St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
Board Room and Live Via YouTube

Operations Committee
Monday, January 6, 2025
5:30 PM

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

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Webster moved to approve the minutes of December 9, 2024, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Hall, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Smithers).

3. EMERGENCY SERVICES – MATT DENNER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a One-Year Extension with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for Fiscal Year 21/22 (FY21/22) Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (SICG) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Smithers).

B. Full Scale Training Exercise Update (Discussion)

4. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the Section 5311 Funding Application for Public Mass Transportation Services – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Smithers).

B. Authorizing the Payment of Matching Funds to the Development Authority of the North Country for the Northern Border Regional Commission 2023 Catalyst Program for Broadband Expansion and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Smithers).

5. PROBATION – TIM LEPAGE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC, for Counseling Services for the Probation Department – Mr. Webster 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 vote (Smithers).

6. SHERIFF – PATRICK ENGLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Program Agreement and Annual Certification Report for the Sheriff's Office – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Smithers).

7. LEGISLATOR REAGEN

A. Calling Upon the New York State Legislature to Amend the Persons in Need of Supervision Reform Legislation of 2019 and to Adequately Fund Dispositional Outcomes – Mr. Reagen moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Hull, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Smithers).

8. LEGISLATOR DENESHA

A. Calling Upon the New York State Attorney General to Investigate Petroleum Price Differentials in the Tri-County Region of the North Country for Potential Price Gouging – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Smithers).

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle provided an update regarding a $2,000 fund transfer to the treasurer's office, intended to address the rise in foreclosures due to delinquent taxes.
She reported that she and Mr. Hull will have a meeting this week to review local laws.
Ms. Doyle also stated that Superintendent Don Chambers is preparing a new request, the fourth one, for additional paving. To date, 65 miles of highway have been repaved, with 35 miles remaining to reach the 100-mile goal, all of which have been completed above budget cost.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (Denesha) – No report

B. Alternative to Incarceration Board (Burke) – No report

C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library (Haggard) – No report

D. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (Curran) – No report

E. Environmental Management Council (Terminelli) – No report

F. Fire Advisory Board (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha

G. Jury Board (Sheridan) – No report

H. Planning Board (Fay) – Mr. Fay

I. Local Government Task Force (Curran) – No report

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – There was no old/new business.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 6:31 p.m., to discuss litigations, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Smithers).

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fay moved to go to Open Session at 6:56 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Smithers).

A straw poll vote was taken during executive session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curran moved to adjourn the Operations Committee Meeting at 6:58 p.m., as there was no further business.