

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

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Denesha called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Acres moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Sheridan moved to approve the October 19th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

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

4. THE PLAN FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY REGARDING POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE FOR NEW YORK STATE – Sheriff Bigwarfe

Ms. Curran left the room at 7:20 p.m.

5. SHERIFF – BROOKS BIGWARFE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Extension with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for the FY17 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

6. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MATT DENNER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Office of Homeland Security for a FY20 Emergency Management Performance Grant Supplemental (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Maintenance Contract with Business Electronics for Voice Recorders in the 911 Dispatch Center (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Forsythe and Curran).

Ms. Curran returned to the room at 7:22 p.m.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Extension of a Lease Agreement with St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES for an Emergency Services Communication Tower on the White Hill Property in the Town of Parishville (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

7. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – GARY PASQUA

A. Authorization to Accept a Donation of a Vehicle from the City of Ogdensburg for the Office of the District Attorney (Res) – Mr. Arquiatt moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

8. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with The Arc Jefferson – St. Lawrence for the Operation of the Public Transit System for St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

B. Lead Grant Update (Discussion) – Mr. Pfothenhauer

C. DANC Broadband Survey Follow Up Information (Discussion) – Mr. Pfothenhauer

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

9. LEGISLATOR JOHN BURKE

A. 2020 Complete Count Summary (Discussion) (Info) – Legislator Burke and John Tenbusch

10. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Summary (Info) – Ms. Doyle

B. Sheriff – Sheriff Bigwarfe requested to fill a Correction Officer (603000041) Position and create and fill a Deputy (601000001) Position in the Sheriff's Office.

C. Emergency Services – Mr. Denner requested to fill a Supervisor of Dispatcher Operations (612300001) Position in Emergency Services.

11. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle said she will be sending out a press release regarding the declaration of the State of Emergency. There are no restriction on travel at this time, and no changes to the status of school districts.

Ms. Doyle said the County has been and will continue to meet with the Amish Bishops regarding precaution to take to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

St. Lawrence County Offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day.

Ms. Doyle commended the Sheriff and his team on his immediate response and professional approach to the Executive Order regarding Police Reform issued on June 12, 2020 by Governor Andrew Cuomo. Sheriff Bigwarfe came before the Board of Legislators on July 13th to discuss the plan, accreditation was completed and in place on September 3rd, meetings were held with the public in October, and a summation of all those meetings were given this evening. The goal of the Sheriff is to complete the process and have the Plan in place by the end of December.

The adopted budget books are in production, and in keeping with County law, the adopted budget will be advertised two times in the 2020 official newspapers.

Ashley Maready, the new Director of the Historical Association, will attend the next Finance Committee Meeting.

Ms. Doyle said she is seeking to expand upon her ability to authorize part-time workers, and to hire case investigators to assist Public Health.

Due to the increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases, County Administrator Doyle requested permission from the Board of Legislators to allow a reduction to staff to fifty percent (50%) in office and fifty percent (50%) remote working with one-hundred percent (100%) of work being completed and no lapse in services.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board – Mr. Denesha
- B. Alternatives to Incarceration Board – no report
- C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library – no report
- D. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board – no report
- E. Environmental Management Council – Ms. Terminelli
- F. Fire Advisory Board – Mr. Denesha
- G. Intercounty Legislative Committee – Ms. Curran
- H. Jury Board – Mr. Sheridan
- I. Planning Board – Mr. Fay

13. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Acres moved to go to Executive Session at 8:45 p.m., to discuss litigation, personnel and appointments, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Acres moved to go to Open Session at 9:11 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Forsythe).

15. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Denesha adjourned the November Operations Committee meeting at 9:12 p.m., as there was no further business.