

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

March 2, 2020

Committee members present: Ed Bronson, Dick Harper, Carlie Chilson, Tim Cutler, Jim Multer, Bonnie Percy

Others present: Terry Button, Rick Willson, Connie Hayes, Nonie Flynn, Pat Killen, Earle Gleason, Leslie Church, Dan Banach, Rob Schwarting, Bob Brechko, Kerry Brennan, Arlene Willson, Colby Petersen, Lois Hall, Tim Groth.

Ed and Jim will sign the audit this month

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as presented.

### **Legislative Operations**

Doug reported the meeting with Tom O'Mara and Phil Palmesano originally scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> was cancelled and has now been setup for Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

Doug reported the Yates Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (YTASC) meeting is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Doug reported Yates County will host the Inter-County Association of Western New York meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Top of the Lake. Gathering begins at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. Yates legislators are welcome to attend. It is customary for the host County to provide commemorative items for participants, so Connie is soliciting donations from vendors and agencies. Nonie and Richard Mayfield (USDA) will present on ReConnect grant.

Doug reported the second session of the Water Pollution Prevention Workshops is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Finger Lakes Boating Museum. Sign up through the Seneca Watershed Inter-municipal Organization, Finger Lakes Institute, or Hobart and William Smith.

Doug reported Judge Doran is not available to speak with the Committee in March or April, but likely could attend in May. The consensus of the Committee was to have Judge Doran attend the May Committee meeting.

Doug reported he has been invited to Keuka College's Board of Trustees meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> to offer input on how the College might partner together for the benefit of the surrounding communities. He will need input from legislative members, if they so choose, by Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ed reported the subcommittee looking at legislative term limits is recommending the term of office for Legislators be four years, instead of the current two years. They are also recommending the terms of office be staggered so no more than seven legislators would be up for election at once. This would be accomplished by having two Districts at the next election be elected to a four-year term. The other two Districts would have a two-year term, then at the next election they would be elected to a four-year term. The Committee will work with the County Attorney on the next steps.

### **Elections – Robert Brechko/Robert Schwarting**

Bob reviewed the department's goals and objections for February and March.

Bob reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. The Committee agreed but asked Bob to combine the two resolutions into one.

- Resolution Urging Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the State Legislature to Continue the Funding Commitment for all Costs Associated With Early Voting Reforms Implemented at the County Level
- Resolution Urging Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the State Legislature to Continue the Funding Commitment for all Costs Associated With Primary Voting Hours Reforms Implemented at the County Level

### **Soil & Water –Colby Petersen**

Colby reported staff continue to conduct inspections and finishing up a website for Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative.

Colby reported the Ag Value Assessments are underway. So far 290 have been completed in 2020 and Colby anticipates a total over 300.

Colby reported Staff continue to work on the culvert inventory and assessment for the Town of Jerusalem. This assessment will complete the entire town and all 112 miles of town roads.

Colby reported the 2020 Soil Health Workshop is planned for March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Finger Lakes Produce Auction. Topics will include runoff control practices for farmsteads, fields, and manure applications.

Colby reported Tom has submitted 2 applications under the Climate Resilient Farming grant opportunity and 1 application under Round 26 of the Ag Non-Point Source grant program.

Colby reviewed proposed legislation that would require an Article 15 permit through the New York Department of Environmental Conservation necessary for any and all streams statewide. Colby would like to have a resolution exempting Soil & Water Conservation Districts from this proposed change. The consensus of the Committee was to move forward with a resolution.

Legislator Killen reviewed the following resolution. The Committee agreed.

- Proclamation Agriculture Month

### **Cornell Cooperative Extension – Arlene Wilson**

Arlene updated the Committee on activities in the following programs:

- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Youth
- Nutrition
- Life Skills
- Natural Resources
- Community Development

Arlene reported that in celebration of Arbor Day Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates is offering free tree saplings to municipalities within Yates County. If a municipality would like to receive trees please contact Laura Bailey at 315-536-5123 or [lb698@cornell.edu](mailto:lb698@cornell.edu) by March 23, 2020.

Arlene reported the Yates County Master Gardner's will be holding a Gardening Matters Day on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 a.m. in the County Auditorium.

### **IT – Tim Groth**

Tim reviewed his monthly stats which showed 245 Help Desk calls for the month of January.

Tim reported the upgrade to the new Firewall units was done on February 17<sup>th</sup>. He will be working on cutting over the new internet circuit, SPAM filtering and Anti-Virus software in the coming weeks.

Tim reported on work that needs to be done for Rural Net and Empire Access for Fiber Patch Panels.

Tim reported he has updated the Cyber Security Training to the new 2020 modules and will be releasing the new campaign on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Tim updated the Committee kickoff meeting with Fujitsu and Corning on the Broadband study for STN and the 4 County Coalition. Tim also updated the Committee on GIS.

### **County Clerk – Lois Hall**

Lois reviewed her statistical report which showed DMV fees collected for January 2020 were \$19,817.29 with \$34,566.84 in sales tax collected. The County Clerk transactions were 1798 and fees collected were \$219,240.84.

Lois reported the Global Entry, Nexus, Sentri and Fast-NY residents will no longer be eligible to enroll or re-enroll in CBP's Trusted Traveler Programs. Vehicle exports will also be affected. Lois stated that as she receives information she will pass it on to the Legislature.

Lois reported a notice of additional recording fees for conveyance of real property, effective March 11, 2020 will be sent to the Yates County Bar Association members and also published on the county website. The state law gives the County Clerk the discretion and does not require the County Legislature to set the fee by local law or otherwise. The fee will be \$10.00

Lois reported problems with equipment in the DMV office continues as the State is updating systems.

### **Clerk of Legislature – Connie Hayes**

Connie reviewed the following resolution that would be needed the Committee approved.

- Resolution to File County Officers Annual Reports With the Clerk of the Legislature

### **Personnel – Kerry Brennan**

Kerry reported the Labor Attorney is still reviewing the Administrative Guide. Kerry is hoping to get it back so that it can be brought forward in April.

Kerry reviewed the Yates County Civil Service Personnel Newsletter that was sent out to all appointing authorities throughout Yates County who fall under Civil Services jurisdiction.

Discussion took place on pre-employment workers compensation physicals. Kerry suggested that the Local Law be looked at again to determine who needs physicals and who doesn't. The consensus of the Committee was to have Kerry work with the County Attorney.

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

- Approving Memorandum of Understanding with CSEA Concerning Altering the Work Hours for a Treasurers Office Employee
- Amend Resolution 57-2020 (Senior Account Clerk Typist)
- Amend Resolution 22-2020 (Authorize Commissioner of Social Services to Create and Fill Full Time Temporary Fiscal Administrative Office Position) – Doug suggested that a position actually be created and the temporary position be abolished.

### **County Administrator – Nonie Flynn**

Nonie reviewed the Project Status Report as it relates to Government Operations

Bonnie moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual with committee members, legislators, the county administrator and the clerk of the legislature present. Seconded by Carlie.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.