St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee
Monday, January 26, 2026
5:30 PM

Members Attending: Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, ~~Mr. Denesha~~, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, **Mr. Hull**, Mr. Levato, 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 5:31 p.m.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Mr. Sheridan will be attending remotely from 1460 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater, FL.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Ms. Haggard will be attending remotely from 42 Toc Drive, Highland, NY.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Mr. Gennett will be attending remotely from 1350 CR 53, Brasher Falls, NY.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Mr. Perkins moved to approve the minutes of December 22, 2025, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes and three (3) absent (Denesha, Gennett, and Terminelli).

3. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with JEDA Environmental Services Under the Blighted Property Program for the Demolition and Abatement of a Building at 18 Main Street in the Town of Hammond – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes and three (3) absent (Denesha, Gennett, and Terminelli).

Mr. Gennett joined the meeting remotely at 5:34 p.m.

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Odin Environmental, LLC to Conduct Phase II Environmental Site Assessments with Respect to Property Owned by Emerson and Eleanor Walker as well as Property Owned by Struik Holdings, LLC – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Denesha and Terminelli).

4. TREASURER – RENEE COLE

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Treasurer's Office for the Fleet Leasing Program – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster, Mr. Forsythe, and Mr. Smithers.

Ruth Doyle, County Administrator, was recognized to speak to this resolution.

Ms. Terminelli arrived to the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

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

5. REAL PROPERTY – EMILY WILSON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Schneider Geospatial, LLC for Licensing, Hosting, and Software Support for Image Mate Online – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins.

Ms. Haggard left the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Denesha and Haggard).

6. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Professional Services Related to the Grant Application for the Replacement of County Route 27 Bridge over Oswegatchie River and to Modify the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Denesha and Haggard).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Cooperative Agreement with Franklin County for the Purchase of Road Salt through the 2026-2027 St. Lawrence County Salt Bid – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran.

Ms. Haggard returned to the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Motion carried by fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Denesha).

C. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the Department of Highways for Winter Maintenance – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Denesha).

D. Authorization to Abolish an Assistant Civil Engineer and Create and Fill an Engineering Aide III Position in the Department of Highways – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Ms. Haggard left the meeting at 5:51 p.m. and returned at 5:52 p.m.

Ms. Haggard left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Denesha and Haggard).

E. American Public Works Association 2025 Transportation Project of the Year Award (Discussion) – Mr. Chambers

Ms. Haggard returned to the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Ms. Haggard left the meeting at 6:04 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

7. WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) - PAM LEWIS

A. Establishing the PY25 Budget for the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (SCION) Office of Mental Health (OMH) Initiative – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe.

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Denesha and Gennett).

8. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

Jason Pfotenhauer, Director of Planning, was recognized to give the ARPA update.

Mr. Gennett returned to the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Schindler Elevator Corporation for Elevator Maintenance in County Facilities (TABLED at the 12/22/25 Finance Committee Meeting) – Mr. Forsythe moved to remove this resolution from the table, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Denesha).

Motion to move the resolution to Full Board (original motion was moved by Mr. Smithers and seconded by Ms. Curran) carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Denesha).

B. Authorizing the County Administrator to Permit the Use of County Parking Lots for Community Activities and Training – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Denesha).

C. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law A (No._) for the Year 2026, "Setting Salaries for County Employees" – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Denesha).

D. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for Utilities and Repairs & Maintenance at the Correctional Facility – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Webster, Mr. Smithers, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Denesha).

E. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for Costs Associated with Court-Ordered Services at New York State Operated Inpatient Mental Hygiene Facilities – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Denesha).

F. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for Costs Associated with Community College Tuition – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Burke, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Denesha).

G. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease with the Workforce Development Board for Space at the Human Services Center for the One Stop Career Center and Modifying the 2025 Budget for the County Administrator's and Treasurer's Offices – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe.

Ms. Haggard left the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Motion carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Denesha and Haggard).

H. Q4 2025 Financial Update (Discussion) (Info) – Ms. Doyle updated the Board on the Q4 2025 financial report.

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Ms. Doyle reported that the County has been in touch with NYPA for a relicensing agreement and will be submitting an invoice for Emergency Services, which was not ever claimed on the last 10-year agreement.

The Board of Legislators Office sent out letters to municipalities and school districts for the 250th commemoration grant funds. There are already twelve (12) applications, which will be shared with the legislators on the committee, Chair Reagen, Ms. Curran, and Ms. Haggard for review, and then processed for payment as quickly as possible.

Ms. Doyle reported four (4) transfer of funds. The Print Shop had a transfer of funds in the amount of $600 for the 3-part NCR paper. The Office for the Aging had a transfer of funds in the amount of $42 for Summit Shredding bi-monthly costs so they could have HIPPA-related documents shredded. Information Technology had a transfer of funds in the amount of $962.87 for RelComm transfer of phones and electronic faxing system switch, which was not accurately estimated. Information Technology had an additional transfer of funds in the amount of $2,279.65 for IT Phone Services related to asking the vendor to increase services to bridge the gap due to a retirement later in the year of 2025.

Ms. Doyle reported that in Resolution No. 361-2025, an ORG Code in the budget modification was adjusted to update a 6 to a 5 in the revenue line.

Ms. Doyle reported that a press release will be coming for the Highway Department's Lazy River Project of the Year.

10. SPECIAL TOURISM FUNDING PROJECT REQUEST - BEN DIXON, DIRECTOR (IN-PERSON) AND TIFFANI AMO, DIRECTOR OF TOURISM (VIRTUAL), CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. Dixon and Ms. Amo presented.

Mr. Gennett returned to the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Ms. Curran moved to table, seconded by Mr. Levato. Clarification was provided that no resolution was being considered, and Ms. Curran withdrew her motion, and Mr. Levato withdrew his second.

Mr. Gennett returned to the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha) – No report

B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Sheridan) – No report

C. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli) – No report

D. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers) – No report

E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee (Smithers) – Mr. Smithers

Mr. Levato and Mr. Gennett left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Ms. Curran left the meeting at 7:40 p.m., and Mr. Levato returned to the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Chambers was recognized to add additional information to the report.

Ms. Terminelli left the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen) – No report

G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board (Perkins/Webster) – No report

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

Ms. Terminelli returned to the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Mr. Sheridan left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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

Mr. Dixon was recognized to give the report.

Mr. Sheridan returned to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Ms. Curran returned to the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Burke/Levato) – No report

12. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Smithers brought forward old business regarding the Sheriff's Office agreement with ICE and asking the Sheriff to elaborate on the agreement.

Mr. Hull stated that the rules of procedure do not allow a re-opening of that discussion at this Finance Committee, since the original discussion occurred at an Operations Committee meeting. Therefore, the next time the topic can be discussed at a Board meeting will be the February 2nd Full Board meeting.

Mr. Burke stated that the discussion has generated many questions from the public, and asked that the questions be consolidated and shared with the Sheriff ahead of the February 2nd Board Meeting.

Mr. Genett returned to the meeting at 7:50 p.m. He asked that a slide deck be included with the materials shared with the Sheriff.

Mr. Webster asked for clarification regarding the emails being shared with the Sheriff.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 7:52 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Denesha and Haggard).

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Denesha and Haggard).

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Perkins moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Denesha and Haggard).

Chair Hull adjourned the Full Board Meeting at 8:51 p.m., as there was no further business.