

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 arrived at 5:52 p.m., and Mr. Webster

Mr. Perkins chaired the meeting in Mr. Gennett's absence.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Forsythe called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Mr. Smithers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Gennett, and Terminelli).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the minutes of September 30, 2024 meeting, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Gennett, and Terminelli).

3. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Elections, Real Property Community College Apportionments for the Year 2025 – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Gennett, and Terminelli).

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign all Documents Necessary for the Sale of Real Property Known as the Former J&L Site for Economic Development and Job Creation – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Gennett, and Terminelli).

Ms. Terminelli arrived at 5:52 p.m.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with C&S Engineering as a Qualified Environmental Professional for the Preparation of a Grant Application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Gennett).

5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Tropical Storm Debby – Ms. Curran 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 (Fay and Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace County Route 54 Over Allen Brook (BIN 3341170) and McEwen Road Over Allen Brook (BIN 3221340) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Gennett).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Supplemental Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace County Route 49 Large Culvert Over Hopkinton Brook, 49-1-59BC – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Gennett).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Frank J. Danko Construction Corp. for Replacement of County Route 49 over Hopkinton Brook, BIN 3372050, Town of Hopkinton – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Gennett).

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. for Engineering Services to Replace County Route 49 over East Branch of St. Regis River, BIN 3341940, PIN 775432 – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Gennett).

F. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract With Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Rehabilitate County Route 36 Over Grasse River, BIN 3342040, PIN 775433 – 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) absent (Fay and Gennett).

G. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for Grant Administration of Tooley Pond Road Bridge Project – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Gennett).

H. Impacts of Efforts to Electrify Highway Department Vehicles by Adoption of the Advanced Clean Truck Rule (Discussion)

I. Project Updates (Discussion)

Mr. Webster left the meeting at 6:24 p.m., and returned at 6:27 p.m.

6. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying The 2024 Budget for Solid Waste for expenses for landfill testing and post-closure costs – Ms. Curran 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 (Fay and Gennett).

7. LEGISLATOR SMITHERS

A. Supporting Proposals to Modernize the Sales Tax Laws of New York Sales to Include the Short-Term Rental Industry – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Gennett, and Hull).

Ms. Curran left the meeting at 6:34 p.m., and returned at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Hull left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

B. Urging Governor Hochul to Veto Senate Bill S.967-A and Assembly Bill A.1489-A ,

Legislation that Would Lower the Penalty Interest Rate in Tax Delinquency Situations and Shift Higher Costs to Other Taxpayers – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Gennett, and Hull).

C. Encouraging Governor Hochul to Sign Senate Bill S.9348-A and Assembly Bill A.10173-A that Expands the Electronic Open Auction Public Bond Sale Program – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Fay, Gennett, and Hull).

D. Urging Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to Amend the Sales Tax Sharing Arrangement Under Adult-Use Recreational Cannabis to a More Balanced Split to Recognize the Additional Responsibilities Counties have in Addressing Illegal Cannabis Stores and Providing Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Haggard), and two (2) absent (Fay and Gennett).

Mr. Hull returned to the room at 6:40 p.m.

Ms. Haggard called a Point of Order.

E. Calling on Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to Improve Reuse and Recovery Options in Communities Hosting State Facilities and Assets that are Closed or Decommissioned that have a Major Impact on Employment and Local Revenues – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to amend the resolution to remove from the Title and the Now, Therefore, be it Resolved "that have a major impact on employment and local revenues", seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Gennett).

Motion carried, as amended, by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Gennett).

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. County Administrator's Office – Ms. Doyle requested to abolish a Purchasing Clerk, and Create Senior Account Clerk, Position No. 100200047 in the Purchasing Department.

9. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Designating the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce as the St. Lawrence County Tourism Promotion Agency for 2025 – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Haggard, Mr. Reagen and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Gennett).

B. Q3 2024 Financial Update (Info) – Ms. Doyle

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Sheridan) – Mr. Sheridan
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli) – Ms. Terminelli
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers) – no report
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee (Smithers) – no report
- F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen) – no report
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board (Perkins/Webster) – no report
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) (Forsythe) – no report
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce (Webster) – Mr. Webster
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Burke/Haggard) – Mr. Burke

12. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the Purchase of a Patrol Vehicle – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Gennett).

13. 2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET PRESENTATION – RUTH DOYLE, BUDGET OFFICER

- 14. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Perkins moved to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 8:04 p.m., as there was no further business.