

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

May 3, 2021

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

Others present: Leslie Church, Earl Gleason, Tim Groth, Connie Hayes, Kerrey Brennan, Lois Hall, Arlene Willson, Colby Petersen, Robert Brechko, Bill Holgate, Robert Schwarting.

Ed and Carlie sign the audit this month.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

### Legislative Operations

- Proposal to add highlighted portion below and delete strikethrough to third paragraph of EXECUTIVE SESSION portion of the legislature's Rules of Procedure (Ed):  
*Any discussion conducted during any Executive Session **may be revealed to any member of the Legislature who was not in attendance, but** shall not be revealed to **any other person** ~~persons~~ not in attendance unless agreed upon during the Session by a majority of Legislature members present. If information is to be revealed to persons not in attendance, it is preferred that said information be clearly defined and that a spokesperson be appointed during the Session.*

The consensus of the Committee was to move forward with the resolution.

Ed reported that the 4th of July holiday and Labor Day fall on Monday's that would normally be a committee meeting day. Ed explained that in the past Monday's meetings moved to Wednesday and Human Services and Finance meeting switch. So on Tuesday, the meetings would be Public Safety and Human Services, and on Wednesday the meetings will be Public Works, Government Operations and Finance. Ed further explained that in September the NYSAC conference will be from September 13 through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Further discussion on changing the date of the Legislative meeting will take place when the agenda for the conference is available. The Committee had no problem with the meeting dates.

### Elections – Robert Brechko/Robert Schwarting

Bob questioned if there were any questions on the written report that was submitted show the accomplishments for April and the objections for May. There were no questions.

Bob reviewed Elections capital plan. Connie explained that the capital plan was not submitted with agenda so the committee does not have a copy. Bob will email the capital plan out to committee members and legislators.

### Soil & Water –Colby Petersen

Colby reported staff have conducted 90 watershed inspections to date. Colby anticipates completing 500 inspections this year.

Colby reported staff have been busy with hydroseeding projects. Twenty eight loads of hydroseed have been applied to 10 sites.

Colby reported the district is in the process of uploading copies of soil and water GIS data and aerial photos to GeoCove in support of the Yates County portal. Colby hopes to have this accomplished by May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Colby reported storm water runoff catchment basins were installed in Lawson Farms cropland. These types of projects are critical in today's changing climate of high-duration rainstorms over a short period of time. These projects will control soil erosion in the cropland and reduce runoff to the Seneca Lake Watershed.

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

Arlene Gardening Matters Day will be this Saturday at Abandon Brewery's pavilion and there will also be a plant sale.

Arlene reported there will be a composting workshop with Finger Lakes Museum on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Arlene reported it is Lake Living Friendly week. This is a new collaborative between CCE and various Lake Associations to educate individuals that live on the lake on to preserve the environment that you live in.

Arlene reported CCE continues to work with the Keuka Lake Association on the watercraft steward program.

Arlene reported there are 4 families enrolled in the TANF program. Workshops have been held online and 7 of the 17 have been completed.

### **IT – Tim Groth**

Tim reviewed his monthly statistics which showed 343 help desk calls for the month.

Tim updated the Committee on the Emergency Microsoft Exchange Email Server Out-of-Band Security Update, E911 Backup Site at Sherman Tower, Cisco DUO 2-Factor Authentication Rollout, Sophos Mobile Device Management and Encryption and the BOE Risk Remediation Projects.

Tim reviewed the quarterly help desk ticket report which showed 869 help desk calls for the first quarter.

Tim reviewed his Capital plan.

Tim reported he applied for

### **County Clerk – Lois Hall**

Lois reviewed her statistical report which showed 1,708 DMV transactions with fees for retention collected for March 2021 of \$16,950.63 with \$88,160.23 sales tax collected. COPRS internet fees collected year to date \$700.27. There were 3,314 County Clerk transactions and fees collected of \$206,139.63.

Lois reported the Governor has extended the Executive Order for appointment only for DMV transactions until May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Lois reported the online permit testing was rolled out on April 21, 2021. Lois explained that with this roll out our DMV computer for the AKTS permit testing was down for two full weeks. Lois had to obtain permission from the state DMV to print permit tests for the people that had made appointments in that time frame. Also the road test scheduling system was down for two full weeks.

Lois reported the Department of Homeland Security announced the extension for the REAL ID full enforcement guideline. The time frame has been extended until May 3, 2023.

Lois explained that DMV is very frustrated along with community members having to still make appointments. Lois further explained that if there are counties that have opened it has been stated that the Governor has threatened to take back the COVID funding that counties have received. Lois stated that she has spoken with Chairman Paddock and Administrator Flynn regarding opening up DMV against the Governor's executive order and they were not comfortable with doing that.

Lois was asked to check surrounding counties again to verify if they are open with no appointment and how they did it.

Lois reported the County Clerk's office has been inundated with judgments from lower courts. The lower courts are submitting judgments to try to recoup the monies due them. This generates no money on the county clerk side for processing all of this work. All the fees go back to the lower courts.

Lois reported on new legislation that is being proposed call the Clean Slate. This is newly proposed legislation that aims to seal and expunge the criminal history of approximately 2.3 million in hopes of improving housing and employment opportunities. This would automatically seal and then expunge convictions of residents who have completed their sentences and probation, supervised release, and sex offender registration periods.

The bill would cover most types of crimes ranging from misdemeanors to felonies such as assaults, robberies, and even some murders.

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

Connie reported the County Insurance premium for this year will be \$339,086.00. Last year it was \$322,114.00. Basically the increase is due to adding an excess cyber policy and the excess workers comp is up a little.

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

- Resolution to renew the County Insurance

Connie reported she will be on vacation the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Personnel - Kerry Brennan**

Kerry reported her office will be collecting socks for kids and adults for the Living Well. Anyone that wants to donate can bring items to the Personnel Office.

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

- Amend Resolution 449-20 (Adopt 2021 Non-Union Exempt Employee Salary Schedule)
- Amend Resolution 10-21 (Adopt 2021 Non-Union Exempt Employee Wage Schedule)

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

Nonie submitted a written report which stated, we continue to staff with the one employee that is not yet needed full time in Probation to ensure social distancing, the wearing of face coverings and the completion of the visitor health assessment form. Social Services employees continue to fill in for breaks.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.