

*\*\*PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.1 ARTICLE 7, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWING THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE\*\**

**Members attending:** Ms. Fiacco, and Mr. Lightfoot

**Members Attending Via Videoconference:** Mr. Acres, Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli

Note: The Legislative Seat for District 5 is vacant.

**Others Attending:** Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, and Steve Button

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Perkins moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, Mr. Fay, and Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Haggard, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

**3. COVID-19 UPDATE** – Dr. Williams and Dr. McGuire

**4. PUBLIC HEALTH – DANA MCGUIRE**

A. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Public Health Department to Accept Additional Funding for the Early Intervention Program (Res) – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

**5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Staffing and Project Update (Info) – Mr. Chambers

B. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Department of Highways to Reflect Adjustments in the 2020-2021 CHIPS State Funding (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

**6. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEPHEN BUTTON**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement between the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund and County of St. Lawrence, New York, Regarding Certain Tax Delinquent Properties (Res) – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

B. Conveying an Easement to the New York Power Authority for the Construction, Installation, and Future Repair of a Road Way to Access Smart Path Moses-Adirondack Transmission Lines in the Town of Canton Owned by St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and two (2) recused (Arquiett and Terminelli).

## **7. WORKFORCE INNOVATIONS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) – BARBARA LASHUA**

A. Establishing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Budget for Program Year 2020 (Res) (Info) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

## **8. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – RAEANNE DULANSKI**

A. State of the Forest (Discussion) – Ms. Dulanski

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2020-2021 Local Sponsor Signature Form as Part of the Grant Application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

C. Modifying the 2020 Budget for Forestry for Additional Funding Awarded to the Snowmobile Trail Grant (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

## **9. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER**

A. Transportation Update (Discussion) – Matilda Larson, Transportation Manager and Frank Doldo, Mobility Manager

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Four Separate Contracts with Clarkson University, SUNY Canton, SUNY Potsdam and St. Lawrence University to Provide Public Transportation (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

## **10. SOCIAL SERVICES – HEATHER WENZEL**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the Workforce Development Board for a Sublease Agreement for Space in the One-Stop Career Center (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and one (1) recused (Haggard).

## **11. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease with the Workforce Development Board for Space at the Human Services Center for the One Stop Career Center (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

B. COVID-19 Fiscal Impact (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle said there are a couple of avenues in which COVID expenses can be paid. Over the past few months there have been resolutions adopted associated with the CARES Act with funding for the Office of the Aging, transportation, and Public Health. This funding, along with a donation received, totals approximately \$1.1 million with \$113,000 spend from those funds thus far. The bulk of the funding will be used to address the matters of transportation. Secondly, FEMA money that comes by a Federal and State declaration of emergency. To date, there has been \$139,000 in expenses associated with COVID: The Office for the Aging spent \$52,000, Buildings & Grounds \$20,018, and Information Technology \$40,000, along with some payroll expenses. These are one hundred percent (100%) reimbursable expenses. NYSAC will be hosting a conference call tomorrow regarding funding.

A State of Emergency was declared Saturday for the month of July related to COVID and a burn ban was declared for five (5) days which will expire on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Doyle said the County was contacted by the NOAA Offices of Marine Sanctuaries regarding an approval process to create a marine sanctuary in Lake Ontario, and there is an interest on their part to include St. Lawrence County. There are two shipwrecks in St. Lawrence County. Mr. Reagen asked if the County Planning Office could research being a marine sanctuary and report back to the Board. Ms. Doyle said she would ask the Planning Office to get the information and report to the Board.

Ms. Doyle said there have been 151 complaints, to date, regarding the New York State On Pause. Over the weekend, many high school graduation took place this week with efforts made to keep with social distancing and no complaints were made or received regarding graduations.

A straw poll vote was taken on scheduling meetings for July via zoom or in person with a vote of five (5) votes to continue on zoom, seven (7) votes to meet in person, and two (2) legislators who did not vote. It was determined that the meetings would be held both by zoom and in person, and it would be up to the individual legislator to decide how they would like to attend, until further notice.

C. 2019 Reserve Funding Levels Recommendation (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle said in 2019 there has been \$5.962 million added to the Fund Balance. She recommends \$500,000 be added to Capital Reserve; \$150,000 to Employee Accrued Liability; and \$250,000 for the Self-Insured for Health Insurance and Liability Fund.

D. 2021 Fund Balance Policy Recommendation (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle said \$1,536,947 has been set aside this year for Fund Balance Policy. Fifteen percent (15%) of total appropriations must be dedicated in the fund balance before the Board makes the determination not to contribute anymore. This year she ask that the Board allow her to come back with a number for the Fund Balance Policy after the budget process is complete.

## **12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – Mr. Denesha
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – no report
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board – no report
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board – no report
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee – no report

- F. Industrial Development Agency – Mr. Reagen
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board – Mr. Arquiatt
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – Mr. Forsythe
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – no report
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Burke

### **13. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law A (No. \_\_) for the Year 2020, “Setting Salaries for County Employees” (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and one (1) recuse (Haggard).

B. Follow up Discussion - Real Property Tax Payment Options for Interest, Penalties, and Fees (Discussion) – Ms. Cole

Brooke Rouse gave an update on Bassmasters.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, and personnel, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

### **14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A straw poll vote was taken regarding a personnel matter.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 9:47 p.m., seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

**15. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Acres adjourned the Finance Committee Meeting at 9:48 p.m., as there was no further business.