St. Lawrence County
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Operations Committee
Monday, April 13, 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 – Ms. Curran called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Hull moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Reagen, Ms. Haggard, and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes and five (5) absent (Burke, Forsythe, Levato, Terminelli, and Gennett).

Mr. Levato, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Burke, and Ms. Terminelli are excused.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Mr. Gennett will be attending remotely from 1350 County Route 35, Brasher Falls, NY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Mr. Reagen moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2026, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes and five (5) absent (Burke, Forsythe, Levato, Terminelli, and Gennett).

3. ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECT PRESENTATION - MICHELLE QUINELL-GAYLE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER AND MARK LADISON, TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS MANAGER, THE ARC

Jason Pfotenhauer, Director of Planning, and Matilda Larson, Planner III in the Planning Office, were recognized to add context to the presentation.

Ruth Doyle, County Administrator, was recognized to answer a question.

4. PLANNING – JASON PFOTENHAUER

A. Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Planning Office for Transit Program Vehicle Replacement – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha.

Ms. Larson was recognized to provide additional context to the resolution.

Motion carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes and five (5) absent (Burke, Forsythe, Levato, Terminelli, and Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Public Transportation Contracts with Clarkson University, SUNY Canton, and SUNY Potsdam – Mr. Reagen moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Haggard, and Mr. Webster.

Ms. Larson was recognized to provide additional context to the resolution.

Motion carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes and five (5) absent (Burke, Forsythe, Levato, Terminelli, and Gennett).

5. EMERGENCY SERVICES – RICK RUSAW

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract Extension with New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for the FY18 Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant (FY18 SICG) – Mr. Hull moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes and five (5) absent (Burke, Forsythe, Levato, Terminelli, and Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications for a Combined SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 Emergency Services IP Network (ESINET) Readiness Grant and Modifying the 2026 Budget for Emergency Services – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes and five (5) absent (Burke, Forsythe, Levato, Terminelli, and Gennett).

C. Interoperability Tower Update (Discussion) – Mr. Rusaw

6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RICK JOHNSON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with FirstLight for Business Internet Services for St. Lawrence County – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes and five (5) absent (Burke, Forsythe, Levato, Terminelli, and Gennett).

B. Countywide Multifunction Printer (MFP) Replacement by Toshiba (Discussion) – Mr. Johnson

7. PROBATION – TIM LEPAGE

A. Approval of Bad Debt Write Off for the Probation Department – Mr. Hull moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes and five (5) absent (Burke, Forsythe, Levato, Terminelli, and Gennett).

B. Arming of Probation Officers Update (Discussion) – Mr. LePage

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle reported two (2) transfer of funds, the first in the amount of $500 for the Treasurer's Office to pay Liberty Utility Bills, and the second in the amount of $1,700 for the Probation Department for unexpected expenses for felony fees paid.

Ms. Doyle reported a correction in Resolution No. 34-2025 to add a "BE" Project Code.

Ms. Doyle reported a correction in Resolution No. 114-2026 regarding the Childcare Assistance Program, where a duplicate WHEREAS was removed in the certified resolutions.

Ms. Doyle reported a correction in Resolution No. 130-2026 regarding the Short-Term Rental Local Law. One section stated the Public Hearing was at 5:40 p.m., and another section stated 5:50 p.m. All times were updated to 5:50 p.m.

Ms. Doyle reported the power outage at Public Safety on March 17th revealed no backup power or UPS support. The Control Board in the installed generator failed and needed a replacement at a cost of $19,000. Appropriate cords for the UPS have been ordered, secured, and installed. A test of the fixed generators and power transfer on the UPSes on April 8th went well, and the backup systems are now operating correctly.

There will be an Open House at the Human Services Center on Thursday, April 23rd from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for County Government Month and celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reagen brought forward new business that there will be a Spring Career Fair on Thursday, April 23rd at the Ogdensburg Airport's new Conference Center from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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 the report.

E. Environmental Management Council (Terminelli) – No report

F. Fire Advisory Board (Denesha) – No report

G. Jury Board (Sheridan) – No report

H. Local Government Task Force (Forsythe) – Mr. Webster was recognized to give the report.

I. Planning Board (Hull) – Mr. Hull

Mr. Hull moved to go to Executive Session at 7:06 p.m., to discuss litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes and five (5) absent (Burke, Forsythe, Levato, Terminelli, and Gennett).

Mr. Gennett joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m. and left the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Reagen moved to go to Open Session at 7:42 p.m., seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes and five (5) absent (Burke, Forsythe, Levato, Terminelli, and Gennett).

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hull moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with ten (10) yes votes and five (5) absent (Burke, Forsythe, Levato, Terminelli, and Gennett).

Chair Curran adjourned the Operations Committee Meeting at 7:43 p.m., as there was no further business.