

GOVERNMENT OPERATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

June 6, 2022

Committee members: Ed Bronson, Bonnie Percy, Rick Willson, Dick Harper, Carlie Chilson, Mark Morris

Others present: Bill Holgate, Terry Button, Dan Banach, Doug Paddock, Leslie Church, Tim Cutler, Pat Killen, Jesse Jayne (Zoom) Nonie Flynn, Emilee Miller, Robert Brechko, Robert Schwarting, Kerry Brennan, Tom Eskildsen, Tim Groth,

Ed & Carlie will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Laffin stated that he was here for the Keuka Lake Association (KLA) regarding the resolution from CCE for the New York State Invasive Species Awareness Week/Great Lakes Landing Blitz Week. The KLA was fortunate enough to get funding of about \$8,500 to help offset some of the expenses for the Watercraft Steward Program and the Great Lakes Landing Blitz, which is across the seven states and the two Canadian provinces that make up the Great Lakes Basin. Bill asked the legislature to kindly look favorably upon the resolution.

John Prendergast validated the increasingly long amount of time it takes to get vehicles that are ordered. He sent information that was distributed to the legislators in regards becoming a Constitutional County. He hasn't heard anything back from the legislature about this. The state is coming after them, they want their guns, and they say they are doing it for the kids. Over 2,000 people a week are dying from fentanyl, 112,00 people a year are dying from drugs, over 10,000 people a year are killed by automobiles due to DWI, but they don't take away cars. As a Constitutional County they are asking them to stand up and obey the County. John indicated that what's going on in Albany is a travesty, it's a show in this for the elections, has nothing to do with anything except for the elections, and anything they're doing will not prevent a death. He stated that they better think long and hard before walking in the voting booth.

Joy Schank tried to speak on Zoom, but was unable to.

Elections: Robert Brechko and Robert Schwarting

Robert Brechko reported that one thing of significance, they didn't add is because of the new elections in August, there's going to be a special election and a primary election on August 23. They have to send notices out to all of their voters letting them know about the August elections, so it's a mailing that we have to do. Robert Schwarting added that it is an expense to Elections.

Robert Schwarting reported that there is a bill that is awaiting the Governor's action that requires the Board of Elections to count the vote of individuals who vote in the wrong district, except for contests that the voter is not entitled to vote. Federal, State, and Countywide contests would be permitted, County Legislative contests might be counted, but all town races will not count when the voter is in the incorrect town polling place. The Committee expressed their concerns with this including the heightened risk of fraud. Robert Brechko stated that it doesn't really happen there because they are very careful that when someone comes to the poll site that they are in the right place.

Rob reviewed the May Objectives achieved and the proposed June Objectives.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joy Schank emailed the legislative clerk the following:

*I agree with Jack Prendergast. We need to become a constitutional county.
NY State has a regulation in place that they can take you from your home if they feel you are infected.
They don't have to prove it.*

Please make NY follow the constitution by becoming a constitutional county.

*Thank you,
Joy*

Soil & Water: Tom Eskildsen

Tom reported that district staff has conducted 130 inspections to date in the Towns of Barrington, Jerusalem, Milo, Torrey, and the Villages of Dresden and Penn Yan. They anticipate completing 400 inspections in 2022. Staff has conducted 20 soil evaluations and reviewed 26 design for new and replacement septic systems.

Tom reported that hydro-seeding is underway. Staff has applied 16 loads to 10 sites. Material costs have gone up \$70 per load, a 25lb bag of seed in early 2020 was \$42, and that same bag is currently \$98. Because of the use of FLOWPA funds to cover material costs, they were able to offer hydro-seeding to municipalities at a 50% discount.

Tom reported that district staff assisted a local farm in the local farm in the County with a manure spill. The farm reacted quickly and shifted their focus to containment and cleanup. The spill was due to equipment failure.

Tom reported that on Keuka Lake the installation of erosion control projects on a vineyard site on Bluff Point has been completed. New underground drainage tile was installed followed by stone stabilization in eroding areas of the vineyard. On Seneca Lake installation of three water and sediment control basins (WASCOBs) in a section of farmland hit by severe storms three times last year.

Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (GFLRPC): Tim Cutler

The Committee reviewed the Seneca Keuka LULA Project.

The consensus of the Committee was to move the letter of support forward.

Cornell Cooperative Extension: Arlene Wilson

Arlene reviewed program updates.

Arlene noted that they it is Spongy Moth season, formerly known as Gypsy Moth, the name was changed for political reasons. They are again advocating people use sticky traps if they see the caterpillars and also hand picking them off making sure people use a rubber gloves because some people actually allergic to the caterpillar's hairy stuff. Pesticide application is that last resort and that's something people would have to pay for out of pocket.

Arlene reviewed the projects completed, projects in the pipeline, and upcoming events.

Arlene reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. After discussion the Committee approved.

- New York State Invasive Species Awareness Week/Great Lakes Landing Blitz Week

The Committee and other legislators present, requested that the Departments look ahead and bring these types of resolutions before the event occurs and not after.

IT: Tim Groth

Tim reported that in the month of April, the I.T. Help Desk took in 253 calls.

Tim viewed the following project updates: setup MDM on all BYOD and all other County owned devices, risk remediation, 2022 Mandatory Cyber Security Training, MUNIS upgrade, and the new Public Safety color copier.

Tim reported that they have installed 5 cameras for the Fiber Storage Location.

Tim reported that the equipment for the security office has been setup and installed.

County Clerk: Lois Hall

The Committee reviewed the statistical reports, DMV updates, and the clerk updates. Lois was unable to attend, but can answer any questions the Committee may have.

Personnel: Kerry Brennan

Kerry reported that the collection for June is kids and adult underwear.

Kerry reported that the sub-committee for Workers Compensation Plan's recommendation is to switch from Benetech to NCAComp effective January 1, 2023.

Kerry reported that ServU Bank brought pizza to the County Office Building employees and donuts/pastries to the Courthouse employees.

Kerry reported that 24 employees were unable to attend the customer service training. Employees that were unable to attend are asked to complete a training packet. The feedback for the training was mixed. Some liked it and thought it was more about taking care of yourself in order to be able to take care of others and some thought it was not related to customer service at all.

Kerry brought some recommendations forward moving forward and improving as a united workforce. They are considering 360 evaluations being done of Department Heads, Legislators, and Administrators so employees can express their thoughts and feelings. A lot of employees feel underappreciated and like they don't have a voice. It was recommend that they bring in a professional to help with this.

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

- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Memorandum of Understanding (CSEA)
- Authorize Chairwoman to Sign Administrative Agreement and Business Associate Agreement with NCAComp and Authorize Director of Finance to pay NCAComp Prior to Audit

Kerry reviewed the vacancy report.

The Committee and other legislators present, discussed the current gun laws being proposed/passed and what the options are that they have for doing something about it.

County Administrator: Ed Bronson

Ed reported that the next CSEA Negotiations meeting will be held June 29th. There was discussion about the process taking so long.

Legislative Clerk: Emilee Miller

Emilee reviewed the following resolutions that would be needed. After discussion/edits the Committee approved.

- Set Date for Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law 5-22 Entitled Renewal of Local Law 2-19 “A Local Law Establishing an Occupancy Tax in Yates County”
- Adopt Local Law 4-2022 “A Local Law Amending County of Yates Local Law No. 3 of the Year 1971, as Amended by Local Law No. 2 of the Year 1982, as Further Amended by Local Law No. 2 of the Year 2012 – For the Purpose of Adopting a Plan of Reapportionment of Legislative Districts Based on the 2020 Census”
- Adopt the Expansion of Videoconferencing for Public Meetings

Legislative Operations: Ed Bronson

Ed brought up the topic of becoming a Constitutional County for discussion. They will have more discussion at the next meeting as they ran out of time, the Human Services meeting needed to start.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.