

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

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

Due to extenuating circumstances, Legislator Terminelli will attend remotely from 23 Walnut Avenue, Massena.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mr. Gennett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Gennett, Haggard, and Terminelli).

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Mr. Denesha moved to approve the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent (Gennett, Haggard, and Terminelli).

Ms. Haggard arrived at 5:35 p.m.

**3. ALBANY UPDATES** – New York State Senator Dan Stec, District 45

Ms. Terminelli arrived at 5:43 p.m.

#### **4. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS**

A. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law D (No. \_) for the Year 2024, “Amending Local Law 1 for the Year 2018, “A Local Law Permitting and Regulating All-Terrain Vehicle Operation on Certain County Roads”” (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan.

Mr. Sheridan moved a friendly amendment to amend Section IV (ii) from the “Town of Edwards” to the “Hamlet of Edwards.”

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

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C, to Provide Environmental Services Needed to Prepare Appendix A for the New Trail Segment in the Town of Edwards as Included in the Final Generic Impact Study (FGIS) for the Multi-Use Recreational Trail (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

C. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for the Multi-Use Recreational Trail (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

D. Authorizing the Chair to sign an agreement with National Grid for relocation of Utilities regarding the Brown's Falls Road Bridge Project (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

E. Amending the Official County Highway Map to Reflect a Transfer of Property between St. Lawrence County and the Town of Fowler (Res) – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

F. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Slate Hill Constructors for Replacement of Town Line Road Bridge over Lisbon Creek, BIN 3366670, Town of Oswegatchie (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

## **5. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS**

Mr. Chambers introduced Ellen Hooker as the new Deputy Director of Solid Waste.

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease with Waste Stream, Inc. DBA Casella Waste Services, for the Lease of Equipment for the Solid Waste Department (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for Collection of Disposed Paint (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 (Gennett).

## **6. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON**

A. Authorizing Settlement of a Property Damage Claim Associated with the Allen's Falls Road Bridge in the Town of Parishville (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 (Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Clarkson University Regarding the St. Lawrence County Multi-Use Trail System (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with JEDA Environmental Services under the Blighted Property Program for the Demolition and Abatement of Two Condemned Structures (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

## **7. LEGISLATOR LIGHTFOOT**

A. Recognizing the Good Work Being Done by the Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees at the St. Lawrence County Correctional Facility (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

B. Declaring May 15, 2024, to be Peace Officer Memorial Day in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Webster.

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 (Gennett).

Ms. Terminelli left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

## **8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE**

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Carpenter, Position No. 309500002; fill a Deputy Superintendent of Highways, Position No. 318600002.

Mr. Webster left the room at 7:00 p.m.

fill a Motor Equipment Operator, Position No. 310000032; and abolish a Bridge Construction Mechanic, and create and fill a Motor Equipment Operator, Position No. 310000036, in the Highway Department.

Mr. Webster returned at 7:02 p.m.

B. County Administrator’s Office – Ms. Doyle requested to abolish a Secretary to the Board of Legislators, and create and fill a Deputy Clerk to the Board of Legislators, Position No. 024000003; and fill a Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Position No. 305000001

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

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

## **10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE**

A. Supporting an Application to the NYS CONNECTALL County Partnerships Program and Committing Matching Funds (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

B. 2024 Q1 Financial Update (Info) – Ms. Doyle

Ms. Doyle said in 2023, the County received \$921,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds, and \$500,000 will be used for the MAT Program with the balance of \$421,000 being divided between the three (3) addiction services clinics and the MAT Program.

The New York State Budget has been officially adopted, and NYSAC will be hosting a briefing tomorrow to discuss the budget.

Ms. Doyle said she participated in an active shooter drill held at Arconic Operations in Massena.

There is a tour scheduled for the Riverview Correctional on the May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet and Beardsley Architects & Engineers will give an update to the Committee.

On Thursday, six (6) counties will meet to discuss medical examiners.

Ms. Doyle said funds spent from the Employee Recognition in 2022 was \$5,800 and 2023 was \$5,900.

There will be no meeting next Monday.

## **11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. Recommendation from the Committee on Arming of Probation Officers (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle.

Ms. Haggard said she attended the inauguration of Dr. Suzanne Smith as president of SUNY Potsdam.

## **12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – no report
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – no report
- C. Fisheries Advisory Board – no report
- 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

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 8:24 p.m., to discuss negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

## **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 8:39 p.m., seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Perkins adjourned the April Finance Committee Meeting at 8:40 p.m., as there was no further business.