St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
Board Room

Services Committee
Monday, May 12, 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. Webster called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. immediately following the Operations Committee meeting.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Ms. Haggard attended the meeting remotely from 8 Clinton St, Potsdam, NY, and Mr. Smithers attended the meeting remotely from 250 Old Route 58 South, Gouverneur, NY.

Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent votes (Gennett, Reagen, and Perkins).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent votes (Gennett, Reagen, and Perkins).

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Acceptance of the 2025 Donation to Community Services for the Food Pantry Project and Modifying the 2025 Budget for Community Services – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent votes (Gennett, Reagen, and Perkins).

B. Community Services Clinics Update – Lindsay Best

4. PUBLIC HEALTH – ERIN STREIFF

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Intent to Participate in the New York State Department of Health Community Accessibility and Inclusion (CAI) for the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent votes (Gennett, Reagen, and Perkins).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Health Department and the New York State Department of Health for Participation in the 340B Drug Pricing Program – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent votes (Gennett, Reagen, and Perkins).

5. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEBER

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Department of Social Services for the Child Care Block Grant – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent votes (Gennett, Reagen, and Perkins).

B. Monthly Statistics: Eligibility Update – Joe Seeber

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old/new business.

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle reported that on May 7, the County received the Certificate of Occupancy for the Public Safety Complex. There will be a dedication of the building and an Open House on May 22. The first official work day at the renovated building will be May 23.

The Probation Office has moved to Ogdensburg.

The Public Defender's Office now has a satellite location in Ogdensburg, with plans to move to the Courthouse once the District Attorney moves to Public Safety Complex.

The Conflict Defender's Office paused operations on May 1 and their staff joined the Public Defender. The Conflict Defender cases are being reassigned. The Rural Law Center does appeals and will continue to do so for the next year. Now, indigent defense cases will go to the Public Defender's Office and then to Assigned Counsel if the Public Defender cannot take it.

Ms. Doyle attended Finance School last week and learned more about budgeting and purchasing processes.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Board of Health (Curran) – Ms. Curran

B. CDP Board of Directors (Burke) – No report

C. Community Services Board (Haggard) – Ms. Haggard

D. Office for the Aging Advisory Board (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha

E. Youth Advisory Board (Terminelli) – Ms. Terminelli

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 7:19 p.m., to discuss negotiations and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent votes (Gennett, Reagen, and Perkins).

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, and three (3) absent votes (Gennett, Reagen, and Perkins).

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Webster moved to adjourn the Services Committee Meeting at 7:41 p.m., as there was no further business.