

****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. Sheridan, Mr. Acres, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Smithers

Members Attending Via Videoconference: Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Ms. Fiacco, Ms. Haggard, and Ms. Terminelli

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, and Stephen Button

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Sheridan called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. Mr. Acres moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Forsythe moved to adopt the July 13th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. PUBLIC HEALTH – DANA MCGUIRE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Department of Health for the Children with Special Healthcare Needs Program Grant (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Department of Health for the Early Intervention Administration Program for the Public Health Department (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with Community Organizations for Services Associated with the COVID-19 Response Grant (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Department of Health to Accept Opioid Epidemic Grant Funding to Fight the Opioid Epidemic in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Approval of Bad Debt Write Offs for Community Services (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with

thirteen (13) yes votes, and two no votes (Acres and Lightfoot).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Two Contracts with the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to Accept the Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants 2020-2021 (Res) – Mr. Fay moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Monthly Clinic Updates (Info) – Mr. Ulrich

Mr. Ulrich said Community Services Program Director, Sheena Smith, was awarded the 2020 Mental Health Telehealth Innovator of the Year.

5. YOUTH BUREAU – ALEXA BACKUS

A. Amending the St. Lawrence County Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Bylaws and Structure (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Efforts to Develop Grant Opportunities for the Youth Bureau (Discussion) – Alexa Backus

6. PROPOSED LAKE ONTARIO NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

PRESENTATION – Philip Church, Oswego County Administrator and Ellen Brody, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Ms. Curran left the meeting.

7. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Office for the Aging – Ms. Montgomery requested to fill a Senior Advocate Worker for the Elderly, Position No. 800300004, and fill Senior Advocate Worker for the Elderly, Position No. 800300005, in the Office for the Aging.

B. Public Health – Ms. McGuire requested to fill a Temporary Registered Nurse/Public Health Specialist/Service Coordinator, create and fill a Services Coordinator, Position No. 506000003, and create and fill a Temporary Community Health Nurse, Position No. 5020000026 in the Public Health Department.

Ms. Haggard asked for clarification on the salaries of the nurses. Ms. McGuire said the salaries are set in the contracts.

Mr. Burke asked if there were different grades of nurses, and if the nursing staff could start at a higher step on the salary scale. Ms. McGuire said there are three levels of nurse grades in Public Health: RN is Grade 26; Community Health Nurse is a Grade 28; and Public Health Nurse is a Grade 29. Starting nurses at a higher step on the salary scale is being discussed but has not been approved by the Union. Human Resources Director, Ms. Dorothy, described the work being done to try to change salaries for nurses.

Mr. Acres said the Negotiation Committee has spoken with the union regarding this matter.

Mr. Arquiatt said he did not wish to take part in any discussion regarding ongoing negotiations as it should be discussed exclusively at the negotiations table and not in public.

C. Social Services – Mr. Zimmerman requested to fill a Caseworker/CPS, Position No. 815200011, in the Department of Social Services.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doyle said budget review with Departments are well underway with nine departments completed last week and eight departments this week. All the review are being held via zoom.

As a reminder, Ms. Doyle said there will be no meeting held on August 17th. The Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24th, with the two Mondays following that being open.

Due to COVID-19, the County has allowed for staff who have been working in the office and cannot use their vacations to use vacation buyback if they have reached the maximum of 400 hours for vacation accruals. Eighteen individuals took advantage of this benefit with the cost to the County being \$19,888.13.

To date, six hundred and eight (608) complaints were received for the NY on pause.

Ms. Doyle said there are two areas of the budget affected by COVID-19. The County can expect to be reimbursed one hundred percent (100%) from FEMA for expenses due to COVID-19 associated with the declaration of emergency, and the CVD accounts that are associated with budget modifications that the Board has made. To date the spending in the FEMA Account is \$158,817.67 and the budget modifications made was \$1.1 million dollars. Currently, the amount spent is \$145,719.26 and the revenue received is \$108,092.95. The bulk of \$1.1 million dollars is associated with transit.

The Youth Bureau is continuing to plan a school-aged design a mask contest. 16,300 masks would be needed to provide a mask for every student in St. Lawrence County. Funding is being discussed and opportunities are being sought.

Ms. Doyle said she attended an event in Massena on Wednesday hosted by the DEC that highlighted the efforts for cleanup and partnership around the County.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Traveling Wall will be at Massena Mall this Thursday through Sunday.

The St. Lawrence County Historical Association will seek a new Executive Director.

The NYSAC Resolution Committee met and adopted twenty-two resolutions.

Fort de la Presentation will attend the September Finance Committee Meeting to make a presentation.

Ms. Doyle said she would like to extend an invitation to NYPA to give an update on the Smart Path Project.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Board of Health – no report
- B. CDP Board of Directors – no report
- C. Community Services Board – Mr. Acres
- D. Office for the Aging Advisory Board – Mr. Denesha
- E. Youth Advisory Board – Ms. Terminelli

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Burke had questions about the Community Services Board and the procedures followed for interviews for a treatment program clinic.

A straw poll vote was taken on who wished to continue the conversation regarding the Community Services Board and failed by a vote of five (5) yes votes (Arquiett, Burke, Fiacco, Haggard, and Terminelli) and nine (9) no votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

Mr. Lightfoot moved to go to Executive Session at 9:32 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lightfoot moved to go to Open Session at 9:59 p.m., seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Curran).

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Sheridan adjourned the August Services Committee meeting at 9:59 p.m., as there was no further business.