

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.

Mr. Perkins chaired the meeting, he stated that due to extenuating circumstances Mr. Gennett will be attending remotely from 1350 County Route 53, Brasher Falls, NY and Mr. Hull will be attending remotely from 1826 State Highway 345, Madrid, NY.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mr. Perkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Ms. Curran moved to approve the minutes of October 28, 2024 meeting, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

3. BLIGHTED PROPERTY PROGRAM MILESTONE 100TH PROPERTY COMPLETE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION REMEDIATION PROGRAM PRESENTATION - County Treasurer Renee Cole and County Attorney Stephen Button

4. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Administrator of the Self-Insurance Plan to Hire a Third Party Administrator for the Workers’ Compensation Plan – 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 Terminelli).

B. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Attorney’s Office for the Self-Insurance Fund Due to Increased Costs in Scheduled Loss of Use Awards – 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 Terminelli).

C. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Attorney's Office for Increased Costs Associated with Retention of Outside Legal Counsel – 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 Terminelli).

D. Adopting an Updated Health and Safety Policy Manual for St. Lawrence County for 2025 – 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 Terminelli).

E. Adopting an Updated St. Lawrence County Corporate Compliance Plan for the Year 2025 – 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 Terminelli).

5. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Adopting Mortgage Tax Report – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

B. Charging Tax Items & Omitted Tax Paid – Ms. Curran 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 Terminelli).

6. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Correcting and Refunding Erroneous Taxes – Mr. Burke 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 Terminelli).

7. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off for the Solid Waste Department – Mr. Forsythe 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 Terminelli).

8. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for the Potsdam Outpost Maintenance Facility – Ms. Curran 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 Terminelli).

B. FEMA Update for Storm Damage Associated with Summer 2024 (Discussion)

9. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Heavy Equipment Operator, Position No. 310100016, and to fill a Motor Equipment Operator, Position No. 310100021

B. Authorizing the Dissolution of the Vacancy Review Committee and Delegating the Authority to Fill and Abolish Positions to the County Administrator – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

10. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE - RUTH DOYLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Two-Year Contract Extension for Local Municipal Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Projects Funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Reagen and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Two-Year Contract Extension for Broadband Expansion Projects Appropriating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds – Ms. Curran moved to table this resolution, seconded by Mr. Webster, and failed by a voice vote with ten (10) no votes, three (3) yes votes (Curran, Burke, and Webster) and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes, three (3) no votes (Curran, Burke, and Webster), and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

Mr. Webster left the room at 7:11p.m. and returned at 7:14p.m.

Ms. Haggard left the room at 7:28p.m. and returned at 7:31p.m.

Ms. Curran left the room at 7:29p.m. and returned at 7:31p.m.

11. 2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET REVIEW - RUTH DOYLE

A. Department Reviews: Board of Legislators, County Attorney, Highway, Treasurer's Office, Real Property, and Solid Waste

B. The Finance Committee Delivers the 2025 Tentative Budget to the Board of Legislators for Final Consideration and Approval (Note: If there are not amendments to be made, this action begins the formal approval process to adopt the 2025 Budget)

Ms. Curran moved to forward the Tentative Budget to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Burke, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Webster, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Gennett, Mr. Hull, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

C. Adopting Local Law H (No.) for the Year 2024 “Tax Cap Override for FY 2025” – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran and carried by a voice vote thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Establishing a Date and Time for the Organizational Board Meeting – 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 Terminelli).

B. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for Costs Associated with Community College Tuition – Mr. Burke 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 Terminelli).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Renewal Application with Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield for Stop Loss Insurance Coverage for 2025 – 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 Terminelli).

D. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Assigned Counsel Program – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Denesha and Curran), and two (2) absent votes (Fay, and Terminelli).

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Renewal with New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc. for Records Management Services – Mr. Burke 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 Terminelli).

F. Requesting the New York State Legislature and Governor Adopt Legislation to Permit St. Lawrence County Home Rule to Extend the Sales Tax Rate as Previously Authorized from Three (3%) Percent to Four (4%) Percent – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Lightfoot and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

G. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Temporary Access and Use Agreement with National Grid – Ms. Curran 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 Terminelli).

H. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the St. Lawrence County Former Sheriff's House and Jail Roof and Facade Alteration Project and Close the Capital Project – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran and Mr. Webster and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

I. Modifying 2024 Budget for Rent Shortfall and Utilities in Gouverneur and Massena Satellite Offices – Mr. Burke 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 Terminelli).

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha) – no report

- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Sheridan) – no report
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli) – no report
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers) – Mr. Smithers
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee (Smithers) – Mr. Smithers
- F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen) – Mr. Reagen
- 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

14. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorizing a Change Order with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the Addition of Geo-Redundant Prime Equipment and Services at Massena and White Hill Sites – Mr. Forsythe moved to remove this resolution from the table, seconded by Ms. Haggard and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 8:34p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 9:54p.m., seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay, and Terminelli).

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Perkins moved to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 9:55p.m., as there was no further business.