St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
Board Room and Live Via YouTube

Operations Committee
Monday, October 21, 2024
Immediately following Services Committee

Members Attending: Mr. Burke, **Ms. Curran,** Mr. Denesha, ~~Mr. Fay~~, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Hull, 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 6:25 p.m. Mr. Denesha moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Forsythe.

Mr. Smithers moved to remove Item 8B from the agenda, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

Motion carried to approve the amended agenda by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Forsythe moved to approve the minutes of September 16, 2024 meeting, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

3. THE EVOLUTION OF CYBER-CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES PERTAINING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS - FBI Special Agent Kevin Conine and Paul Romeo, Principal Cyber Security Consultant, NYSTEC

Mr. Hull left the meeting at 6:47 p.m., and returned at 6:51 pm.

4. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – RICK JOHNSON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Cyber Information Sharing and Collaboration Agreement with the New York State Office of Information Technology Services and the New York State Division of Homeland Security Services for Information Technology – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

Ms. Terminelli left the meeting at 6:59 p.m., and returned at 7:00 pm.

5. PROBATION – TIM LEPAGE

A. Modifying the 2024 Budget for Probation for Funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) abstained (Lightfoot) and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

6. SHERIFF – PATRICK ENGLE

A. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Donations Received for K9 Supplies and Other Expenses – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

B. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for Prescription Costs at the Correctional Facility – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr Burke, Mr. Reagen, and Mr. Gennett and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

C. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program Prescription Costs at the Correction Facility – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Webster) and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

D. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office to Accept a FY25 Police Traffic Services (PTS) Grant from the State of New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

E. Accepting a 2023 Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant from New York Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office – Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Reagen, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

F. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Sheriff's Office for the Purchase of Equipment and Supplies – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to table this resolution, there was no second.

Motion carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Lightfoot), and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

7. LEGISLATOR CURRAN

A. Urging the State of New York to Enact the Rescue EMS Package to Strengthen Emergency Medical Services in St. Lawrence County – Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

B. Urging New York State to Enact Senate Bill S.4583-A and Assembly Bill A.5942-A, Amending the County Law in Relation to the Next Generation 911 System – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

C. Opposing Adoption of Proposition 1, Known as the "Equal Rights Amendment" – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Gennett, and Mr. Webster.

Mr. Webster called the question, second by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with eight (8) yes votes, five (5) no votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

Ms. Haggard call a Point of Order.

Motion carried by a roll call vote with eight (8) yes votes, four (4) no votes (Forsythe, Denesha,

Haggard, and Burke), one (1) abstained (Terminelli), and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

Ms. Terminelli left the meeting at 7:40 pm and returned at 7:44 pm.

8. LEGISLATOR SMITHERS

A. Encouraging Governor Kathy C. Hochul and the New York State Legislature to Increase the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Budget Allocation for County Jails – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

B. ~~Encouraging the State Legislature and Governor to Enact Technical Edits to Components of the Raise the Age Law~~ – This resolution was removed from the Agenda.

C. Encouraging Governor Kathy Hochul to Recognize New York's Freshwater Wetlands Act Rulemaking and Its Impact on Critical Local Highway, Bridge, and Culvert Projects – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke, and carried by a voice vote with eleven (11) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Haggard and Lightfoot), and (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

D. Urging Governor Kathy Hochul and State Legislators to Adjust the 5-Year Transportation Capital Plan for New York State – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Haggard) and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

E. Calling on Governor Kathy Hochul with Concerns about the Impacts of Efforts to Electrify Highway Department Vehicles by Adoption of the Advanced Clean Truck Rule – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, one (1) no vote (Haggard) and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

9. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE - RUTH DOYLE

A. Information Technology – Mr. Johnson requested to fill a Computer Technician, Position No. 202700001

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle said she will put a schedule together for the Legislators to decide on how they would like to review the 2025 Tentative Budget.

A resolution for Home Rule for the Sales Tax Extender will be on an upcoming meeting for discussion.

The cell phone surcharge is expected to go into effect in December.

There will be a local law coming forward regarding Residency Requirements that will provide for adjacent vacancy fill for public officers in the County.

A resolution for a transfer of funds will be on Finance Committee to close out the Old Jail project, along with quarterly reports.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (Denesha) – No report

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

C. Board of Trustees for Supreme Court Library (Haggard) – Ms. Haggard

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

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

F. Fire Advisory Board (Denesha) – No report

G. Jury Board (Sheridan) – Mr. Sheridan

H. Planning Board (Fay) – No report

12. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Executive Session at 8:37 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, personnel, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Hull, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Forsythe moved to go to Open Session at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Mr Hull, and carried by a voice vote with thirteen (13) yes votes, and two (2) absent (Fay and Perkins).

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Curran moved to adjourn the Operations Committee Meeting at 9:11 p.m., as there was no further business.