

*\*\*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:** Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Smithers

**Members Attending via Videoconference:** Mr. Acres, Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fay, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Perkins, and Ms. Terminelli

**Others Attending via Videoconference:** Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Stephen Button, Brooks Bigwarfe, Jason Pfothauer, Mike Cunningham, and Gary Pasqua

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Ms. Curran called the meeting to order at 8:34 p.m. Mr. Denesha 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. Lightfoot moved to approve the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**3. BARTON & LOGUIDICE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE** – John Condino, Senior Project Manager and Johanna Duffy, Senior Managing Environmental Scientist

**4. SHERIFF – BROOKS BIGWARFE**

A. Modifying the 2021 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for Forfeiture Reimbursement from a County Surplus Auction (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – GARY PASQUA**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**6. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER**

- A. Lead Grant Update (Discussion) – Jason Pfothauer
- B. Broadband Survey Efforts (Discussion) – Jason Pfothauer

**7. LEGISLATOR RITA CURRAN**

A. Proclaiming the Month of February as Black History Month in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen.

Ms. Haggard, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Reagen asked to be added as a co-sponsors to this resolution.

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

## **8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

A. District Attorney – Mr. Pasqua requested to fill an Assistant District Attorney position (026800005) in the District Attorney’s Office.

B. Sheriff – Sheriff Bigwarfe requested to fill a Deputy Sheriff (605000027) and a Corrections Officer (603000018) positions in the Sheriff’s Office, and discussed part-time officers.

## **9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Ms. Doyle said there has been a team effort with getting the vaccine sites up and going, and she would like to thank everyone who assisted at SUNY Potsdam, the Sheriff and those at the Correctional Facility, and St. Lawrence University for all the work done at the locations around the County. The IDA has shared a staff member to work with the County on determining the logistics and locations of vaccine sites. Public Health continues to assist, along with Office for the Aging. Ms. Doyle she said she is proud of how well the efforts are going. This week the vaccine site will be held at the Dome in the City of Ogdensburg.

Ms. Doyle said a survey was initiated for employees to provide feedback and suggestions regarding working during the pandemic.

Ms. Doyle reported two transfers of funds: \$916 for Probation for an increase in the lease at the Gouverneur Office, and \$5,000 for Solid Waste for repair and maintenance.

NYSAC is conducting its legislative conference virtually. Ms. Doyle said she is the Chair of the Taxation and Finance Committee, and four (4) resolutions were considered and passed today by that Committee.

Ms. Doyle said she is working on 2021 Legislative Agenda and will schedule a work session soon.

The Town and Village of Canton requested a tour of the Human Services Center. The building will be transferred to the Village of Canton in the Year 2032.

Social Services statistics have been posted to Google Drive.

Each month through September, on the Services Committee agenda, Ms. Ackerman will give an update on Family First.

Tomorrow at 3 p.m. the Presidents of SUNY Potsdam and Clarkson will raise banners highlighting the ongoing efforts of each of the campuses to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The Health Insurance Reserve is \$750,000.

Ms. Doyle said the Shared Services Committee will meet in March.

There is no meeting scheduled next week in observance of Presidents Day.

## **10. 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 – Ms. Curran
- E. Environmental Management Council – Ms. Terminelli
- F. Fire Advisory Board – Mr. Denesha
- G. Intercounty Legislative Committee – Ms. Curran
- H. Jury Board – no report
- I. Planning Board – Mr. Fay

## **11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS** – There was no old/new business.

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Executive Session at 9:41 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel and appointments, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Denesha moved to go to Open Session at 10:17 p.m., seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Curran adjourned the February Operations Committee Meeting at 10:17 p.m., as there was no further business.