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TO: St. Lawrence County Legislators and Other Interested People
FROM: Kelly S. Bigwarfe, Deputy Clerk
DATE: April 14, 2023
SUBJECT: **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Attached is a copy of the agenda for the Special Board Meeting of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators on **Monday, April 17, 2023**, in the Legislative Board Room.

When any reference is made to any contracts not set forth in the agenda, the original documents are available for inspection by any and all persons and are filed in the Clerk of the Board of Legislators' Office.

Order of Business:

Call to Order
Roll Call
Approval of Agenda
Presentation of Resolutions
Chair's Appointments
Adjournment

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Board of Legislators' Board Room – 48 Court Street, Canton New York 13617
2252 Lake Ridge Drive, Belmont, NC 28012 (as per Local Law 3 of 2022)
and/or electronically at St. Lawrence County Website: www.stlawco.org via YouTube*

April 17, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. _____

THE ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS REQUESTS THE ENACTMENT OF SENATE BILL NO. S4567A AND ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A5021A TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION OF ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 115-2023

By Mr. Forsythe, District 2

WHEREAS, in 2013, St. Lawrence County was one of few remaining counties in the State that had not previously increased its sales tax over the three (3%) percent sales tax authorized by Tax Law Section 1210, and

WHEREAS, subparagraph (iii) of the opening paragraph of Tax Law Section 1210 was amended effective July 31, 2013 to include St. Lawrence County in the group of counties authorized to impose sales and compensating use taxes at a rate that was one percent additional to the three percent rate for the period beginning December 1, 2013 and ending November 30, 2015, and

WHEREAS, since the initial approval by New York State, resolutions have been adopted to request extensions of home rule authorization and supported by Senate and Assembly Bills to that end; and in 2017, New York State authorized a third year of authorization which prompted an extension, and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2023, Resolution No. 115-2023 was adopted requesting an extension of home rule authorization to St. Lawrence County to allow an additional one percent of sales and compensating use taxes to be collected for a period of three (3) years from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2026, and following the adoption and submission to the State, notice was provided that only a two year extender would be granted, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators requests enactment of two new bills; New York State Senate Bill No. S4567A and New York State Assembly Bill No. A5021A to allow the extension of the authorization of St. Lawrence County to impose additional sales and compensating use taxes, and

WHEREAS, the current economic environment requires the County to continue to impose the sales tax rate as previously authorized and extend from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the revenue anticipated from the extension of the additional one percent (1%) sales and compensating tax provides the County with the necessary opportunities to continue to deliver locally preferred services deemed vital to the community while simultaneously funding mandates imposed by New York State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators requests enactment of Senate Bill No. S4567A and Assembly Bill No. A5021A to extend the authorization of St. Lawrence County to impose an additional one percent (1%) of sales and compensating use taxes from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2025, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul; Senator Joseph Griffo; Senator Mark Walczyk; Senator Dan Stec; Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush; Assemblyman Billy Jones; Assemblyman Robert Smullen; Assemblyman Scott Gray; Deborah R. Liebman, Esq., Deputy Counsel, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York State Secretary of State, New York State Office of State Comptroller, and St. Lawrence County Clerk Sandra Santamoor.