

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

Mr. Perkins chaired this meeting in Mr. Gennett's absence.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Perkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 (Gennett and Reagen).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the July 31st meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Gennett and Reagen).

3. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTATION – Ben Dixon, Executive Director

4. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract for a Prefabricated Booth for the Ogdensburg Transfer Station (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (Reagen and Gennett).

5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace County Route 49 Large Culvert over Hopkinton Brook, 49-1-59BC (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Renewal with J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc. for the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Trainer Certification Program (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 (Reagen, Gennett).

C. Bridge Projects Update (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

D. Paving Program Update (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

6. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility Inc., for Priority Use of the Training Facility by the Participants of the St. Lawrence County Self-Insurance Plan (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 (Reagen and Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Odin Environmental for Environmental Investigations 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. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and Gennett).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement Between Thomas Norstrom and Denise Norstrom and the County of St. Lawrence, New York, Regarding a Tax Delinquent Property Located at 815 State Highway 37, in the Town of Hammond, New York (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) abstention (Sheridan), and two (2) absent (Reagen and Gennett).

7. LEGISLATORS FORSYTHE AND PERKINS

A. In Opposition to the Implementation of Background Checks for the Acquisition of Ammunition and to the Imposition of Fees for the Performance of any Background Checks for the Acquisition of Firearms or Ammunition as Required Under the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Smithers 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 (Reagen and Gennett).

B. Opposing the Issuance of Executive Orders Directing the Placement of Migrants in Local Communities over the Objection of the Citizenry and the Impacted County and Commending the Refusal of Governor Hochul to Issue and Executive Order Directing Placement of Migrants in Upstate Communities (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers.

Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Webster 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 (Reagen and Gennett).

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Annual Vacancy & Recommendations Analysis (Info) – Ms. Doyle

B. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Bridge Construction Supervisor, Position No. 317000002, in the Highway Department.

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

A. Information and Update (Discussion)

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for Storm Water Management and Modifying the 2023 Budget for Buildings and Grounds (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 (Reagen and Gennett).

B. Authorizing a Hybrid Work Agreement with the Indigent Defenders in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Smithers 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 (Reagen and Gennett).

Ms. Doyle said the Public Safety Complex project continues to move forward. There will be meetings this week with NYSAC, who have been helping with the expert center base for the 911 center, and with NCC Systems, who are the current security and access systems providers. The bids from the architects are expected to go out September 8th, with a tentative return of October 24th -26th.

County Offices will close on Monday, September 4th, in observation of Labor Day.

The 2024 Tentative Budget is well under-way.

There will be a Highway Road Tour scheduled in September.

Ms. Doyle thanked Jonnie Dorothy and the Human Resources Staff for providing her the needed data for the vacancy analysis.

11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Adopting Proposed Local Law A (No. _) for the Year 2023, “Allowing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow during Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter” and Rescinding Local Law B for the Year 2021 (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and Gennett).

B. Modifying the 2023 Budget for Human Resources for payment of past due and current pre-employment medical/physical exams for St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Burke 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 (Reagen and Gennett).

Mr. Forsythe asked for an update on the new process regarding pay for the Election Inspectors.

Ms. Curran said there have been 109,940 deaths by Fentanyl overdoses in the United States, year ending February 2023, and the criminality of having these substances have decreased in New York State. She wished more time and effort was put into getting drugs off the streets as the time, money, and effort spent in trying to take guns from law-abiding citizens.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Denesha moved to go to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel and appointments, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Reagen and Gennett).

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Two straw poll votes were taken during Executive Session.

The Board went into Open Session at 9:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Perkins adjourned the August Finance Committee Meeting at 9:02 p.m., as there was no further business.