill a Correction Officer, Position No. 603000040; abolish an RN and create and fill an LPN, Position No. 500900007; and abolish a Chief Civil Enforcement Officer and create and fill a Deputy Sheriff Sergeant, Position No. 605100007, in the Sheriff's Office.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle reported one transfer of funds - \$2,000 for Public Health due to a cost increase for a Venesky State Aid Contract.

Solar Eclipse glasses, designed and sold by the St. Lawrence Chamber of Commerce will be sold for \$3 a pair.

There was a meeting today regarding the RAVE mobile application. Training will begin in a week, with a goal of it being implemented the first week of April in time for the solar eclipse.

Due to the solar eclipse on a Monday, April 8th, there is an option to reschedule the committee meeting that evening to the following Monday. The majority agreed and the meeting will be rescheduled.

There will be a resolution regarding indigent burial funds and changes to the policy.

Ms. Doyle said demo is well underway on the Public Safety Building renovations, and the workspace has been kept tidy. The old Jail roof will be replaced and repointing of the building and pillars of the porch will begin in a couple of weeks, weather pending. The parking issue has addressed with the temporary relocation of forty-two (42) fleet vehicles to the HSC Building at 80 State Highway 310.

10. 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 – no report
- F. Fire Advisory Board – no report
- G. Jury Board – no report
- H. Planning Board – no report

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Forsythe said he received complaints on garbage along the roadside near the Ogdensburg transfer station, and he thanked the County Administrator and Highway Superintendent for their assistance in getting the issue resolved.

Mr. Denesha said the Town of Edwards has not closed.

Mr. Hull moved to go to Executive Session at 6:45 p.m., to discuss litigation, personnel, negotiations, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lightfoot moved to go to Open Session at 8:28 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Ms. Curran moved adjourn the March Operations Committee Meeting at 8:29 p.m., as there was no further business.