

Members Attending: **Mr. Acres**, ~~Mr. Arquiatt~~, Mr. Lightfoot, ~~Mr. Burke~~, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Ms. Fiacco, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Terminelli

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Burke).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the November 28th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Burke).

3. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Correcting and Refunding Erroneous Taxes (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Burke).

4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Department of Highways for Machinery Rental Expenses (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Burke).

B. Approving the Purchase of Lawnmowers for the Highway Outposts in Potsdam and Lisbon and Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Fiacco, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Burke).

C. Use of County-Owned Machinery (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Fiacco, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiatt and Burke).

D. Update of Potsdam Outpost Project (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

5. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2022 Budget for Solid Waste for Tipping Fee Expenses (Res) – Ms. Fiacco 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 (Arquiatt and Burke).

B. Update on Recycling Center in Lisbon (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

6. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Authorizing Blanket Bond in Lieu of Individual Sureties for County Officials and Employees (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

B. Bank Depositories and Investment of County Funds (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 (Arquiett and Burke).

C. Authorizing Petty Cash Accounts and Departmental Cash Drawers (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

7. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Odin Environmental for Environmental Investigation on Property Owned by the Reddick Revocable Trust, Elenor R. Mallette, Scott T. Ferry, Doris E. Miller and Bradley L. Finley, Jr. (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

8. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RICK JOHNSON

Rodney Cisneros spoke to the following two resolutions in Mr. Johnson's absent:

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Customer Agreement with Sada Systems, Inc. for the Acquisition of Google Workspace Licenses (Res) – Mr. Smithers 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 (Arquiett and Burke).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an agreement with Slic Network Solutions, Inc. for Installation and Support Services of Communications Line for the Department of Social Services Satellite Office in Massena (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

9. LEGISLATOR KEVIN ACRES

A. Opposing any Alterations to New York State Law that Would Change the Mission and Function of Soil and Water Districts without Input from the County Board of Legislators and Supervisors, New York Farm Bureau, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, and the Four-Way Partnership of the Soil and Water District System that Include Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), New York Association of Conservation Districts (NYACD), the State Committee, and the Employees Associations (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha asked to be added as co-sponsors to this resolution.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

10. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill Heavy Equipment Operator, Position No. 310100014; and Abolish Sign Maintenance Worker and Create and Fill Motor Equipment Operator, Position No. 310000037, in the Highway Department.

B. Solid Waste – Mr. Chamber requested to create and fill Heavy Equipment Operator, Position No. 309800020, in the Solid Waste Department.

11. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS – RUTH DOYLE

A. Information and Update (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle and Mr. Patrick Kelly

B. Modifying the 2023 Budget for Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the Purchase of Public Safety Communications Equipment, Software, and Applicable Maintenance Services (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Adoption of Rules of Procedure (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Lightfoot.

Ms. Doyle offered two possible versions of the 2023 Meeting Schedule.

Ms. Curran moved to amend the resolution to choose Draft 1, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Terminelli and Haggard), and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Terminelli), and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

C. Newspaper Designation (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

D. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office for Costs Associated with Court-Ordered Treatment Services at New York State Operated Inpatient Mental Hygiene Facilities (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

E. Modifying the 2022 Budget for the Assigned Counsel Program (Res) – Mr. Forsythe 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 (Arquiett and Burke).

Ms. Doyle thanked the Board of Legislators for their guidance, and their comprehensive approach to good government including continuing to nurture the fiscal health of the County while decreasing taxes, tackling challenges in Social Services and making changes necessary to make improvements are all part of the legacy of the term of office for this Board.

Two meetings regarding revenue have been held with Community Services, and these meetings will continue every Tuesday and Friday for as long as needed.

The Health Care Committee met last week with the benefits' consultant.

The County will be submitting a threat assessment plan by the end of the year as directed by Executive Order 18. The Sheriff's Office will be taking the lead on this project.

A orientation schedule for newly elected Legislators is being put together and will begin in January.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – Mr. Denesha
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – Ms. Curran
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board – no report
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board – no report
- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee – no report
- F. Industrial Development Agency – no report
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board – Mr. Perkins
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – Mr. Forsythe
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Haggard
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – no report

14. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement in Relation to Solar Project on Parcel 40.004-2-20.22/1 Located at 50 Cogswell Corners Road in the Town of Madrid, New York (Res) (*Note: This resolution was tabled and will need a motion to remove it from the table.*) – Ms. Haggard moved to remove from the table. There was no second.

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

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Open Session at 7:52 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Arquiett and Burke).

16. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Acres adjourned the December Finance Committee meeting at 7:54 p.m. as there was no further business.