

GOVERNMENT OPERATION COMMITTEE

January 3, 2022

Committee members: Ed Bronson, Dick Harper, Carlie Chilson, Tim Cutler, Jesse Jayne, Bonnie Percy

Others present: Bill Holgate, Terry Button, Rick Willson left at 3:07 p.m., Dan Banach, Doug Paddock, Mark Morris, Pat Killen, Leslie Church, Nonie Flynn, Emilee Miller

Ed and Carlie will sign the audit this month.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandy King, Joy Shank, & John Prendergast spoke against the vaccine mandate and the mask mandate.

Legislative Operations: Doug Paddock

Doug reported that the Ad Hoc Reapportionment/Redistricting Committee met on December 20th, 2021 for a kickoff meeting. Planning and Soil and Water will prepare some alternatives to current district boundaries in order to equalize representation. The next meeting is scheduled for district boundaries in order to equalize representation. The next meeting will be held January 13th, 2022.

Doug reported that the Chairwoman's appointment of Legislative and Sportsmen's representatives to the regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board, as well as an alternate appointment of a Landowner representative, must be confirmed by the Legislature.

Doug reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Reappoint and Appoint Members to the Region 8 Fish and Wildlife Management Board

Elections: Robert Brechko and Robert Schwarting

Rob & Bob were not in attendance, but submitted a written report & goals that were reviewed.

There was discussion and questions regarding Polling Sites, Election Day, Non-Citizen Voting, Election Fraud, Tracking People, and Redistricting.

The following resolution that would be needed was reviewed. The Committee approved.

- Resolution authorizing Chairman of the Legislature to sign contract extension

Soil & Water: Colby Petersen

Colby reported that his staff conducted 410 inspections for 2021 in the Towns of Barrington, Jerusalem, Milo, Torrey and the Villages of Dresden and Penn Yan. Staff conducted 89 soils evaluations and reviewed 93 designs for new and replacement septic systems.

Colby reported that the District applied for and received \$6,000 in Part B funding to continue their culvert assessment program in the Town of Italy. Staff was able to inventory 246 culverts in Italy. These culverts were located using GPS and will be plotted on an aerial photo with tax map boundaries and owner's names. This will result in a bound booklet for the Highway Superintendent's use.

Colby reviewed the completed Seneca Lake Vineyard Farm project.

Cornell Cooperative Extension: Arlene Wilson

Arlene reviewed program updates highlighting the following: Pesticide Applicator Training, Cornell Vegetable Program, Nutrition Program, and Boredom Buster Kits for Youth.

There was discussion about reaching out to the Mennonites.

IT: Tim Groth

Tim reviewed his monthly statistics which showed 288 calls.

Tim updated the Committee on the following projects: New Storage Area Network (SAN's) and Log 4Shell & Log4j2 Vulnerabilities.

Tim reviewed the status of his 2021 Goals and reviewed his proposed 2022 Goals.

There was discussion regarding the New York State Office of Information Technology Services sending out a newly adopted policy announcing they will no longer support hardware such as desktops, laptops, servers and network infrastructure.

Tim reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee approved.

- Authorized Exceptions to the Procurement Policy

County Clerk: Lois Hall

Lois reviewed her statistics for the office. There were 1815 DMV transaction with fees for retention collected for November 2021, \$15,543.22 with \$47,833.09 sales tax collected. CORPS internet fees collected year to date \$1,587.56. There were 2992 County Clerk transactions and \$360,711.27 was collected in fees.

Lois provided the DMV and County Clerk updates.

Lois reviewed her 2022 Goals for the DMV and County Clerk's Office.

Personnel: Kerry Brennan

Kerry reported the January collection for the Living Well is deodorant.

Kerry reported that OSHA announced on December 17th that they intend to move forward with implementing the Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) for COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing. The ETS requires employers with 100 or more employees to obtain proof of vaccination from employees or test to stay by January 10th. OSHA will not issue citations for any employees who are not fully vaccinated (or if they aren't testing) prior to February 9th. If the county does not take any action they will be receiving fines up to \$13,653 for each violation and up to \$136,532 for willful repeated violations.

There was discussion regarding the Vaccine Mandate and other items related to COVID-19.

The general consensus of the Committee is for Kerry to ask employees to share their vaccination status voluntarily. She will obtain copies of employee vaccination cards for proof of vaccination status of those voluntarily sharing them with her.

Kerry reported that she would like authorization to conduct an RFP for Workers Compensation Administrators.

After Committee discussion, it was decided that there was no need for a resolution to send out RFP's for Worker's Compensation.

Kerry reviewed her proposed 2022 Goals and the status of her 2021 Goals.

County Administrator: Nonie Flynn

Nonie updated the status of her 2021 Goals and reviewed her 2022 Goals.

Nonie provided the Project Status Report.

Nonie reported that Tim Groth is working with the departments on the new Contract Process in Laserfiche.

There was discussion regarding Department Head Evaluations and Goals.

Bob Schwarting arrived to answer questions. He is going to answer all the questions via email and discuss the questions further at the next Legislative Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.