

GOVERNMENT OPERATION COMMITTEE

June 7, 2021

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

Others present: Terry Button, Connie Hayes, Earle Gleason, Pat Killen, Doug Paddock, Leslie Church, Dan Banach, Nonie Flynn, Kerry Brennan, Colby Petersen, Arlene Willson, Tim Groth, Bill Holgate, Robert Schwarting, Lois Hall.

Ed and Bonnie will sign the audit this month

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as presented.

Legislative Operations

Doug reminded legislators that if they cannot attend a meeting by zoom or in person, they need to let the Chairman of the Legislature or the Chairman of the Committee along with the Clerk of the Legislature know to make sure there is a quorum for the meeting.

Doug reported at the May 21 meeting of the Inter-County Association of Western New York, Schuyler County sponsored a resolution that it had passed, "Calling on New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to Study and Develop Regulations for Cryptocurrency Mining". The resolution goes on to call on the state to, ". . . consider requiring the use of Renewable Energy . . ." for cryptocurrency mining operations. While not specifically stated in the resolution, it has negative connotations for Greenidge. Doug explained The Yates County representatives in attendance were opposed to the resolution and it was tabled to obtain more information.

Doug reviewed the proposed job description for the Clerk of the Legislature. Discussion took place regarding the handling of the county insurance. Bonnie suggested that mortgage tax apportionment needs to be added. Doug suggested under Distinguishing Features of the Class, the third sentence from the bottom, either constituents or members of the public should be added. Also, under Full Performance Knowledge, Skills and so on, whomever is in that position needs to be diplomatic when dealing with others.

Elections: Robert Brechko and Robert Schwarting

Rob reported both houses have passed the bill to increase the size of election districts to 2000 voters.

Rob reported meetings were held with the vendor and Tim Groth regarding Operations Planning, should something happen where Elections would have to be located to another site.

Rob reported the staff mailed information to approximately 300 voters who did not receive check cards because they were temporarily away.

Rob reported the state continues to issue changes which end up costing the department, as envelopes, manuals and forms have to continually be changed and updated.

Soil & Water: Colby Petersen

Colby reported the staff have conducted 131-watershed inspections so far this year.

Colby reported staff have applied 40 loads of hydroseed to 17 sites. Colby explained on average staff applies 60 loads of hydroseed in a typical season.

Colby reported the Agricultural Environmental Management projects have been on hold for a little while due to the spring planting season.

Colby reviewed the Seneca-Keuka 9 Element Plan and asked the Committee to review the Plan and offer comments and/or suggestions.

Cornell Cooperative Extension: Arlene Wilson

Arlene updated the Committee on the activities of the various programs.

Arlene reported on May 4th and 5th Cornell University hosted a virtual Ag-Solar Conference focused on the New York State renewable energy legislation and its impacts solar energy installations on agricultural lands. Recordings of the Ag-Solar Conference presentations can be viewed at the following internet sites.

- Session 1 – Intro & Context: https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/AgSolar+Summit+Session1+-+Intro+and+Context/1_a7t2j3oy
- Session 2 – Siting: https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/Ag-Solar+Summit+Session+2+-+Siting+of+Solar/1_m9yzw88s
- Session 3 – Farm Business Considerations: https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/AgSolar+Summit+Session+3+-+Farm+Business+Considerations/1_mlmxrkva
- Session 4 – Community and Regional Impacts: https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/AgSolar+Summit+Session+4+-+Community+Impacts/1_xgvqfzjg
- Session 5 – Discussion : https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/AgSolar+Summit+Session+5+-+Discussion/1_lgxaiuxh
- Session 6 – Leases & Taxes: https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/AgSolar+Summit+Session+6+-+Leases+and+Taxes/1_etgqvvu5
- Session 7 – Planning: https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/Ag+Solar+Summit+Session+7+-+Planning/1_xsbfet52
- Session 8 – Costing: https://vod.video.cornell.edu/media/AgSolar+Summit+Session+8+-+Cositing/1_gukkc3tq

Arlene reported she is in the planning stages of modifying the Conservation Day.

IT: Tim Groth

Tim reviewed the Help Desk Calls for the month of April which showed 331 calls.

Tim updated the Committee on the E911 Backup Site at Sherman Tower, Cisco DUO 2-Factor Authentication Rollout, Sophos Mobile Device Management and Encryption, Board of Election Risk Remediation Project, Enhancement to current Security information and event management solution, and the E911 Voice Recorder Replacement.

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

- Resolution Authorizing Chairman to Sign Contract with Mainline Information Systems, Inc.
- Resolution Authorizing Chairman to Sign Contract with Sedara Security

County Clerk: Lois Hall

Lois reviewed statistics for DMV and the Clerk's Office which showed DMV transactions of 1,759 with fees for retention collected for April 2021 of \$14,682.73 with \$76,565.96 sales tax collected. COPRS internet fees collected year to date \$3,049.36. The County Clerk transactions were 3,115 and fees collected of \$226,198.64

Lois reported Yates County DMV opened June 1, 2021 to walk in customers from Yates County and our contiguous counties. Hours are 9:00 to 4:00. All CDL permits must be scheduled ahead of time as these permits are required to be taken in the DMV office at the AKTS machine. Class D and Class M permits may be taken online and once passed and approved these people can come to the office to be issued their permits. The drop box at the front of the building is still available for those that choose not to come into the building.

Personnel: Kerry Brennan

Kerry reminded everyone that summer hours have begun, as of June 1st the building is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kerry reported paper products will be collected this month for the Living Well. Anyone wanting to donate please bring your donation to the Personnel Office.

Kerry reviewed the Retiree Insurance Policy and asked the Committee to review it and get back to her with any corrections or suggestions. Kerry would like to adopt the policy in July.

County Administrator: Nonie Flynn

Nonie explained we continue to staff the front desk with the one employee that is not yet needed full time in Probation. Social Services employees continue to fill in for breaks and lunchtime. This should be reevaluated at the July meeting after we have had one month of DMV open to the public. The consensus of the Committee was to continue the position for another month.

Nonie questioned if the Committee wanted to have signs for "Social Distancing" and "No Social Distancing" for employees and the public in the chambers. The consensus of the Committee was to not have signs.

Bonnie moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual or individuals with Committee members, Legislators, County Administrator and the I.T. Director present. Seconded by Carlie.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.