

St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee
Monday, January 27, 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 - Mr. Hull called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Mr. Fay moved to approve the minutes of December 23, 2024 meeting, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes.

3. WALLEYE RESTOCKING PROGRAM CONCLUSION - Randall Young, Regional Director, Region 6, NYS DEC & Jana Lantry, Fisheries Manager, NYS DEC

4. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Treasurer's Office to Distribute Additional Sales Tax to Municipalities in St. Lawrence County – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing an Additional Thirty-Eight (38) Miles of Paving and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways for Paving Projects – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for Beaver Control – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Shared Services Agreement Between the New York State Department of Transportation and St. Lawrence County – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace Perrin Road over Parkhurst Brook, BIN 3221660 – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

E. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace Silver Hill Road over Plum Brook, BIN 3221740 – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

6. WIOA – ADAM PETERS

A. Modifying the PY24 WIOA Budget to Transfer Formula Funds from Dislocated Worker Accounts to Adult Accounts – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

B. Establishing the PY23 Budget for the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (SCION) Office of Mental Health (OMH) Initiative – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

C. Establishing the Budget for the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities (NY SCION) Initiative – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

7. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

Deputy Treasurer Deb Bridges is currently working on the final report, which is due by January 31st. A summary update will be provided at the next finance meeting, including an overview of all funds and their remaining balances.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Authorizing Grade Changes and Adjustments to Compensation For CSEA And Unrepresented Titles in St. Lawrence County Government – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

B. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law A (No. _) for the Year 2025, "Setting Salaries for County Employees" – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and

four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

C. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law B, (No. _) for the Year 2025, “Adopting a Local Law Superseding the Public Officers Law Section 3(1) as to the Residency of Certain Public Officers in St. Lawrence County” – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

D. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law C (No. _) for the Year 2025, “A Local Law Establishing the Position of St. Lawrence County Director of Human Resources” – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

E. Q4 2024 Financial Update (Info)

F. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Assigned Counsel Program – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

Transfers of Funds Summary:

- \$5,000 to the Public Health Department for increased fees for Venesky
- \$3,000 to the County Clerk's Office for office supplies
- \$400 to the Treasurer’s Office for higher-than-anticipated costs for delinquent tax collections
- \$2,000 to the Treasurer’s Office for interdepartmental charges, postage, central printing, and educational workshops
- \$5,000 to the Indigent Defense Department for other fees and services

Ms. Doyle provided an update on the Arming of Probation Officers stating that the subcommittees all met last week. Chairman Webster outlined a timeline, with four upcoming meetings leading to a report and recommendations to be presented to the committee in February, aiming for potential board approval in March. The subcommittees are focusing on key areas including training, budget, implementation, policy, and research. Additionally, there are funds available in the probation budget to assist with the startup costs.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha

B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Sheridan) – No report

C. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli) – No report

D. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers) – No report

- E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee (Smithers) – No report
- F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen) – No report
- G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board (Perkins/Webster) – No report
- H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) (Forsythe) – Mr. Forsythe
- I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce (Webster) – Mr. Webster
- J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Burke/Haggard) – Mr. Webster

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorizing The Acquisition of A Permanent Easement from the Town of Waddington on A Parcel of Real Property Having A St. Lawrence County Tax Map No. of District 0200 Section 710.00 Block 01.00 Lot 001.006 (P/O) For Emergency Management Purposes Pursuant to Section 72-H Of The New York State General Municipal Law – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 7:41 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

Mr. Lightfoot moved to go to Open Session at 8:56 p.m., seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, and four (4) absent votes (Haggard, Burke, Reagen, and Terminelli).

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hull moved to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 9:00 p.m., as there was no further business.