

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 - Ms. Curran called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Curran announced that Mr. Levato is excused from the meeting.

Ms. Curran announced that due to extenuating circumstances, Mr. Sheridan will be attending the meeting remotely from 1460 Gulf Blvd, Clearwater, FL.

Ms. Curran announced that due to extenuating circumstances, Mr. Perkins will be attending the meeting remotely from 43 Hotaling Island Drive, Potsdam, NY.

Ms. Curran announced that due to extenuating circumstances, Mr. Smithers will be attending the meeting remotely from 250 Old Route 58 South, Gouverneur, NY.

Mr. Gennett moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Forsythe.

Mr. Gennett moved to amend the agenda to withdraw resolution item 7.A., seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes and three (3) absent (Hull, Levato, and Smithers).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Gennett moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2026, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes and three (3) absent (Hull, Levato, and Smithers).

3. DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY (DANC) - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ALEX MACKINNON & MARK HALL & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CARL FARONE

Mr. Hull arrived to the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Mr. Smithers arrived to the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Jason Pfothenauer, Director of Planning, was recognized to provide additional context regarding broadband internet connectivity projects in St. Lawrence County.

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY – GARY PASQUA

A. Modifying the 2025 Budget for the District Attorney's Office for Additional Expenses – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Levato).

5. EMERGENCY SERVICES – RICK RUSAW

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract and Associated Agreements with Motorola Solutions for Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System Annual Maintenance for the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Services, and Participating Local Law Enforcement Agencies for the Period of April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 – Mr. Webster moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Haggard and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Levato).

6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RICK JOHNSON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a 4-Year Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions to Provide a Multi-Function Device (MFD) Lease and Print Management Program for St. Lawrence County – Mr. Hull 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 (Levato).

~~7. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER~~

~~A. Authorizing the Treasurer to Modify the 2026 Budget for the Planning Office for the Transit Program~~

8. SHERIFF – PATRICK ENGLE

A. Accepting a FY26 CARES UP Grant from NYS Office of Mental Health's Suicide Prevention Center (OMH SPCNY) and the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene (RFMH) and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Sheriff's Office – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Levato).

B. Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Interest Earned on the Howard G. Buffet Foundation Grant – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Webster and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Levato).

9. PROBATION – TIM LEPAGE

A. Arming of Probation Officers Update (Discussion) – Tim LePage, Director of Probation

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha

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

C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library (Haggard) – No report

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

Mr. Rusaw was recognized to provide additional context regarding the Governor's new legislation for County Emergency Plans.

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

F. Fire Advisory Board (Denesha) – No report

G. Jury Board (Sheridan) – No report

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

I. Planning Board (Fay) – Mr. Hull stated that there was no report

Ms. Ruth Doyle, County Administrator, expressed sincere apologies for Mr. Fay's name appearing on this agenda during the County Administrator's Report at the Services Committee Meeting on February 9, 2026.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Forsythe moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Levato).

Chair Curran adjourned the Operations Committee Meeting at 6:43 p.m., as there was no further business.