St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators Board Room Operations Committee Monday, May 13, 2019 5:30 p.m.

Members Attending: Mr. Sheridan, 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, and Ms. Terminelli

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Dylan Soper, Kelly Pearson, Renee Cole, Steve Button, Jonnie Dorothy, Adam Simmons, Jay Ulrich, Keith Zimmerman, Chris Rediehs, Kevin Wells, Amy Dona, James McGahan, Gary Pasqua, Matilda Larson, Scott Goldie, Lisa Peters, Brigette Sanderson, Renae Johnson, and Kindra Cousineau, and Media Representative, Sue Mende.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Denesha called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mr. Fay moved to approve the April 8th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. EMERGENCY SERVICES – KEITH ZIMMERMAN

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Maintenance Contract with Business Electronics for Voice Recorders in the 911 Center (Res) Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to Accept a FY19 SHSP Grant and Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Office of Emergency Services (Res) Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- C. Water Level Update (Discussion) Keith Zimmerman, Interim Emergency Services Director

4. PLANNING – KEITH ZIMMERMAN

Matilda Larson spoke to the following two resolutions:

- A. Authorizing the Addition of Two Parcels Totaling 62.5 Acres to Agricultural District 2 (Res) (Info) Mr. Acres moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc.to Provide Mobility Management Services in St. Lawrence County (Res) Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

5. SHERIFF – KEVIN WELLS

- A. Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to Accept a FY16 CTZ 8 Red Team Exercise Grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Offices (Res) Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- B. Accepting a FY18 Operation Stonegarden Program (OPSG) Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Modifying the 2019 Budget for the Sheriff's Office (Res) Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

6. HUMAN RESOURCES – JONNIE DOROTHY

A. Authorization to Abolish a Human Resource Aide Position and Create and Fill a Secretary I Position in the Human Resources Department (Res) (Info) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Acres, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

7. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – GARY PASQUA

A. Authorization to Fill a Senior Clerk Position in the District Attorney's Office (Res) (Info) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) abstention (Haggard).

8. PUBLIC DEFENDER – JAMES MCGAHAN

- A. Authorization to Fill a Legal Secretary Position in the Office of the Public Defender (Res) (Info) Ms. Terminelli 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) abstention (Haggard).
- **9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** The County Administrator's Report will given at the following Services Committee Meeting.

10. DEPARTMENT ORIENTATION

A. Indigent Defense: Public Defender – James McGahan, Interim Public Defender; Conflict Defender – Amy Dona, Conflict Defender; and Assigned Counsel – Scott Goldie, Assigned Counsel Administrator

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board Mr. Denesha
- B. Alternatives to Incarceration Board Mr. Burke
- C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library Mr. Haggard
- D. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board Ms. Curran
- E. Environmental Management Council Ms. Terminelli
- F. Fire Advisory Board Mr. Denesha
- G. Intercounty Legislative Committee Ms. Arquiett
- H. Jury Board Mr. Sheridan
- I. Planning Board Mr. Fay

12. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Lightfoot said the meeting that was scheduled tomorrow with the Amish has been cancelled. The Bishop advised Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Denesha that he spoke to his community and was unable to get them to agree to a proposed solution that would bring more visibility to buggies on the roadways.

Mr. Lightfoot said former County Administrator Karen St. Hilaire's sister, Darlene Seymour, passed away today.

Mr. Reagan said after meeting with several Amish communities a consensus could not be reached regarding suggestions on marking Amish buggies to improve visibility.

Mr. Arquiett said that he and Town of Brasher Supervisor Mark Peets also have concerns with safety issues of Amish buggies on the roads, and asked the Chairman if he would attend a meeting in his District regarding discussions on this matter.

Mr. Forsythe asked for information on the number of Amish buggy accidents, and which ones occurred during the daytime and evenings. Mr. Lightfoot said statistic from the State Police and Sheriff's Office show that most accidents happen during the daylight hours. Mr. Lightfoot said it was the hope that the reflective tape would show movement during the daylight hours to catch drivers' attention.

Mr. Perkins said the Town of Hopkinton also has concern of Amish buggies on the roadways and asked if he and the Town of Hopkinton Supervisor could also be included in the next meeting.

Mr. Denesha said this process/discussions began in the summer of 2017, and at that time a legitimate compromise was thought to have been determined, but four years later the same issues are still being discussed. There is no bias against the Amish communities, but some accountability for safety needs to be taken by the Amish.

- **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION** Executive Session will be held at the following Services Committee Meeting.
- **14. ADJOURNMENT** Chair Denesha adjourned the May Operations Committee Meeting at 7:01 p.m., as there was no further information.