

*\*\*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. Acres, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Fay, Ms. Curran, Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Reagen

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

**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. Denesha moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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

### **3. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEPHEN BUTTON**

A. Authorizing the Forgiveness of Interest, Penalties, and Fees on a Certain Parcel of Land to be Obtained by the Town of Louisville (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a roll call vote with nine (9) yes votes, and six (6) no votes (Perkins, Acres, Curran, Reagan, Forsythe, and Lightfoot).

B. Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Apportionment for the Year 2021 (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

### **4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with the New York Power Authority for the Installation of a Culvert on County Route 39 to Facilitate the Smart Path Moses-Adirondack Transmission Lines Project and to Modify the 2020 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) abstained (Arquiatt and Terminelli).

B. Approving a Supplemental Agreement #2 with McFarland Johnson for Additional Services for South Shore Road Bridge over the Oswegatchie River, Bin 3340940, Pin 775371 (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **5. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Modifying the 2020 Solid Waste Department Budget for Overtime (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **6. OFFICE FOR THE AGING – ANDREA MONTGOMERY**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Northern Lights Health Care Partnership, Inc. for Home Care Services in the Expanded in Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **7. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Motor Equipment Mechanic Helper (308000002) position in the Highway Department.
- B. Real Property – Mr. Green requested to fill a Real Property Tax Services Aide (107000005) position in Real Property.

## **8. LEGISLATOR KEVIN ACRES**

A. Resolution in Opposition to New York Senate Bill S.8676/Assembly Bill A.10780 Which Would Require Police Officers to Maintain Private Liability Insurance and Exclude Police Officers from Provisions Providing Defense and Indemnification (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran asked to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Discouraging Local Units of Government from Defunding or Abolishing their Police Departments (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Reagen.

Ms. Haggard moved to remove the first whereas from the resolution, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no votes (Lightfoot).

Amended resolution carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

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

A. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office for Costs Associated With Court-Ordered Services at New York State Operated Inpatient Mental Hygiene Facilities (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) no vote (Lightfoot).

B. Alternative Boundary for NOAA Marine Sanctuary in the St. Lawrence River (Info) – Mr. Pfothenhauer, Director, Planning Office

C. 2020 Second Quarter Financial Update (Info) – Ms. Doyle

D. Amending Resolution No. 197-2013 Extending the Authorization of St. Lawrence County to Impose an Additional One Percent of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with Patti Farley-Spilman for Space in the Village of Gouverneur at 99 West Main Street (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Doyle said to date there have been 540 complaints associated with COVID and the New York on Pause, and at this time, the County is continuing with education and awareness.

A resolution was passed allowing employees, who worked in the office during COVID, to utilize buying back one week of vacation. Ms. Doyle would like to extend that benefit opportunity through July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Re-opening efforts are complete at this time, and self-assessment tools are being used including Survey Monkey to provide staff the opportunity to take a daily survey.

An “I wear a mask to protect” campaign is going on through Public Health. The Office of the Aging is working on a “design a mask” campaign for school aged children to promote wearing masks and making it fun.

The Real Property correction of errors have been posted on Google Drive.

The Youth Advisory Board has updated its bylaws, and will bring a resolution to the Board for approval.

Work is being completed on 2020 foreclosure auction.

## **10. 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 – no report
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – Mr. Forsythe
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Haggard
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Burke

## **11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Arquiett left the zoom meeting at 8:16 p.m. due to the loss of power at his residence.

A. Adopting Local Law A (No.   ) for the Year 2020, “Setting Salaries for County Employees” (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (Arquiett).

B. Opioid Treatment Program Update – Mary Jones, Community Service Board, Chair, Sherri Hewitson, Patti Hogle, and Heather Rand

Mr. Arquiett returned to the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Mr. Perkins said he was not able to log into the DANC web mapping portal on the new County website. Ms. Doyle said she will check into that.

Mr. Burke said he would like a status report regarding the Department of Social Services and staffing. He is requesting the criteria for which children are placed in foster care, the process, and the staffing needed to execute the process. He said in 2015 there were 155 children in foster care and the number today is 320 children in care. Mr. Burke said at staffing in the Legal Department of Social Services is at fifty percent (50%) and that creates great challenges. He wants to know that the process the County has in place regarding the safety of children are secure and safe. Children are removed from their homes and placed in care due to imminent danger, and as the numbers increase he wants to know the readiness of the County and the outlook at this point and time.

Mr. Denesha said he is still waiting on information regarding citizens who are unable to pay the installments on their tax bills. He said he asked the County Treasurer to report on how many people are affected by this and the impact of citizens not being able to pay their installments when the tax collector was not available during the pandemic. He know of some people who have incurred penalties due to no fault of their own. He said that if anyone was unable to pay their taxes due to COVID, the County should not assess any penalties or fines.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to go into Executive Session at 9:12 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 9:53 p.m., seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Acres adjourned the July Finance Committee Meeting at 9:54 p.m., as there was no further business.