Members Attending: Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, 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 5:30 p.m.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Legislator Forsythe attended the meeting remotely from 564 Murphy Road, Lisbon, NY.

Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Ms. Curran moved to approve the minutes of August 25, 2025, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

3. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement between the Estate of Mahlon Clements, MCYC, LLC., and St. Lawrence County, Granting the County Access to Property Located at Riverside Avenue, Ogdensburg, New York, Owned by the Estate of Mahlon Clements and MCYC, LLC., to Conduct an Environmental Investigation – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

B. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Attorney's Office for Increased Costs Associated with Retention of Outside Legal Counsel – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

4. REAL PROPERTY – LISA CICCIARELLI

A. Authorizing Collection of Omitted Taxes to the 2026 Tax Roll – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

B. Adoption of the Equalization Rates for 2026 County Taxes – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Webster, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. to Provide Environmental Services Needed to Prepare Appendix A for the Town of Colton for the Multi-Use Trail Capital Project – Mr. Webster moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with J & J Equipment LLC to Rent a Street Sweeper and Assume Liability – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

C. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Shared Services Agreement between the New York State Department of Transportation and St. Lawrence County for Emergencies – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

D. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways for Services to Local Municipalities – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

E. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways for Winter Maintenance – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

F. Yaleville Bridge Historical Marker, Town of Norfolk (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

G. Raymondville Bridge, Town of Norfolk (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

6. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Documents to add New Equipment to the Comprehensive Insurance Policy for the Solid Waste Department and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Solid Waste Department – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

7. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

Jason Pfotenhauer, Director of Planning, was recognized to give updates regarding the water and sewer utility projects, as well as the Broadband projects.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Denesha brought forward new business that Clifton-Fine Hospital had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Emergency Center. It was well attended. St. Lawrence County was mentioned for their significant financial contribution to help construct the new center.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for the Removal of Hazardous Trees in St. Lawrence County – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

B. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Assigned Counsel Program – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

C. Adopting Local Law G (No.__) for the Year 2025, "Senior Citizen Exemption Amending Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2010" – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

D. Adopting Local Law H (No. __) for the Year 2025, "Amending Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2005, "A Local Law Establishing Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes in Accordance with Section 459-C of the New York State Real Property Tax Law"" – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Ms. Doyle reported a Transfer of Funds for Office for the Aging in the amount of $39 for Summit SHRED LAB shredding services.

The first fiscal community meeting happened last week, with 45 people in attendance. These meetings will happen quarterly. The goal of this meeting is to share fiscal knowledge and procedures between departments, build relationships across the County, and provide professional development for employees. Of the 45 people in attendance, there were a total of 571 years of experience with County employment.

There were 2 bids for snow removal at the 21 Harrowgate property and a resolution regarding that will be coming next month.

There are reusable cups on the legislators' desks for use during meetings.

The Highway Tour is tentatively scheduled for October 28th.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha

Ms. Terminelli left the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Ms. Terminelli returned to the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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) – Mr. Smithers

F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen) – Mr. Reagen

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

Ms. Curran left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Rick Engle, St. Lawrence County Sheriff, was recognized to answer questions regarding the trails.

Ms. Curran returned to the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) (Forsythe) – Mr. Forsythe

I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce (Webster) – Mr. Webster

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

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m., to discuss litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Curran moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes.

Chair Hull adjourned the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:49 p.m., as there was no further business.