

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. Denesha, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen and Mr. Sheridan

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

Others Attending Via Videoconference: Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, Steve Button, Don Chambers, Bruce Green, Renee Cole, and Barb Lashua

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m. Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Denesha moved to approve the November 23, 2020, minutes, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. COVID-19 UPDATE – Dr. Andrew Williams

4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Approving Supplemental Agreement #3 with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Additional Construction Inspection (CI) Services for St. Lawrence County Bridge Preservation Project, BINS 3340850, 3341310, 3341710 and 3341720, PIN 775378 (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) abstention (Perkins).

B. Approving Supplemental Agreement #1 with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for Construction Inspection (CI) Services for Depot Street over Deer River Project, BIN 3220850, PIN 775386 (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Arquiatt, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Arquiatt asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

5. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Correcting and Refunding Erroneous Taxes (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

6. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Authorization of Petty Cash Accounts and Departmental Cash Drawers (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing Blanket Bond in Lieu of Individual Sureties for County Officials and Employees (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Bank Depositories and Investment of County Funds Policy (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. 2020 Update on the Performance of Investments (Discussion) – Ms. Cole, Deb Bridges, and Alex DeRosa of Three+one Company

7. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD – BARB LASHUA

A. Modifying the 2020 WIOA Budget for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

8. LEGISLATOR LIGHTFOOT

A. Committing to Honoring the Current Distribution Formula of Sales and Compensating Use Tax to the Towns and Villages in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Sheridan, Ms. Curran, Ms. Terminelli, Mr. Burke, Ms. Fiacco, and Mr. Lightfoot.

Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Arquiett, and Mr. Sheridan asked to be added as a co-sponsors to this resolution.

Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Adoption of Rules of Procedure (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Amending Resolution No. 27-2020, “Newspaper Designation Rotation Schedule” (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe.

Mr. Reagen moved to amend the resolution to change North Country This Week to the Year 2021, and the Courier Observer to the Year 2024, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Motion carried unanimously, as amended, by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Newspaper Designation (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Reagen moved to amend the resolution to replace Courier Observer with North Country This Week, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Motion carried unanimously, as amended, by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

E. Authorization to Request a Dog Quarantine (Res) (*Note: This resolution was tabled at the January Operational Board Meeting and will need a motion to remove it from the Table.*) – This resolution was not removed from the Table.

Ms. Doyle said each week the County will be emphasizing one pillar of the five pillars of prevention for Covid-19. Three additional County staff have tested positive for coronavirus. As a reminder, if you get tested for coronavirus, you must self-quarantine until you get the test results, and even if the results are negative, you may still have to quarantine.

The Rheonix machines purchased by the County are scheduled to be delivered early January.

As the vaccines begin to arrive in St. Lawrence County, there will be an effort to raise awareness and provide education on the vaccine.

Ms. Doyle said OASAS did a virtual site review for recertification of the Chemical Dependency Clinics.

County Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for Christmas.

Tax warrants are being prepared at this time to be signed by the Chair.

Ms. Doyle thanked the Board for authorizing a certificate of achievement for centurion Doug White of Heuvelton.

10. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Motor Equipment Mechanic Helper (308000003) Position in the Highway Department.

B. One Stop Career Center – Ms. Lashua requested to fill a Keyboard Specialist (003100094) and Principal Account Clerk (100300009) Positions in the One-Stop Career Center.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – Mr. Denesha

B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – no report

C. Fisheries Advisory Board – no report

- D. Gouverneur Fair Board – no report
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee – Mr. Sheridan
- F. Industrial Development Agency – Mr. Reagen
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board – Mr. Arquiatt
- 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 – no report

12. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Approving a Tentative Agreement Between the County of St. Lawrence and the City Of Ogdensburg In Relation to the Allocation and Distribution of Money Collected from the Sales And Compensating Use Taxes Imposed Pursuant To Articles 28 And 29 of the Tax Law for the Term of December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2030 (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Arquiatt moved to table this resolution to the next Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a roll call vote with eight (8) yes votes, and seven (7) no votes (Curran, Reagen, Forsythe, Sheridan, Smithers, Denesha, and Perkins).

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Executive Session at 9:19 p.m. to discuss appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Open Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Acres adjourned the December Finance Committee Meeting at 9:23 p.m., as there was no further business.