

**Members Attending:** Mr. Acres, Ms. Arquiett attending via teleconference, Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, ~~Mr. Haggard~~, Mr. Leader arrived at 5:36 p.m., Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli

**Others Attending:** Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, Jonnie Dorothy, Steve Button, Renee Cole, Keith Zimmerman, Don Chambers, Brian Hurlbut, Deb Bridges, Bruce Green, Patrick Ames, Emily Wilson, Vicki Stiles, and Media Representative, Sue Mende

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Ms. Terminelli moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Leader).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ms. Curran moved to approve the July 29<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Haggard and Leader).

**3. 2018 AUDIT FINAL RESULTS** – Nichole Ruf, CPA Senior Manager, Drescher & Malecki LLP

Mr. Leader arrived at 5:36 p.m.

#### **4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Amending Resolution No. 318-2019 “Approving Federal Aid Local Project Agreement for the Construction/Construction Inspection Phase for South Shore Road over Oswegatchie River, BIN 3340940, PIN 775371” (Res) – Mr. Denesha 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 (Haggard).

B. Authorization to File a Claim in the Navistar Maxxforce Engine Settlement (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot 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) absent (Haggard).

C. Authorization to Fill a Motor Equipment Operator Position in the Department of Highways (Res) (Info) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

D. Project Update (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

#### **5. TREASURER – RENEE COLE**

A. Authorization to Fill a Title Searcher Position in the Treasurer’s Office (Res) (Info) – Mr. Burke 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 (Haggard).

B. Treasurer's Update (Discussion) – Ms. Cole

## **6. EMERGENCY SERVICES – KEITH ZIMMERMAN**

A. Authorizing the Issuance of a Negative Declaration Related to the Construction of an Emergency Communication Tower as Part of the Emergency Radio Dispatch System in the Town of Gouverneur in St. Lawrence County, New York (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Leader, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

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

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with the Cornell Cooperative Extension for Office Space at the Human Services Center (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

B. Annual Vacancy Review Process Analysis and Recommendations (Info) – Ms. Doyle

C. Director Search Update (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle said the interviews for the Emergency Services Director will take place tomorrow, and a recommendation will be made to the Board soon after.

Applications for the Youth Bureau Director position are coming in, and this job posting will remain open until September 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Director of Planning, Keith Zimmerman, will retire on Friday, August 30th, and there has been very nice comments made on his behalf and on the work that he has done for the County throughout his career. He has been a talent and is part of the foundation of the County. Ms. Doyle said many people have benefited from Keith's influence, and he has been a wonderful mentor to her. She said many colleagues have good fun with Keith, but still get a lot of work done.

The Government Accountability Office has requested to have a conference call on Thursday for input on Plan 2014.

Nichole Ruf, CPA Senior Manager of Drescher & Malecki, LLP met today with the Audit Committee to go over the 2018 final audit.

An Employee Appreciation Event is scheduled for tomorrow between 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Ice Cream will be served.

Interviews are scheduled tomorrow for the position of Director of Emergency Services.

## **8. 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. Denesha
- F. Industrial Development Agency – Mr. Reagen
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board – Mr. Arquiett
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – no report
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – no report
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Burke

Mr. Lightfoot said as a member of the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization he was invited to a ceremony in Sackets Harbor that included viewing the Moving Wall, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The ceremony included a reading about the sixty (60) St. Lawrence County members of the military that were killed during the Vietnam War.

## **9. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with SLC North Country Events, Inc., for Consultation on the Development of an Application for a Permit to Hold a Public Gathering (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Mr. Fay moved to go to Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Haggard).

Ms. Arquiett left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Arquiett left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go Open Session at 8:32 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Haggard, T. Arquiett, and N. Arquiett).

**11. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Acres adjourned the August Finance Committee Meeting at 8:32 p.m., as there was no further business.