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St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators Board Chambers Finance Committee Monday, November 25, 2019 5:30 p.m.

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, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, Jonnie Dorothy, Steve Button, Renee Cole, Jason Pfotenhauer, Bruce Green, Don Chambers, Larry Legault, Brian Hurlbut, James McGahan, Debbie Snell, Heidi Ames, Vicki Stiles, Emily Wilson, Keith Zimmerman, Barb Lashua, and media representative, Bill Eckhart of Watertown Daily Times

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Denesha moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mr. Sheridan moved to approve the October 28th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- **3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROPERTY CLEANUP PRESENTATION** Gary Bowitch, Bowitch & Coffey, LLP; Stephen Button, County Attorney; Renee Cole, County Treasurer; Randall Young, NYS DEC Acting Region 6 Director; and Matthew Duffany, NYS DEC Regional 6 Spill Engineer

A brief recess was taken at 6:12 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 6:24 p.m.

4. TREASURER - RENEE COLE

- A. Charging Tax Items (Res) Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- B. Adopting Mortgage Tax Report (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 Treasurer's Office for Additional Sales Tax Distribution (Res) Mr. Arquiett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

5. WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT – BARB LASHUA

A. Authorizing the Treasurer to Modify the 2019 Budget for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker Accounts to Adult Accounts (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Haggard and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

6. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

- A. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Department of Highways for Machinery Rental and Winter Materials (Res) Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- B. Abandoning a Portion of State Highway No. 732, Also Known as State Highway 68, in the Town of Oswegatchie (Res) Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- C. Abandoning Sections of State Highway No. 9496, Also Known as State Highway 812, in the Town of Pitcairn (Res) Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Delta Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors, DPC, for Professional Engineering Services for two Bridges on Jones Road over West Branch of St. Regis River, BIN 3366590, BIN 3341150 (Res) Mr. Haggard moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Arquiett, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- E. Approving Supplemental Agreement #3 for Preliminary Engineering Design and Final Design for South Shore Road over the Oswegatchie River, BIN 3340940, PIN 775371 (Res) Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- F. Authorizing the Chair to Award and Sign Contract for Two Temporary Bridges for Jones Road Over West Branch of St. Regis River, Town of Hopkinton BIN 3366590, BIN 3341150 (Res) Mr. Arquiett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Arquiett, and Mr. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Acres).
- G. Modifying the 2019 Department of Highways Budget for Temporary Bridges for Jones Road over West Branch of St. Regis River, Town of Hopkinton, BIN 3366590, BIN 3341150 (Res) Mr. Haggard moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Arquiett, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Acres).
- H. Update on Outpost Project (Discussion) Mr. Chambers

7. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Approving the 2020 St. Lawrence County Solid Waste Department Fee Rates (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with AllPaid, Inc., dba GovPayNet, to Provide Credit Card Services at the Solid Waste Main Office and Transfer Stations (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

8. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Elections, Real Property & Community College Apportionments for the Year 2020 (Res) (Info) – Mr. Burke 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.

9. COUNTY ATTORNEY - STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Self-Insurance Plan Administrator to sign a contract with Triad Group, LLC, Third Party Administrator for the Workers' Compensation Plan (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Atlantic Testing Laboratories, LLC, for Environmental Investigation on Tax Delinquent Properties in St. Lawrence County (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.

Mr. Button gave an update on workers' compensation.

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Modifying the 2019 Budget for Assigned Counsel Costs (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) abstention (Haggard).

Ms. Doyle said there will be an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) training given by New York State on Tuesday, December 10th.

The retirement party for Sheriff Wells will be held on December 7th at The Stables at Windy Point in Potsdam.

CSEA negotiations began last week, and is scheduled to meet again tomorrow. Negotiations for Solid Waste will begin next week, on December 4th, 5th, and 6th.

A meeting was held last week with the City of Ogdensburg in regards to sales tax negotiations.

A Space Committee meeting will be scheduled for December 9th at 4:15 p.m.

Vacancy Review Committee is scheduled at 3 p.m. on December 3rd.

The REDI Commission held a meeting in Albany last Wednesday to discuss projects that are being funded, and there will be a reduction in the local contribution match from fifteen percent (15%) to five percent (5%). One of the projects funded is Fort de La Presentation in Ogdensburg with an award amount of \$1.295 million to reconstruct the trail and deal with some of the issues

they have had this year. Their five percent (5%) match would be almost \$65,000, and being a local non-profit getting the funding may be difficult. Ms. Doyle said the County had set aside money in a reserve ten to fifteen years ago for the Fort, and she proposes to use this capital investment, which is approximately \$58,000, towards the local match.

As a reminder, the Memorial Service for past Supervisors or Legislators who have passed away during the year will be held at the December Full Board Meeting.

The annual Legislators' group photo will be taken at the Organizational Board Meeting.

Ms. Doyle gave an update on funding requests, in detail, that the Board has considered throughout the years. There have been eighteen (18) resolutions considered this year moving money from contingency, most of which have been targeted.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board Mr. Denesha
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 Ms. Curran
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board Ms. Terminelli
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board Mr. Leader
- 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) Mr. Forsythe
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Ms. Arquiett
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors Mr. Burke

12. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Designating the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce as the 2020 St. Lawrence County Tourism Promotion Agent and Designating a Project Director for the Empire State Development Division of Tourism Matching Funds Program (Res) – Ms. Arquiett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Reagen, and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 7:44 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Arquiett left the room at 8:09 p.m., and returned at 8:12 p.m.

Mr. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 9:06 p.m., seconded by Mr. Arquiett and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres moved to adjourn the November Finance Committee Meeting at 9:06 p.m., as there was no further business.