St. Lawrence County | Full Board
Board of Legislators | Monday, August 25, 2025
Board Room and Live via www.stlawco.gov | 5:15 PM

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Legislators were present, with the exception of Mr. Fay, Ms. Haggard, and Mr. Webster.

Chair Forsythe announced that Legislator Fay, Legislator Haggard, and Legislator Webster were excused from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes and three (3) absent votes (Fay, Haggard, Webster).

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 250-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PYRAMID NETWORK SERVICES, LLC FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTEROPERABILITY TOWER IN POTSDAM

By Mr. Denesha, District 6
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 222-2023 authorized the construction of new interoperability towers in the Cranberry Lake Fire District, the Town of Fine, and the Village of Potsdam in order to enhance emergency communications throughout the County, as part of the 2023 Interoperability Tower Project, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 138-2025 authorized the contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $110,300 for design and project management services for the Interoperability Tower Project in Potsdam, however this does not extend to cover construction costs (X2Z36402 25000 21SI), and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development and site construction of the Interoperability Tower Project site in Potsdam was issued and the bids have been opened and a recommendation is now being made to award the Contract for the Potsdam Tower to Pyramid Network Services, LLC for $522,285,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Pyramid Network Services, LLC for site development and construction of the Interoperability Tower Project in Potsdam, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 250-2025, seconded by Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes and three (3) absent votes (Fay, Haggard, Webster).

RESOLUTION NO. 251-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH C&S ENGINEERS, INC. FOR DESIGN AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE INTEROPERABILITY TOWER PROJECT IN CRANBERRY LAKE, STAR LAKE, AND THE COOPER HILL (NYPA) LOCATION IN PITCAIRN

By Mr. Denesha, District 6
Co-Sponsored by Ms. Curran, District 15

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 222-2023 authorized the construction of a new Interoperability Towers in the Cranberry Lake Fire District, the Town of Fine, and the Village of Potsdam, in order to enhance emergency communications throughout the County, as part of the 2023 Interoperability Tower Project, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 101-2024 declared support for Interoperability Tower construction for Star Lake and Cranberry Lake within the Adirondack Park, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 138-2025 authorized a contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $110,300 for design and project management services for the Interoperability Tower Project in Potsdam, and

WHEREAS, C&S Engineers, Inc. has submitted an amendment to provide the County with engineering designs for APA Permit Applications submittal necessary for construction of Star Lake and Cranberry Lake tower sites within the Adirondack Park not to exceed $87,000 (X2Z36404 43007 20SI), and

WHEREAS, C&S Engineers, Inc. has submitted a proposal amendment to provide the County with design, bidding, and construction fees not to exceed $96,300 (X2Z36404 43007 21SI) for the development of the Cooper Hill (NYPA) tower site location in Pitcairn,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an amended contract with C&S Engineers, Inc. for design and project management services for the Interoperability Tower Project in Cranberry Lake, Star Lake, and the Cooper Hill (NYPA) location in Pitcairn, upon approval of the County Attorney.

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 251-2025, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes and three (3) absent votes (Fay, Haggard, Webster).

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RESOLUTION NO. 252-2025

MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A STEAM BOILER FOR THE SURROGATE BUILDING

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, the Surrogate Building was built in 1877 and is in need of attention due to deferred maintenance with one main area of concern being the heating system and prior to the seasons changing, it is recommended that the boiler be replaced, and

WHEREAS, the County is working to address long deferred maintenance and focus efforts on improving facilities, updating technology, and improving the work environment for staff, and

WHEREAS, the County requested quotes replacement of a failing Weil-Mclain EG75 steam boiler with a new Weil-Mclain EG75 steam boiler, and Trane responded with a quote referencing Cooperative Contract OMNIA Racine #3341 pricing, and

WHEREAS, last winter the boiler failed on numerous occasions, requiring replacement parts and an inordinate amount of maintenance staff time to ensure the staff working in the building have the necessary heat during the heating season,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for the replacement of the steam boiler in the Surrogate Building, as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	B SPEC Contingency Account	$58,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG016202 22500	Building Equipment	$58,000

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 252-2025, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes and three (3) absent votes (Fay, Haggard, Webster).

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RESOLUTION NO. 253-2025

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEMS, LLC FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF GENERATORS AT COUNTY FACILITIES AND AT THE INTEROPERABILITY TOWER LOCATIONS AND MODIFYING THE 2025 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

By Mr. Denesha, District 6

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals for qualified vendors to provide semi-annual service, preventive maintenance, and emergency repairs to the fourteen (14) generators at County Facilities to include four (4) at the Interoperability Tower locations, and

WHEREAS, the first contract of this type proved to be valuable to service and repair generators to ensure they are operational in the event of an emergency and the existing contract expired in May 2025, the term of the new contract will be from September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the costs are split into two (2) service categories, PM1 Service which is a functional inspection and testing visit, and PM2 Service which is more extensive maintenance, functional inspection, and testing visit, with an overall cost of $14,413,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement with Emergency Power Systems, LLC for the repair and maintenance of generators at County Facilities and at the Interoperability Tower Locations, upon approval of the County Attorney, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Legislators authorizes the Treasurer to modify the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office as follows:

DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

B1019904 49700	Spec Contingency Account	$14,413

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS:

BG016204 42202	Bldg Equip Repair and Maint	$14,413

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Mr. Denesha moved to adopt Resolution No. 253-2025, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Ms. Curran, and carried by a roll call vote with twelve (12) yes votes and three (3) absent votes (Fay, Haggard, Webster).

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS: The Chair appointed Ms. Haggard to conduct research on coroner's salaries and return to the Board with recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Forsythe adjourned the Full Board Meeting at 5:21 p.m., as there was no further business.