St. Lawrence County	Operations Committee
Board of Legislators	Monday, April 14, 2025
Board Room	6:00 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 6:34 p.m., immediately following the Services Committee Meeting. Mr. Gennett moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Gennett moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2025, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

3. BOARD OF ELECTIONS – JENNIE BACON AND TOM NICHOLS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with NETXNY Network Experts of New York, Inc. for Network Segmentation and Firewall Managed Service in Order to Comply with Cyber Security Regulations for the Board of Elections – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

4. EMERGENCY SERVICES – RICK RUSAW

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for Emergency Services for the Annual Cost of Sharing the Master Radio Communications Site (AKA Core) – Mr. Reagen moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay and Mr. Hull, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with Adirondack Communication Sites, LLC and Modify the 2025 Budget for Emergency Services for the Purpose of Maintaining an Emergency Services Communication Tower – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) no vote (Lightfoot).

5. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with New York State for the SWIMS Lifeguard Grant Program – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Sheridan left the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Mr. Sheridan returned to the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

B. Environmental Management Council 2024 Annual Report (Info) – Jason Pfotenhauer

Mr. Sheridan left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

6. PROBATION – TIM LEPAGE

A. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off for the Probation Department – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent vote (Sheridan).

7. SHERIFF – PATRICK ENGLE

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Interest Earned on the Howard G. Buffett Foundation Grant – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent vote (Sheridan).

B. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the Costs to Provide Security Services to the Department of Social Services at the Harold B. Smith Building – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Fay and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent vote (Sheridan).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Agreement between St. Lawrence County and Participating Counties and Municipal Police Agencies to Join the Tri-County Special Response Team with Clinton, Franklin, and Essex Counties – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Burke.

Mr. Sheridan returned to the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

The Chair recognized Major Leon of the Clinton County Sheriff's Office to speak further to the Tri-County Special Response Team.

Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the St. Lawrence County Sheriff and Participating St. Lawrence County Departments, Enhancing the Multidisciplinary St. Lawrence County Threat Advisory Committee – Mr. Fay moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Reagen.

Mr. Forsythe left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent vote (Forsythe).

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Haggard brought information that the current presidential administration has rolled back its plan to reduce the ability for people to receive services at Social Security via phone calls due to public outcry.

Ms. Terminelli had constituents reach out about marijuana advertisements on the roadside because it is against the law for tobacco products to have roadside marketing and advertising. She wants to bring this to the Board for a discussion about where they stand on supporting legislation to ban similar marketing for marijuana products, and if the Board has jurisdiction to create a ban if the state does not.

Ms. Curran recognized the County Attorney to provide additional context. Mr. Button said that the law now allows municipalities to create laws addressing this type of advertising.

Ms. Curran brought forth new business that it is Mr. Reagen's birthday, and all in attendance sang “Happy Birthday.”

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

There was a transition of phone lines last week, and about 30 lines were missed or did not transition well. This is being addressed, and it is now down to about 9 phones with issues.

Next Thursday, April 24 there is an Open House at the Human Services Center starting at 4 p.m. with 30-minute presentations and activities.

The project to improve the sound quality permanently in the Board Room will take place in the next 2 weeks while the space is vacant.

The 2025 Adopted Budget Books are complete. CSEA contracts are being printed now.

Last week, County Clerk Santamoor kicked off Donate a Life Month with a flag raising and reception encouraging people to become organ donors.

The Trash Dash is happening soon, and Ms. Doyle encourages everyone to attend. Mr. Reagen added that there is a trash pickup on May 3 on the St. Lawrence River waterfront, and there will be another one on Earth Day at the Maple City Trail.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha

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) – Ms. Curran

E. Environmental Management Council (Terminelli) – Ms. Terminelli

F. Fire Advisory Board (Denesha) – No report

G. Jury Board (Sheridan) – No report

H. Local Government Task Force (Forsythe) – No report

I. Planning Board (Fay) – Mr. Fay

Ms. Haggard moved to go to Executive Session at 8:03 p.m., to discuss appointments, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent vote (Forsythe).

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fay moved to go to Open Session at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent vote (Forsythe).

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curran moved to adjourn the Operations Committee Meeting at 8:07 p.m., as there was no further business.