

**Members Attending:** Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, 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 6:42 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed for Syracuse Police Officer Michael Jensen and Onondaga County Sheriff Lt. Michael Hoosock killed in the line of duty.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the March 11th meeting minutes, seconded Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

### **3. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER**

A. Adoption of the St. Lawrence County 2024 Coordinated Transportation Plan (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Reagen asked about transportation volunteers assisting in delivering meals on wheels for the Office for the Aging.

### **4. SHERIFF – RICK ENGLE**

A. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for the Purchase of Uniforms for the Correctional Division (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Accepting a FY23 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

### **5. LEGISLATORS CURRAN AND WEBSTER**

A. Resolution Urging the New York State Legislature to Reject Senate Bill S.8461, Known as “The Sporting Range Good Neighbor Act” (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha.

Ms. Curran recognize Jason Coller, Norfolk Rod and Gun Club representative, and Ed Ryder of Waddington.

Mr. Reagen asked for a friendly amendment to the Be it Further Resolved to include the Environmental Conservation Committee.

Mr. Smithers made a motion to strike the fifth whereas, seconded by Ms. Haggard, Ms. Terminelli, and Mr. Hull.

Mr. Denesha recognized Mr. Coller.

Mr. Denesha called the question, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Motion failed on the amendment by a roll call vote with eight (8) no votes, and seven (7) yes votes (Hull, Haggard, Burke, Gennett, Terminelli, Reagen, and Smithers).

Motion carried by a roll call vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) no votes (Haggard and Terminelli).

## **6. LEGISLATOR DENESHA**

A. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law C (No. ) for the Year 2024, “A Local Law of the County of St. Lawrence Imposing the Wireless Communications Surcharges Pursuant to the Authority of Tax Law §186-G” (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a roll call vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) no votes (Burke, Gennett, Sheridan, and Smithers).

## **7. LEGISLATOR CURRAN**

A. Calling on the Governor to Complete Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Reconciliations that are Years Overdue and Provide a Full Accounting of Funds Owed to Counties and New York City and a Schedule for Release of these Federal Funds (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.

B. Supporting an Extension on the Allowing School Psychologists to Provide Services in the Early Intervention (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.

C. Calling on the State to Increase the Salary Cap for Retired Public Employees Seeking County Employment (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.

D. Calling on the State to Fully Reimburse Counties for District Attorney Salary Increases that are Set and Controlled by the State (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.

E. Urging the Governor and State Legislature to Restore Essential Funding for Rabies in the FY 2024-25 State Budget (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.

F. Supporting Senate Bill S.2695-B and Assembly Bill A.7086-A to Ensure Sheriffs and Undersheriffs Continue to have Police Officer Powers (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.

G. Encouraging Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to Increase the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Budget Allocations for County Jails (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot , and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE**

A. Sheriff’s Office – Sheriff Engle requested to fill a Principal Fiscal Officer, Position No. 101000004; fill a Correction Officer, Position No. 603000055; and abolish a Deputy Sheriff, and create and fill a Detective-Sergeant, Position No. 606000007, in the Sheriff’s Office

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

Ms. Doyle said there will be discussions on options to pursue for volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels Program.

The EOC was operational last week during the solar eclipse and many county staff and law enforcement were present. The County was very prepared and the RAVE notification system was rolled out for this event.

IT is testing equipment tonight for the sound system in the Board Chambers.

The preparation of the 2025 Budget will being in May.

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board – Mr. Denesha
- B. Alternative to Incarceration Board – Mr. Burke
- C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library – Ms. Haggard
- D. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board – Ms. Curran
- E. Environmental Management Council- Ms. Terminelli
- F. Fire Advisory Board – Mr. Denesha
- G. Jury Board – Mr. Sheridan
- H. Planning Board – Mr. Fay

## **11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Reagen said the agriculture community needs to be educated about guinea hens to help regulate and reduce the tick population.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 8:33 p.m., to discuss litigation, personnel, negotiations, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 9:23 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Curran moved to adjourn the April Operations Committee Meeting at 9:25 p.m., as there was no further business.