

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 – Chair Gennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Perkins moved to amend the agenda to remove Item 4 “2023 Audit Final Results”, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

Mr. Smithers moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 24, 2024, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

3. GOUVERNEUR/ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FAIR BOARD WELCOME - Don Peck

4. 2023 AUDIT FINAL RESULTS – This item was removed from the agenda.

5. SHERIFF’S OFFICE – PATRICK ENGLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Accept and Sign a FY24 Howard G. Buffet Foundation Grant on Behalf of the St. Lawrence County Human Trafficking Task Force, and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office and District Attorney’s Office – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

6. LEGISLATOR DENESHA

A. Resolution Urging Governor Kathy Hochul to Veto New York State Assembly Bill A.2282 2882 and New York State Senate Bill S.6649 Which Modifies Penal Law §400.00 Imposing Criminal Liability for Mandated Signage for Federal Firearms Licenses Dealers – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster.

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

Legislator Terminelli said the Senate Bill Number on this resolution is incorrect and needs to be changed to A2882.

Motion carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Haggard and Terminelli) and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

7. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Transfer of a Segment of Property from St. Lawrence County to Lee and Melissa Matthews in the Town of Fine – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

B. Adopting Local Law F (No.) for the Year 2024, "Repealing Local Law 3 for the Year 1993 and Amending Local Law 2 for the Year 1956, "A Local Law Enumerating Rules and Regulations for the Administration of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan" – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

C. Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Apportionment for the Year 2025 – Mr. Perkins 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) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with JEDA Environmental Services Under the Blighted Property Program for the Demolition and Abatement of a Condemned Structure located at 209 Rensselaer Street, in the Village of Rensselaer Falls, NY – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

8. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

Ms. Ellen Hooker, Deputy Director of Solid Waste spoke to the following resolution:

A. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off for the Solid Waste Department – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

9. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the Industrial Development Agency for Funding Received for the Multi-Use Trail and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

10. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Motor Equipment Operator, Position No. 310000034; and fill a Sign Fabricator, Position No. 312800001, in the Highway Department

B. Solid Waste – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Site Crewleader, Position No. 332300005, in Solid Waste.

11. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE – Ms. Doyle

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle gave the 2024 Quarterly Budget Report.

Ms. Doyle said the 2023 Audit Results, scheduled on this meeting, will move to the August 12th Operations Committee Meeting.

The Emergency Services Command Vehicle is onsite at the fairgrounds, along with the new St. Lawrence County airboat.

Preparations and reviews for the 2025 Budget are underway. The review for tomorrow will be the County Administrator's Office and Partner Agencies.

Ms. Doyle requested that Rick Johnson, Director of IT, give a brief summary of how a faulty CrowdStrike update crashed computers and how it was handled in County Government.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – no report

B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – no report

C. Fisheries Advisory Board – Ms. Terminelli

D. Gouverneur Fair Board – Mr. Smithers

E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee – no report

F. Industrial Development Agency – Mr. Reagen

G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board (Perkins/Webster) – no report

H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – Mr. Reagen-for Mr. Forsyth

I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Webster

J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Burke/Haggard) – Ms. Haggard

14. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – There was no old/new business.

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Executive Session at 6:51 p.m., to discuss negotiations and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lightfoot moved to go to Open Session at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

16. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Gennett moved to adjourn the July Finance Committee Meeting at 7:31 p.m., as there was no further business.