

Members Attending: **Mr. Gennett**, ~~Mr. Burke~~, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Hull, Mr. Lightfoot arrived at 5:34 p.m., Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Terminelli, and Mr. Webster

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the April 24th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried.

3. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Department of Highways for an Increase in the Capital Highway Improvement Program (Res) – Mr. Hull 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 (Lightfoot and Burke).

B. Authorizing the Chair to sign a Contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. for Environmental Services to Prepare an Appendix A for the Buckton State Forest Segment for the Multi-Use Trail (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Hull, and Mr. Webster.

Mr. Lightfoot arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

C. Approving New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement for Preliminary Design for Lazy River Road Bridge over Grasse River, BIN 3341820, PIN 775332 (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with COENCORP for Fuel Management Software for all Highway Fuel Island Locations (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

4. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2023 Solid Waste Department Budget to Support Equipment Repair, Recycling, and Building & Property Maintenance (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

5. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing Settlement of a Northern District of New York Federal Court Action and Modifying the 2023 Budget for the County Attorney’s Office (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

6. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Adopting Mortgage Tax Report (Res) – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

7. LEGISLATOR TERMINELLI

A. Opposing Senate Bill S4976A and Assembly Bill A2084, “An Act to Amend the Environmental Conservation Law, in Relation to Prohibiting the Use of Lead Ammunition in the Taking of Wildlife on State-Owned Land and Land Contributing Surface Water to the New York City Water Supply” (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers.

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

Motion carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Laborer, Position No. 306000017, in Highway.

B. WIOA – Ms. Lewis requested to fill an Employment and Training Counselor, Position No. 701000027, in the One Stop Career Center.

C. County Administrator – Ms. Doyle requested to fill a Building Maintenance Worker, Position No. 301200008, and a Building and Grounds Crewleader, Position No. 302800001, in Buildings and Grounds.

D. Treasurer – Ms. Cole requested to fill a Senior Account Clerk, Position No. 100200015, in the Treasurer’s Office.

E. Social Services – Mr. Seeber requested to create and fill a Director of Finance in Social Services.

9. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Information and Update (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Establishing a Standard Work Day for New York State Retirement System Reporting Purposes (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (Burke).

B. Proclaiming June as Dairy Month (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Motion carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

Ms. Doyle said the process for the 2024 Budget is underway, and the new MUNIS update will go live on June 1st - 2nd.

There are significant funds allocated for St. Lawrence County from Restore NY in the amount of \$5.5 million dollars. \$2 million for Midtown Plaza in Canton; \$1.8 million for demolition at 30 Main Street, Ogdensburg; and \$1.693 million for the Clarke House in Waddington.

The Human Resources Office is continually working on recruitment and retention, and will be attending the BOCES Career Fair on May 31st.

The Annual Report of the Board of Ethics has been received, and in summary six (6) complaints were received in 2022, two advisory opinions given, review of all financial disclosure forms, and review was given of the draft for the new ethics law.

There are multiple Local Laws that have to be reviewed, and possibly revised, including the ethics law, item pricing, tobacco use on County property, and supervised hunting for 12 and 13 year olds.

The unaudited financial results report will be reported on the June Operations Committee meeting agenda, and Ms. Doyle said she will be making recommendations out of those results to the Board for the reserves.

Ms. Doyle said she has had requests from two Legislators to meet with the hospital systems.

Ms. Doyle invited County Historian Nancy LaFaver to discuss the creation of the 250th Commemorative Commissions.

Ms. Doyle invited Highway Superintendent Don Chambers to discuss snowplow contracts.

11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for Assistance with Grant Writing for the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (Burke).

Ms. Curran said the Coast Guard is looking for commentary on the proposed move of the Coast Guard Office to Fort Drum.

Mr. Hull said he will bring a resolution for consideration to the June Full Board meeting proclaiming June as family month.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – Mr. Denesha
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – no report
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board – Ms. Terminelli
- D. Gouverneur Fair Board – Mr. Smithers
- 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 – Mr. Webster
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Ms. Haggard

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 6:55 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Reagen moved to accept the report from the Committee on Snow & Ice Negotiations with Towns and Villages regarding the snowplow contract, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

A straw poll vote was taken on requesting an additional family court judge with a vote of thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Lightfoot), and one (1) absent (Burke).

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Open Session at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Burke).

14. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Gennett adjourned the May Finance Committee Meeting at 8:00 p.m., as there was no further business.