

****PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.1 ARTICLE 7, SUSPENSION OF LAW ALLOWING THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY OR OTHER SIMILAR SERVICE****

Members Attending Via Videoconference: Mr. Acres, Ms. Arquiatt, Mr. Arquiatt, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Leader, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, and Ms. Terminelli

Others Attending: Ruth Doyle, Kelly Pearson, Dylan Soper, Steve Button

Note: Due to a resignation, Legislative District 10 seat is vacant.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Terminelli and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the March 30th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

3. OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS – John Wilson, Executive Director, Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions, Inc.

4. WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY INNOVATION ACT (WIOA) – BARB LASHUA

A. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Workforce Innovative and Opportunity Act for the PY19 WIOA Budget to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker Accounts to Adult Accounts (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

5. SHERIFF – BROOKS BIGWARFE

A. Proclaiming the Week of May 3-9, 2020 Correctional Officers and Correctional Employees Week in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

B. Proclaiming May 15, 2020 as “Police Officer Memorial Day” during National Police Week in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Terminelli, Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Mr. Lightfoot asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

6. LEGISLATOR NANCE ARQUIETT

A. Proclaiming May as National Foster Care Month (Res) – Ms. Arquiatt moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Fay, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

7. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Department of Highways for CHIPs Revenue Rolled over from 2019 to be Used for Paving Projects (Res) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Arquiatt, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

B. Approving Federal Aid Highway Project for the Engineering and Design and Right-of-Way for the County Route 35 (Slab City) Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341700, PIN 775394 and Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Modifying the 2020 Budget to Share Occupancy Tax with the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce as Prescribed in the 2018-2020 Agreement for Tourism Promotion (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Arquiatt, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

B. Establishing a Standard Work Day for New York State Retirement System Reporting Purposes – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Arquiatt, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

C. 2020 First Quarter Financial Update (Info)

Ms. Doyle said auditors, Drescher and Malecki, LLP, will present the 2019 Draft Audit results to the Fiscal Stability Committee prior to the next Finance Committee Meeting. A meeting time will be scheduled.

Dr. William and Dana McGuire will give a COVID-19 update at the upcoming Full Board Meeting. The distribution of masks is continuing. There was one (1) new coronavirus case reported today in St. Lawrence County bringing the total number of cases to 196, with nine of those being hospitalized. Space at the One Stop Career Center will be used to accommodate people working on contact tracing for exposed individuals, and a request has been made to County employees for volunteers to assist. New York State reported 291,996 total cases today. The crematory located in Oswegatchie assisted downstate with their needs today. The County has been in discussions with the nursing homes and they are cooperative and will be testing for coronavirus. The number of cases in County Government remains at two (2).

Flooding update was provided by email over the weekend. The river is high, but not to the extreme as in 2019.

The new County website has a tentative rollout date of June 1st, and training for staff will begins this week.

Ms. Doyle said she would like to create a County Recovery Work Group, as well as have the Fiscal Stability Work Group meet more often to combat the effects of COVID-19.

County Treasurer, Renee Cole, gave a brief financial update.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

10. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Accepting Donations for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during the Coronavirus Pandemic and Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Board of Legislators (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Ms. Terminelli, Mr. Burke, and Mr. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Mr. Acres said Dr. William expressed extreme gratitude towards the Public Health Department for the efforts and work that Ms. McGuire and her team are doing.

Mr. Forsythe asked why St. Lawrence County is so inundated with cases and why there are many more cases of the virus here than the surrounding counties. Mr. Acres said Dr. Williams is contributing this to testing.

Mr. Burke asked what the next step would be to apply for the grant for the methadone clinic. Ms. Doyle said the deadline is May 21st, and the completion of the application is continuing. Mr. Ulrich discussed further.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 8:07 p.m., to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Fay and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fay moved to go to Open Session at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the April Finance Committee Meeting at 8:55 p.m., as there was no further business.