

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 – Chair Webster called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Fay moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2025, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Community Services Clinics Update (Info)

4. OFFICE FOR THE AGING – ANDREA MONTGOMERY

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for Office for the Aging to Purchase a New Freezer and Cooler Unit for the Potsdam Nutrition Center – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

5. PUBLIC HEALTH – ERIN STREIFF

A. Accepting Performance Incentive Achievement Award Funds and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Public Health Department – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Letter of Agreement with the New York State Association of County Health Officials Accepting Grant Award Funds and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the ~~Department of Public Health~~ Public Health Department – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

6. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEBER

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Department of Social Services for Additional Funds through American Rescue Plan Act – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

B. Advocating for Reform and Increased Funding for the Code Blue Program of New York State – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

C. Social Services Eligibility Programs (Info)

7. YOUTH BUREAU – ALEXA CHASE

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Youth Bureau for Youth Advocacy Programs – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

B. Accepting the National Youth Leadership Council ("NYLC") Grant to Attend the National Service-Learning Conference, Signing Contract, and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Youth Bureau – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

C. Proclaiming March 7, 2025 as "Five Hour Free (From Social Media) Friday" in St. Lawrence County – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle gave an update on the legislation for the introduction of the one percent (1%) sales tax increase.

There are public hearings for three (3) local laws on March 3, 2025 regarding setting salaries for county employees, adjacent residencies, and the creation of a Human Resources (HR) Director position.

The capital project renovating the Emergency Services building is nearing completion. When offices move into the renovated building, improvements in newly vacated offices will be made. We will ensure the public is informed about the new locations of the offices once the moves take place. Additionally, the Courthouse Improvement Project will commence this spring.

Canton Human Services Initiative council will be coming to present to the Board.

The Gouverneur Fair Board is replacing benches this spring. They want to include plaques to honor those who donated to making this project possible.

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) is celebrating its 100th year and is hoping the Board will consider additional donations to celebrate, on top of the \$13,529 annual dues.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Board of Health (Curran) – Ms. Curran
- B. CDP Board of Directors (Burke) – Mr. Burke
- C. Community Services Board (Haggard) – No report
- D. Office for the Aging Advisory Board (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha
- E. Youth Advisory Board (Terminelli) – Ms. Terminelli

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business.

Mr. Fay moved to go to Executive Session at 7:39 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A straw poll vote was taken during Executive Session regarding gas prices in St. Lawrence County.

Mr. Fay moved to go to Open Session at 8:38 p.m., seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Reagen, Sheridan).

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Webster moved to adjourn the Services Committee Meeting at 8:38 p.m., as there was no further business.

(Note: Changes made during Committee are reflected in bolds and strikeouts)