

**Members Attending:** Mr. Acres, Ms. Arquiett, Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Haggard, Mr. Leader, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli

**Others Attending:** Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Stephen Button, Jonnie Dorothy, Renee Cole, Tom Nichols, Don Chambers, Brian Hurlbut, Michele Zera, Allison Appleby, Michael Cunningham, Chris Rediehs, Jason Pfothenauer, Keith Zimmerman, Gary Pasqua, Paul Baxter, Bruce Green, Tim LePage, Amy Dona, and Media Representatives: Sue Mende and Keith Benman

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

A moment of silence was held in memory of past Legislator, Donald Burns.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Arquiett moved to approve the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**3. ADVOCATE DRUM, THE FORT DRUM REGIONAL LIASION ORGANIZATION (FDRLO)** – Edward “Fritz” Keel, Executive Director

**4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Authorization to Fill Seven (7) Temporary Laborer Positions in the Department of Highways (Res) (Info) – Mr. Arquiett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Roadside Mowing Contracts (Res) – Mr. Perkins 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. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Department of Highways for the Decrease in Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) Funding Due to New York State Budget Reductions Extreme Winter Recovery (EWR) Efforts (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corporation for Replacement of County Route 35 Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341600 (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) abstention (Perkins).

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for the Highway Department to Provide Fuel Services to The Arc of Jefferson and St. Lawrence and Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **5. COUNTY HIGHWAY FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Camillus Corporation for an Applied Roofing System for the Highway Maintenance Facility (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Department of Highways to Seek Quotes from Local Engineering Firms for Sand/Salt and Motor Equipment Storage Facilities (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **6. TREASURER – RENEE COLE**

A. Adopting Mortgage Tax Report (Res) – Mr. Arquiett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **7. WORKFORCE INNOVATIVE OPPORUNITIES ACT (WIOA)**

Tom Plastino spoke to the following two resolutions:

A. Modifying the PY18 WIOA Budget to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker Accounts to Adult Accounts (Res) (Info) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the Local Workforce Development Board Certification 2019 (Res) (Info) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **8. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVEN BUTTON**

A. Transferring an Exclusive Option for the Sale of County-Owned Mineral Rights on a Certain Parcel of Land in the Town of Edwards (Res) – Mr. Haggard moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Settlement of the Northern District of New York Federal Court Action Stephen Nuccio vs. former St. Lawrence County District Attorney Nicole Duve et. al. and Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Liability and Casualty Fund (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.

## **9. PLANNING – KEITH ZIMMERMAN**

A. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the 2018 Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Acceptance of Year 2 Funding from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Septic System Replacement Program (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **10. LEGISLATOR RICK PERKINS**

A. Opposing New York State Senate Bill No. S4253 and New York State Assembly Bill No. A722 "An Act to Amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in Relation to Making Contests, Competitions, Tournaments, and Derbies to Take Wildlife Unlawful" (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Arquiatt, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **11. LEGISLATOR KEVIN ACRES**

A. Opposing the Adopted 2019-2020 New York State Budget Impacting Aid and Incentives to Municipalities and State Cost Shifts to Counties (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **12. LEGISLATORS RITA CURRAN**

A. Supporting the Louisville Volunteer Fire Department in being Selected to Sponsor the Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **13. LEGISLATOR NANCE ARQUIETT**

A. Proclaiming May as National Foster Care Month (Res) – Mr. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Haggard and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **14. LEGISLATOR NICOLE TERMINELLI**

A. Financially Supporting the Efforts of the 2019 FLW Costa Series in Massena, New York and Modifying the 2019 Budget (Res) (Info) – Mr. Haggard moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Arquiatt, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

## **15. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE**

A. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for the Board of Legislators' Travel (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Sheriff's Supervisors Association, Inc. Contract Settlement (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Modifying the 2019 Budget to Share Occupancy Tax with the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce as Prescribed in the 2018-2020 Agreement for Tourism Promotion (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. 2019 First Quarter Financial Update (Info) – Ms. Doyle

Keith Zimmerman, Interim Emergency Services Director, spoke about high water and flooding along the Raquette River and St. Lawrence River.

Ms. Doyle reminded Legislators who are enrolled in the New York State Retirement System that the Record of Activities (ROA) logs are due. Once these are submitted and calculated, a resolution will come before the Board.

The IDA and staff working on J&L met today to go over changes. The extension to the project is to May 31<sup>st</sup>, and it is fully expected the work should be complete by May 17<sup>th</sup>. Funding sources are being sought to extend the project for another couple of months.

Ms. Doyle said she will attend the Change of Command Ceremony on Wednesday at Fort Drum.

Last week Mr. Lightfoot hosted a meeting with Fulton County Emergency Services and some members of their Board of Supervisors regarding emergency medical services and the challenges rural areas and upstate New York faces concerning response time and services.

## **16. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approving the Consolidation of Designated Vital Record Districts for the Town of Canton and Village of Rensselaer Falls Pursuant to the Public Health Law (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Haggard said he would like to address the Board, not in the form of a motion or resolution, but as a matter of awareness. Mr. Haggard said there was an anti-Muslim post on social media by the Legislator from District 15, and he would like to call for that Legislator's immediate resignation. If this Legislator does not resign, Mr. Haggard said he will bring a resolution forward demanding resignation.

Mr. Haggard asked the Chair to recognize Mr. Hammond, Village of Waddington Supervisor.

Mr. Acres said not to squelch debate, but in the interest of time, he would like to wait for the resolution to come forward to have comments and public participation.

Mr. Denesha said he looked at the letter and he does not believe the post was racist.

Mr. Arquiett called a Point of Order.

Mr. Denesha said the letter was political grandstanding.

## **17. DEPARTMENT ORIENTATION**

### **A. County Attorney – Steven Button**

Mr. Haggard left the room at 7:21 p.m.

Mr. Sheridan moved to go into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Ms. Curran left the room at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Haggard returned to the room at 7:23 p.m.

Ms. Curran returned to the room at 7:30 p.m.

## **18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay and Ms. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

**19. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Acres adjourned the April Finance Committee Meeting at 8:07 p.m., as there was no further business.