

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 5:31 p.m., Mr. Perkins moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Perkins moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

3. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign A Contract with Allied World Insurance for Medical Malpractice Insurance Coverage for County-Employed Medical Providers – Mr. Burke 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 (Forsythe, Haggard).

4. REAL PROPERTY – BRUCE GREEN

A. Correction of Errors for Maplevue Cattle Company, LLC – Mr. Burke 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 (Forsythe, Haggard).

5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Cooperative Agreement with Franklin County for the Purchase of Road Salt – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Roadside Mowing Contracts with Six Towns in St. Lawrence County – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

C. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office to Accept Grant Funds from the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency to Improve the Multi-Use Trail System – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Supplemental Agreement With Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Completion of FEMA Documentation Requirements for County Route 49 Large Culvert Over Hopkinton Brook, 49-1-59BC – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

6. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS UPDATE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Broadband Development Activities Update – Jason Pfothenhauer

B. Modifying the 2024 Budget for Emergency Services, Planning, and the County Administrator's Office to Fully Expend the American Rescue Plan Act Funds Distributed to St. Lawrence County – Mr. Reagen 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 (Forsythe, Haggard).

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Adopting Local Law A (No. _) for the Year 2025, "Setting Salaries for County Employees" – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

B. Adopting 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. Lightfoot 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 (Forsythe, Haggard).

C. Adopting Local Law C (No. _) for The Year 2025, “A Local Law Establishing the Position of St. Lawrence County Director of Human Resources” – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

D. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law D (No. _) for the Year 2025, "Amending the Sanitary Code of the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department" – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

E. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office to Purchase a Paper Cutter for the Mail Room – Mr. Fay moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

F. Proclaiming March 2025 as Women’s History Month in St. Lawrence County – Mr. Reagen moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, Mr. Webster, and Ms. Terminelli, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

Mr. Reagen motioned to amend the resolution to include three (3) additional historic women: Marion Sanger Frank, June F. O’Neill, and Lavinia York, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

G. The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators Requests the Enactment of Senate Bill No. S4567a and Assembly Bill No. A5021a to Extend the Authorization of St. Lawrence County to Impose an Additional One Percent of Sales and Compensating use Taxes – Mr. Smithers 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 (Forsythe, Haggard).

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha) – No report

B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Sheridan) – Mr. Sheridan

C. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli) – Ms. Terminelli

D. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers) – Mr. Smithers

E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee (Smithers) – No report

F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen) – No report

G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board (Perkins/Webster) – Mr. Perkins

H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) (Forsythe) – No report

I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce (Webster) – No report

J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Burke/Fay) – Mr. Burke

K. Local Government Task Force - (Forsythe/Webster) – No report

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Modifying The 2024 Budget For Social Services Due To Higher Than Anticipated Costs In Adoption And Foster Care – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

B. Authorizing The Chair To Sign The 2024-2025 Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement with Axon Enterprise Inc. for Justice Premier Discovery Program for the District Attorney’s Office – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

D. Resolution in Support of New York State Correction Officers and Urging New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to Immediately Address the HALT Act Legislation that has Failed Correction Officers and the Safety of Corrections Officers Working in New York State Correctional Facilities – Mr. Reagen moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

Mr. Perkins moved to go to Executive Session at 6:54 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A straw poll vote was taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Fay moved to go to Open Session at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent votes (Forsythe, Haggard).

11. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hull moved to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:57 p.m., as there was no further business.