St. Lawrence County
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Finance Committee
Monday, March 30, 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 5:30 p.m.

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

Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Curran moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2026, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

3. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Settlement Agreement between Associated Pharmacies, Inc.; J.M. Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. and St. Lawrence County with Respect to an Action Relating to the Opioid Crisis – Mr. Burke 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 (Gennett).

4. TREASURER'S OFFICE - LORETTA HOUSE

A. Setting a Date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law B (No. _) for the Year 2026, "The St. Lawrence County Room Occupancy Tax and Rescinding All Previous Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax Local Laws and Amendments in St. Lawrence County and Opting Out of the New York State Short Term Rental Registry – Mr. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins

Mr. Forsythe moved to increase the three (3) percent to five (5) percent, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot.

Ms. Haggard called the question on the amendment, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Ms. Curran and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one no vote (Burke), and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Mr. Forsythe moved to withdraw his amendment, and Mr. Lightfoot withdrew his second.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Smithers called the question, seconded by Ms. Terminelli, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

The resolution carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Roadside Mowing Contracts with Six Towns in St. Lawrence County – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign the Construction Contract for County Route 22 Bridge over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425 – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstained (Perkins) and one (1) absent (Gennett).

C. Approving Supplemental Agreement #1 with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C for Construction Inspection Services for County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425 – Ms. Curran 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 (Gennett).

D. Approving New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement #2 for Construction/Construction Inspection for the County Route 22 over Sawyer Creek Project, BIN 3340950, PIN 775425 – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

E. Approving New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement #2 for Construction/Construction Inspection for the County Route 34 over Trout Brook Project, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426 – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

F. Approving Supplemental Agreement #1 with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Construction Inspection Services for County Route 34 over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN 775426 – Mr. Smithers 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 (Gennett).

G. Authorizing the Chair to Award and Sign the Construction Contract for the County Route 34 Bridge over Trout Brook, BIN 3341630, PIN775426 – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) abstained (Perkins) and one (1) absent (Gennett).

H. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for the 2026 Bridge Project Funded by the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) for County Route 21 Bridge over Elm Creek, BIN 3341090, PIN 775448 and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

I. Approving Federal Aid Local Project for Right-of-Way Incidentals for County Route 21 Bridge over Elm Creek, PIN 775448, BIN 3341090 – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

J. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Supplemental Agreement #3 for the New York State Department of Transportation Snow & Ice Agreement (D014745) for the 2025/2026 Season due to Increased Labor, Material, and Equipment Costs and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

K. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts for the Capital Project for Construction of the Highway Facility for Maintenance and Administration and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Levato, Ms. Haggard, and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Burke) and one (1) absent (Gennett).

6. SOLID WASTE – DON CHAMBERS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services for the Massena Transfer Station Scale Project and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Solid Waste Department – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

7. WIOA - PAM LEWIS

A. Establishing the PY24 Budget for the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (SCION) Initiative – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

8. FISHERIES ADVISORY BOARD - NICOLE TERMINELLI

A. Supporting the Request to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to Change Northern Pike Fishing Regulations on Black Lake – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

9. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Balances Remaining

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Lease Extension with Lot 21 for Space Specific to the Probation Office Located at 206 Ford Street, Ogdensburg, New York – Mr. Webster moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Service Agreement with TRANE Technologies for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Services – Mr. Burke 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 (Gennett).

C. Canton Human Services Initiative Presentation, History and Status - Amanda Fitzgerald, Partner, Barclay Damon LLP.

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Haggard recognized Women, in honor of Women's History Month.

Mr. Reagen moved to accept the recommendation of the St. Lawrence County Republican Committee to reappoint Thomas Nichols as the St. Lawrence County Republican Commissioner for another term, a second was not made.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Ad Hoc Committees

a. Artificial Intelligence Committee (Hull) – Mr. Hull

b. Buildings & Grounds Committee (Denesha) – Mr. Denesha

c. GPS Committee (Terminelli) – Ms. Terminelli

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

e. Time and Attendance Committee (Perkins) – Mr. Perkins

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

C. Fiscal Stability Committee (Lightfoot) – Mr. Lightfoot

D. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Sheridan) – Mr. Sheridan

E. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli) – No report

F. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers) – Mr. Smithers

G. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen) – No report

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

I. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) (Forsythe) – No report

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

K. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Burke/Levato) – Mr. Levato

Ms. Denesha moved to go to Executive Session at 8:59 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 9:57 p.m., seconded by Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Mr. Hull adjourned the Finance Committee Meeting at 9:57 p.m., as there was no further business.