

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, and Mr. Reagen

Members Attending Via Videoconference: Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, 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 5:40 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the June 29th and July 27th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Arquiatt and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. COVID-19 UPDATE – Dr. Dana McGuire and Dr. Williams

4. 2019 AUDIT FINAL RESULTS – Luke Malecki, CPA, Office Managing Partner, Drescher & Malecki LLP

5. 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 Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) (*Note: This resolution was tabled at the August Full Board meeting, but at this time no action is necessary.*) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to keep this resolution on the Table until the September Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) abstained (Arquiatt and Terminelli).

B. Approving New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement #1 for Final Design for Brown’s Bridge Road over Raquette River, BIN 3221560, PIN 775380 (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Department of Highways for Revenue Received from the St. Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District for Culvert Replacement on County Route 49 in the Town of Norfolk (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Yaleville Road Bridge (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

E. Project Updates (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

Mr. Reagen left the meeting at 6:42 p.m., and returned at 6:45 p.m.

6. WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT – BARB LASHUA

A. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) for Additional Funding (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) for Dislocated Worker and Administration (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. 2020 Summer Program Funding (Discussion) – Ms. Lashua

D. Public Access to the One Stop Career Center (Discussion) – Ms. Lashua

7. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEPHEN BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Inclusion of Officers of the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility, Inc. as Insureds in the St. Lawrence County Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Plan (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Sign Maintenance Worker Position (312700001) in the Department of Highways.

B. Treasurer – Ms. Cole requested to abolish a Principal Fiscal Officer and create and fill an Assistant Accounting Supervisor Position (102000002) in the Treasurer's Office.

C. Annual Vacancy Review Analysis (Info) – Ms. Doyle

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Establishing a Standard Work Day for New York State Retirement System Reporting Purposes (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.

Ms. Doyle said, to date, there has been 659 complaints made through the NY on Pause. The approach remains the same: After three (3) complaints, a letter is sent and after five (5) complaints, action would be taken. There are concerns with the upcoming inspections for gyms as it falls to the Public Health Departments, and this will be a new area of required service. Challenges are anticipated with the opening of school. Districts have finalized their plans and have shared with parents last week. County government is finalizing its self-assessment tool.

There are no meetings scheduled for the next two Mondays.

Requests have been made to have the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Taskforce do a presentation at the upcoming Operations Committee meeting and the Fort La Présentation Association will do a presentation at the upcoming Finance Committee.

Ms. Doyle announced that Cindy Ackerman began as the Commissioner of Social Services. An attorney in the DSS Legal Department has been promoted to senior attorney. Applications have been received and interviews will be conducted this week to fill the two (2) remaining positions with the hopes of being at full staff in 4 to 6 weeks.

Budget reviews continue this week with eighteen (18) departments completed at this time. An official notice has been received from New York State regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impact. There will be a reduction of CHIPS funds in highway, a thirty-one (31%) percent reduction was seen in Community Services, and Social Services received notice today that they can expect a twenty percent (20%) withhold. The unknowns will make budget preparations even more challenging this year. Ms. Doyle said she will share on Google Drive the last ten (10) years of budget messages for background information.

There will be an update and tour given on the Smart Path project on September 1st at 10 a.m.

Chair Lightfoot requested that the County Administrator do an analysis of the perimeters of a report from DSS Legal and report back to the entire Board of Legislators with recommendations.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – Mr. Denesha
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – no report
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board – Ms. Terminelli gave pertinent information on the EMC
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board – no report
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee – no report
- F. Industrial Development Agency – Mr. Reagen

Mr. Lightfoot left the room at 7:50 and returned at 7:52 p.m.

- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board – Mr. Arquiett
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – no report
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Haggard
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Burke

11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Adopting Proposed Local Law B (No.____) for the Year 2020, Amending Local Law D for the Year 2018, “Setting Policy on Acquisition and Sale of Tax Delinquent Property in St. Lawrence County” (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Doyle said when the COVID-19 pandemic began the public transit college connector ceased, but now as students are returning for school schedules will resume on a modified scheduled. Following a two week evaluation in August, showing no positive cases attributed to public

transit, the schedule will move to full service on September 1st.

Mr. Burke said in addition to the report that is to be provided by DSS Legal, he would like an opportunity to ask questions and talk with Mr. Haggard and Ms. Heather Rand. Mr. Lightfoot asked that the analysis be provided first before a discussion in order to have a guide of reference.

Mr. Denesha said there is a need for a St. Lawrence County Risk Manager.

Mr. Arquiatt said because of recent incidents, it is urgent to not only get the report from DSS Legal, but also to be sure Mr. Burke's request for discussions is permitted as soon as possible.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the August Finance Committee Meeting at 8:53 p.m., as there was no further business.