St. Lawrence County | Finance Committee
Board of Legislators | Monday, July 27, 2026
Board Room and Live via www.stlawco.gov | 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. Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

It was announced that Mr. Levato is excused.

Mr. Denesha moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smithers.

Mr. Reagen moved to add a resolution to the agenda titled "Opposing the Proposed Closure of Labor and Delivery, Nuclear Medicine, and Certain Primary Care Services Operated by North Star Health Alliance at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center and its Affiliated Health Centers, and Authorizing the Submission of Comments to the New York State Department of Health," seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Robinson. Ms. Haggard, Mr. Burke, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Terminelli, and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Levato and Webster).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Mr. Smithers moved to approve the minutes of June 29, 2026, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes and two (2) absent (Levato and Webster).

3. 2025 AUDIT – DRESCHER & MALECKI, LLP – CHARLES TROTTIER, DIRECTOR

Mr. Webster joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

4. ANNUAL COUNTY FOREST UPDATE – ALIVIA BLEAU, DISTRICT MANAGER; AARON BARRIGAR, DISTRICT FORESTER; AND HEIDI KNAFELC, DISTRICT TECHNICIAN, SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

5. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Apportionment for the Year 2027 – 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 (Levato).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign All Documents Necessary to Convey Post-Judgment Tax Foreclosure Acquired Property Back to the Redeeming Tax Delinquent – 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 (Levato).

6. HIGHWAY – RYAN HERRON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Supplemental Agreement No. 4 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 – 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 (Levato).

7. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE – Jason Pfotenhauer, Director of Planning

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

A. Modifying the 2026 Budget for the County Administrator's Office for Advertising – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Levato).

B. Adopting the Mission Statement, the Vision Statement, and Values for St. Lawrence County Government – Ms. Curran 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).

C. Modifying the 2026 Budget for the County Administrator's Office to Complete the Necessary Restoration and Maintenance of the Surrogate Building – 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).

D. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with ProCarpet for Purchase and Installation of Flooring at the Human Services Center for the Carpet Replacement in the One-Stop Career Center and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the County Administrator's Office – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Levato).

E. Authorizing an Interfund Loan to the Solid Waste Fund for the Purchase of Equipment and Modifying the 2026 Budget for the Solid Waste Department – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Levato).

F. 2026 Q2 Financial Update (Info)

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gennett inquired about the covering of trucks during hauls. Mr. Herron was recognized to provide context regarding the legal requirements of covering loads on trucks.

A. EMERGENCY SERVICES - Rick Rusaw, Director

Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Patriot Towers, Inc. for Land and Site Development and Construction Costs Including Equipment Installation for the Interoperability Tower Project in Cooper Hill (NYPA) Tower Site in Pitcairn – Mr. Sheridan moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins, Ms. Curran, and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Levato).

B. Opposing the Proposed Closure of Labor and Delivery, Nuclear Medicine, and Certain Primary Care Services Operated by North Star Health Alliance at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center and its Affiliated Health Centers, and Authorizing the Submission of Comments to the New York State Department of Health – Mr. Reagen moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, Ms. Terminelli, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Webster, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Forsythe

Mr. Forsythe asked to include Congresswoman Stefanik in the last BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in the list of people to receive a certified copy of the resolution.

Ms. Curran and Ms. Terminelli asked to be added as cosponsors to the resolution.

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

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Ad Hoc Committees

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

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

c. Fiscal Stability Committee (Lightfoot) – No report

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) – Mr. Denesha

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

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

Mr. Robinson left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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

F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen) – No report

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

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

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

Mr. Robinson returned to the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 7:49 p.m., to discuss litigation, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Levato).

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Reagen moved to go to Open Session at 8:52 p.m., seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes and one (1) absent (Levato).

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Chair Lightfoot adjourned the Finance Committee Meeting at 8:53 p.m., as there was no further business.