

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 via teleconference, and ~~Ms. Terminelli~~

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, Jonnie Dorothy, Steve Button, Renee Cole, Jason Pfothenauer, Don Chambers, Brian Hurlbut, Larry Legault, Chris Rediehs, Bruce Green, and media representatives

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Arquiett moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Burke moved to approve the January 13th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

3. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Agreements for State Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Grant Funds for the Northumberland Street Bridge Project, BIN 3341380, SJ.03, in the Town of Morristown, and Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) recuse (N. Arquiett), and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with J.E. Sheehan Contracting Corp. for Rehabilitation of the Talcville Road Bridge over Oswegatchie River, BIN 3221090 (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Perkins), and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc., for the County Route 17 Culvert Project, Towns of Dekalb and Russell, PIN 775379 (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Roadside Mowing Contracts (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

E. Approving a Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Barton and Loguidice, D. P. C. for Construction Inspection (CI) Services for County Route 17 Culvert Project, PIN 775379 (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

F. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for a Cooperative Program to Reduce Roadway Damage Caused by Beaver (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

G. Update of Outpost Project (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

4. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Treasurer’s Office for Additional Sales Tax Distribution (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Arquiatt and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

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

5. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts between the Estate of Daniel P. Haley and St. Lawrence County, Granting the County Access to Property Located at 142 St. Lawrence Avenue, Waddington, New York, Owned by the Estate of Daniel Haley; C&S Companies for Environmental Investigation and Tank Removal on Property Owned by the Estate of Daniel Haley; and the Village of Waddington to Share the Cost of the Limited Phase II Assessment (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

6. SOCIAL SERVICES – CHRIS REDIEHS

A. Modifying the 2019 Budget for Social Services for Administration, Temporary Assistance, and Services (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Haggard), and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

7. LEGISLATOR KEVIN ACRES

A. Proclaiming March 22-28, 2020, as National Agriculture Week in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Solid Waste – Mr. Chambers

- Fill Heavy Equipment Operator (Position No. 309800006)

B. Highway – Mr. Chambers

- Fill Heavy Equipment Operator (Position No. 310100018)
- Abolish Welder and Create and Fill Heavy Equipment Operator (Position No. 310100024)

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Requesting the New York State Legislature and Governor Adopt Legislation to Permit St. Lawrence County Home Rule to Extend the Sales Tax Rate as Previously Authorized from 3% to 4% (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Haggard), and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

B. Medicare Part D Reimbursement (Discussion) – Ms. Jonnie Dorothy, Human Resource Director.

Ms. Doyle said the Vacancy Review Committee meeting will be held in the morning on Tuesday, March 3rd, followed by negotiations with CSEA in the afternoon.

Public Health and EAP are working on workplace wellness, and a survey is being sent to staff to identify areas of interest.

March 10th is the designated day to travel to Albany to present the 2020 Legislative Agenda.

Highway Superintendent, Don Chambers, will be attending the Highway Superintendents’ Association in Albany to address the CHIPs increases, and to talk with local representatives about highway issues.

The anticipated Smart Path Project meeting with representatives from NYPA will be held on Friday, and the project is scheduled to begin on March 6th.

Comments to the Medicaid Redesign Team were submitted today.

Ms. Doyle said she attended the Association of Towns meeting last week.

Five applications have been received for the position of Commissioner of the Department of Social Services. The Search Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, prior to the Operations Committee meeting.

The Audit and Fiscal Stability Committee will meet on March 30th at 4 p.m.

10. 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) – Mr. Forsythe
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Arquiett
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Burke

11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Applauding the Recent Decision of Hamilton County Court Judge Coffinger, the Newly Appointed Court Pistol Licensing Authority for St. Lawrence County, in Establishing a Procedure and Implementing Protocol for the Removal of Pistol License Restrictions (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Haggard), and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

B. Calling upon the Pistol Licensing Authority to Consider Applying Uniform Standards in St. Lawrence County that are Consistent with Similar Counties in New York State (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Reagen, Ms. Arquiatt, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Haggard moved to amend the resolution by removing the second whereas and the ninth whereas, and to amend the now, therefore be it resolve to include language to state “to consider cross registering pistol licenses on two separate licenses where both license holders live in the separate household in St. Lawrence County”, seconded by Mr. Burke.

Ms. Curran left the meeting at 6:55 p.m. and returned at 6:56 p.m.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to amend the resolution to state “the Board of Legislators calls upon the Pistol Licensing Authority to allow for cross registration of those permitted to possess firearms in St. Lawrence County with any other holder with licenses in the State of New York”, second by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Haggard agreed that Mr. Lightfoot’s wording clarified the intent and withdrew his amendment, and Mr. Burke withdrew his second.

Amendment carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

Amendment to strike the second whereas carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

Amendment to strike the ninth whereas carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran asked to be added as co-sponsors to the resolution.

Resolution, as amended, was carried by a voice vote to be forwarded to the full Board Meeting with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 8:43 p.m., seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Leader and Terminelli).

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the February Finance Committee at 8:43 p.m., as there was no further business.