St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
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Finance Committee
Monday, June 29, 2026
5:30 PM

Members Attending: Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Levato, ~~Mr. Lightfoot~~, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Robinson, **Mr. Sheridan**, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Terminelli, and Mr. Webster

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Mr. Sheridan called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

It was announced that Mr. Lightfoot was excused, and Mr. Sheridan would serve as Temporary Chair for the meeting as requested by the Chair of the Board of Legislators.

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

Due to extenuating circumstances, Mr. Burke will be attending remotely from 424 Lacomb Rd, Norfolk, NY.

Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Forsythe.

Mr. Burke joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Mr. Denesha moved to amend the agenda move item #3B, "Authorizing Settlement of a Northern District of New York United States District Court Case Known to the Board of Legislators and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the County Attorney's Office," to after Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Lightfoot).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Mr. Perkins moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2026, and May 18, 2026, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Lightfoot).

3. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Odin Environmental LLC Under the Environmental Property Reserve Fund for the Removal, Cleanup, and Disposal of Underground Storage Tanks and Associated Piping and Pump Islands in the Towns of Fine and Potsdam – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Lightfoot).

B. Authorizing Settlement of a Northern District of New York United States District Court Case Known to the Board of Legislators and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the County Attorney's Office – Please note that this resolution was discussed after Executive Session, as described in the motion to amend the agenda.

C. Current Status of Environmental Property Clean Up (Discussion) – Mr. Button

Mr. Burke left the meeting at 5:38 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Ms. Haggard joined the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

4. REAL PROPERTY – EMILY WILSON

A. Authorizing a Correction of Errors for the United States Postal Service – 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 (Lightfoot).

B. Authorization to Abolish a Secretary I Position and Create a Senior Account Clerk in the Real Property Tax Office – Mr. Forsythe 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 (Lightfoot).

C. Authorization to Abolish a Tax Map Technician and Create a Senior Tax Map Technician in the Real Property Tax Office – Mr. Denesha 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 (Lightfoot).

5. HIGHWAY – RYAN HERRON

A. Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Department of Highways to Receive Additional Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) Funding – Mr. Smithers 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 (Lightfoot).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Engineering Services to Replace County Route 17 over Plumb Brook (Culvert # 17-02-1.89) – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Lightfoot).

C. Update on the Scale Replacement Project at the Massena Transfer Station (Discussion) – Mr. Herron

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

A. Establishing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Budget for Program Year 2026 – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Lightfoot).

7. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

A. Broadband Update (Discussion) – Jason Pfotenhauer, Director of Planning

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with the Hang Up Put Down Shoppe for the Purchase and Installation of Window Blinds and Draperies for all Areas of the Courthouse and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the County Administrator's Office – 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 (Lightfoot).

B. Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for a Patrol Vehicle for the Criminal Division from the Sheriff's Marked Vehicle Reserve – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Ms. Curran moved to amend the resolution to change the amount under "Decrease Sheriff Marked Vehicle Reserve" from $66,003 to $47,503; change the amount under "Increase Appropriated Fund Balance" from $66,003 to $47,503; delete the "Increase Appropriations" section for account "S CRIM Automotive Equipment" in the amount of $66,003; add an "Increase Revenue" section with account "S LR CRIM Workers Comp" in the amount of $18,500; and add an "Increase Appropriations" section for account "S CRIM Automotive Equipment" in the amount of $66,003 at the bottom, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Lightfoot).

The motion to forward the resolution to Full Board carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Lightfoot).

C. Authorization to Abolish a Full-Time Medical Director, and Create and Fill a Full-Time Nurse Practitioner and Part-Time Medical Director for Addiction Services in the Community Services Department – Mr. Perkins moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Lightfoot).

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Ad Hoc Committees

a. Artificial Intelligence Committee (Gennett/Reagen/Robinson) – No report

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

Cory Perrault, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, was recognized to provide additional information for the report.

c. Fiscal Stability Committee (Lightfoot) – Mr. Webster

d. Highway Committee (Smithers) – Mr. Smithers

e. Solid Waste Committee (Smithers) – Mr. Smithers

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

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

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

D. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli) – No report

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

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

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

Mr. Pfotenhauer was recognized to provide additional information for the report.

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

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

Ben Dixon, Director of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, was recognized to provide more information to the report.

Mr. Robinson left the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 6:38 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Webster and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Lightfoot).

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Haggard left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Burke left the meeting at 7:22 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Lightfoot).

Mr. Denesha moved to forward the resolution "Authorizing Settlement of a Northern District of New York United States District Court Case Known to the Board of Legislators and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the County Attorney's Office" to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Webster, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Lightfoot).

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Reagen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Haggard and Lightfoot).

Temporary Chair Sheridan adjourned the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:43 p.m., as there was no further business.