

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: Mr. Acres, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, and Mr. Smithers

Members Attending Via Videoconference: Mr. Arquiett, Mr. Burke, Ms. Fiacco, Ms. Haggard, and Ms. Terminelli

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Acres called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Fay. Mr. Denesha moved to remove Item 5D from the agenda, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the August 24th meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. COVID-19 UPDATE – Alexa Backus, Legislator Terminelli, and Dr. McGuire

4. THE FORT LA PRÉSENTATION ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION – Barbara O’Keefe, Board of Directors President

Mr. Reagen moved to forward a resolution to full Board to release funds set aside for the Fort de La Présentation, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Fay, Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Sheridan, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Approving New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement #2 for Construction/Construction Inspection for Brown’s Bridge Road over Raquette River, BIN 3221560, PIN 775380 (Res) – Ms. Curran 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 Supplemental Agreement #1 with Stantec Consulting Services for Engineering and Design Services for Brown’s Bridge over Raquette River, BIN 3221560, PIN 775380 (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Terminelli, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2020 – 2024 Municipal Subcontracts for Control of Snow and Ice on State Highways (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with the New York Power Authority for the Installation of a Culvert on County Route 39 to Facilitate the Smart Path Moses-Adirondack Transmission Lines Project and to Modifying the 2020 Budget for the Department of Highways (Res) – This resolution was removed from the agenda.

6. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Adoption of the Equalization Rates for 2021 County Taxes (Res) (Info) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing Collection of Omitted Taxes (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

7. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

Matilda Larson spoke to the following resolution in Mr. Pfothenauer’s absence:

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the 2020 Accelerated Transit Capital Program Application (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. County Attorney – Mr. Button requested to fill a Paralegal (022000001) in the County Attorney’s Office.

B. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Highway Maintenance Supervisor (311000004); a Highway Equipment Operator (310100011); and to abolish a Sign Maintenance Worker and Create and Fill a Motor Equipment Operator in the Highway Department.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with the Cornell Cooperative Extension for Office Space at the Human Services Center (Res) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Drescher & Malecki, LLP to Prepare the Annual Audits for St. Lawrence County for Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, & 2023 (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

C. Modifying the 2020 Budget for the County Administrator’s Office to Increase Funds Awarded to the Snowmobile Trail Grant (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Arquiett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Ms. Doyle said due to COVID-19, the NYSAC in-person conference has converted to online training classes this year.

As the 2021 budget process nears completion, departments will attend their jurisdictional committee meetings in the following weeks to answer any questions regarding their budgets.

For folks wanting to speak during the citizen participation portion of the Board Meeting, a plan is being discussed to provide a safe opportunity to have people attend the meeting in person and to keep with social distancing guidelines.

There was notification today that the 2020 Census completion date was moved to December 31st.

The NYPA Smart Path update and tour are scheduled tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Canton.

Ms. Doyle discussed the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year, and said there may be an interest in having one meeting per Monday instead of combining meetings in 2021.

Ms. Doyle said she met with Mr. Denesha, Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and Dale Grant, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, to review facility plans and to look at the ongoing repair and maintenance schedule for 2021. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet to go over these items.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board – Mr. Denesha
- B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 – Ms. Curran
- 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. Arquiett
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) – no report
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Haggard
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors – Mr. Burke

11. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Opioid Treatment Program Presentations Follow Up (Discussion) – Mr. Burke said of the three presentations made, they each had their strengths, but he believes the Board should be advocates for the taxpayers and his recommendation is that the County be chosen for the opioid treatment program.

Mr. Lightfoot said more work and information needs to be gathered before a decision can be made. He said it needs to be determined if there is a needs to have an opioid treatment program in the County.

Ms. Curran said until the grant is made available, the decision could be made by the Community Services Board.

Mr. Arquiett said he agrees with Legislator Lightfoot in that revenue neutral is the goal, and of

the three presentations given, he felt the County gave the best presentation.

Ms. Haggard said St. Joseph's and the St. Lawrence Health Systems would not be interested in the program if it were not profitable and if there wasn't a need for the program. She said she believed the proposal by St. Lawrence County was the most viable.

Mr. Burke called on Mr. Ulrich to speak to the projection of revenue. Mr. Ulrich said it was anticipated the startup would be 30 clients, increasing incrementally the first year, with a small profit the first year. Modest projections were used as well as using the APG OTP calculator that was provided by OASIS. The second year, 100 clients were projected with a potential profit of up to \$500,000.

Ms. Curran said the methadone dispensing rate is \$207 per week. She said she did not think this was feasible for our area.

Mr. Acres said St. Lawrence Health Systems would provide the best care because of the other services they have to offer.

B. DSS Legal Review Follow Up (Discussion) – Ms. Doyle said DSS Legal had a fourth attorney begin work and they are now at full capacity. The interest in the staff was to add an additional attorney for appeals work, and there was no interest in the department pursuing the County Attorney's Office for support matters.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss negotiations, litigation, personnel and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Acres adjourned the September Finance Committee Meeting at 8:53 p.m., as there was no further business.