

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: Mr. Denesha, Mr. Acres, Ms. Curran, Mr. Fay, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Smithers

Members Attending Via Videoconference: Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, and Ms. Terminelli

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Rebecca Collins, Dylan Soper, Stephen Button, and Sheriff Bigwarfe

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Denesha called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Mr. Acres moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the June 15th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. SHERIFF – BROOKS BIGWARFE

A. Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative for New York State (Discussion) – Sheriff Bigwarfe

4. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the North Country Housing Council, Inc. for the Delivery of the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Program, Round #3 (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Reauthorizing the North Country Home Consortium with the Counties of Jefferson and Lewis for the Purpose of Obtaining Home Investment Partnership Program Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Lead Grant Update (Discussion) – Mr. Pfothauer

D. 2020 Census Update (Discussion) – Mr. Pfothauer

5. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Sheriff – Sheriff Bigwarfe requested to fill a Sergeant (605100004) position and Deputy Sheriff (6050000xx) position in the Sheriff's Office Road Patrol.

B. District Attorney – District Attorney Pasqua requested to fill a Chief Confidential Investigator (026700001) position in the District Attorney’s Office.

C. Emergency Services – Mr. Denner requested to fill a Dispatcher (612100023) position in Emergency Services.

D. Probation – Mr. LePage requested to fill a Keyboard Specialist (003100034) position in the Probation Department.

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Doyle said eleven (11) vacancies were presented tonight.

Ms. Doyle said she was excited to announce the launch of the new County website on July 8th. In August of 2019, the Board approved \$35,000 for a new website and, to date, \$29,807.60 was spent. There is an additional \$5,950 pro-rated for maintenance and support. The Director of Governmental Services, Michael Cunningham and Assistant County Administrator, Dylan Soper, gave an overview of the new website.

The burn ban has been extended for an additional five (5) days.

There have been changes associated with the enforcement of COVID-19. To date, there have been 367 complaints submitted through the New York State On-Call. County Attorney Button said new guidelines were put into place last week, and he described the emergency regulations that were issued.

Precautions have been put into place at the Social Services Department so supervised visitation can begin this week. Keith Zimmerman has begun assisting at Social Services until a commissioner is appointed and in place. Ms. Doyle said the search committee for the Commissioner of Social Services position has selected a candidate. Cynthia Ackerman will be considered at the August Full Board Meeting, and if the resolution is adopted Ms. Ackerman will resign from The Arc of Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties and begin work at the County no later than August 17th.

The second quarter financial update will be provided at the Finance Committee. A resolution will be included on Finance regarding costs associated with court-ordered services at NYS operated inpatient facilities. Also to be included on Finance will be a resolution extending the authorization to impose an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes.

County Treasurer Cole, said the final results of the second quarter sales tax is better than expected. The second quarter sales tax with the AIM adjustment shows a 5.95 percent reduction or roughly \$891,000. Ms. Cole said that means we are 2.94 percent under last year’s sales tax which is amazing because this quarter is our COVID quarter. The year-to-date numbers look even better as the County had a great first quarter.

Budget projection entries for 2020 and 2021 are underway. Ms. Doyle will share the budget review schedule on google drive and all Legislators are invited to attend any department reviews they wish.

The modifications to accomplish social distancing in the Canton offices are complete with other outpost offices being completed soon.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board – no report
- B. Alternatives 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. Intercounty Legislative Committee – no report
- H. Jury Board – no report
- I. Planning Board – Mr. Fay

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel and appointments, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 9.46 p.m., and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

10. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Denesha adjourned the July Operations Committee Meeting at 9:50 p.m., as there was no further business.