St. Lawrence County
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Operations Committee
Monday, July 14, 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 - Ms. Curran called the July 14, 2025, Operations Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2025, Operations Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

3. SHERIFF – RICK ENGLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Agreement Between the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office and Participating Municipal Police Agencies, to Join the St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force and Human Trafficking Task Force and Modify the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office FY24 Howard G. Buffet Foundation Grant – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension for the FY22 Operation Stonegarden Grant (FY22 OPSG) with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Office of Emergency Services – Mr. Webster moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Agreement with the Town of Fine for Office Space Located at 4078 State Highway 3, Star Lake at the Town of Fine Municipal Building – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

D. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office to Purchase a Speed Trailer – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

E. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff’s Office for a FY25 Cares Up Grant from New York State Office of Mental Health Suicide Prevention Center (OMH SPCNY) and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene (RFMH) – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

F. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the FY22 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services – Mr. Webster moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

4. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on the Status of Arming of Probation Officers (Discussion) – Tim LePage

B. August 18th Agriculture Tour Plans (Discussion) – Jason Pfotenhauer

C. September Highway Tour (Discussion) – Ruth Doyle

5. LEGISLATOR REAGEN

A. Resolution Calling upon the New York State Department of Corrections to Transfer all Post-Sentenced State-Ready Inmates Housed in County Correctional Facilities and Urging Rate Increases Consistent with County Costs for those Inmates – Mr. Reagen moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Webster, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle reported that she met with the Executive Director of the Workforce Development Board to review lease agreements at the Human Services Center, space that was formerly occupied by the Conflict Defenders Office. Their leases are currently under re-negotiation, and they plan to have a follow-up meeting to explore more effective use of the space.

July 10, 2025 Ms. Doyle hosted a site visit with the Jefferson County Board Chairman, County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, and the City of Watertown Manager. The group toured the Public Safety Complex to view the recent renovations, as well as the Old Jail. They included discussions focused on fostering a regional approach to collaboration. A reciprocal visit to Jefferson County will be planned for the near future.

The Finance Committee will meet at the St. Lawrence County Fair on July 28th, the fair begins on July 29th. Senator Daniel Stec will attend to provide a post-session legislative update. Additional updates will include, 2024 audit findings and second-quarter financial overview and Local law updates regarding exemptions for fire and EMS personnel.

Budget reviews are ongoing, Legislators are welcome to participate as their schedules allow.

On Friday, July 18th NYSAC will host a call regarding the federal appropriations bill. The discussion will focus on understanding potential local-level impacts of the federal budget.

A blood drive will be held tomorrow, July 15th, from 12:00–3:00 PM at the Human Services Center, all are encouraged to attend and donate if able.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (Denesha) – No report

B. Alternative to Incarceration Board (Burke) – No report

C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library (Haggard) – Ms. Haggard

D. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (Curran) – Ms. Curran

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

F. Fire Advisory Board (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha

G. Jury Board (Sheridan) – No report

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

I. Planning Board (Fay) – Mr. Fay

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 6:18 p.m., to discuss personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent vote (Gennett).

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 6:26 p.m., seconded by Mr. Fay, and carried by voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent vote, (Gennett).

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curran moved to adjourn the July 14, 2025 Operations Committee Meeting at 6:27 p.m., as there was no further business.