

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

April 3, 2017

Committee members present: Jim Multer, Earle Gleason, Bonnie Percy, Jim Smith

Others present: Bill Holgate, Elden Morrison, Taylor Fitch, Terry Button, Leslie Church, Jim Balyszak, Lois Hall, Kerry Brennan, Ed Bronson, Tim Dennis, Dan Banach, Doug Paddock, Amy Miller, Nonie Flynn, Rick Willson, Arlene Willson, Tim Cutler, Connie Hayes, Ted Fafinski.

Jim and Bonnie will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented.

Soil & Water – Jim Balyszak

Jim reported the District staff will be completing a culvert inventory for the Town of Milo this year.

Jim reported District staff are completing a number of surveys and design work for agricultural grant projects that will be installed this year.

Jim reported Soil and Water are completing a number of requests for highway department hydrology studies and planning board site plan reviews for proper storm water management.

Jim reported with all the rain that we have had Soil and Water went back and checked the repair work that was done on the Outlet Trail. The stone work is doing what it needs to do.

Legislative Operations

Tim and Bob reviewed their thoughts on having a facilitator come in and conduct a Legislative Workshop. Ted Fafinski is an adjunct professor at FLCC that would be able to facilitate such a workshop. The purpose of the workshop would be to have the facilitator assist in developing a vision, mission and values for the Legislature.

Cornell Cooperative Extension – Arlene Wilson

Arlene updated the Committee on the various activities of the TANF Life Skills programs, the Community Nutrition program, and the 4H and Youth Development programs.

Arlene updated the Committee on the Invasive Species Program, Master Forest Owner Program, Northwest New York Dairy, Livestock and Field Crops.

IT – Tim Groth

Tim's monthly statistics were reviewed which showed 184 help desk calls, 541 incoming spam were blocked and 12 outgoing spam were blocked.

Tim updated the Committee on the progress of the website update, VOIP Telephone System issues and the renewal of the internet service provider.

Elections – Robert Brechko/Amy Daines

Bob and Amy could not attend the meeting. Their report was reviewed with no questions.

County Clerk – Lois Hall

Lois reviewed her statistical reports.

Lois updated the Committee on DMV issues such as Organ Donation Donate Life that will be promoted from April 1 through the 30th. A CDL road test site being set up in Auburn and Bath's site will close in June, along with the ongoing state computer issues.

Lois updated the Committee on the Finger Lakes County Clerk's meeting. Discussion on the SAFE ACT, pistol permit recertification and DMV issues, along with court procedure on real estate and mortgages and civil and criminal filings were discussed.

Clerk of the Legislature – Connie Hayes

Connie update the Committee on the Sales Tax renewal.

Connie updated the Committee on the status of the Insurance RFP and renewal process. Further discussion will take place at the May meeting.

Personnel – Kerry Brennan

Kerry reviewed the following current/upcoming events.

- Blood Drive – March 17th, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – County Auditorium
- NYS Retirement Appointments – May 11th and 12th – Personnel Conference Room

Kerry explained she would like to obtain information on the 2017 NACo Benefits Strategy and Benchmarking Survey and will pass it on when she receives it.

Kerry reviewed Workers Compensation Benchmark and Stewardship Reports for Yates County along with the Frequency and Severity of (Nine) NY County Workers Compensation Plans.

Kerry updated the Committee on the Affordable Care Act, Volunteer Fire Fighter Cancer Presumption Bill and the Personnel Office Vacancy Report.

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

- Authorize the Chairman to sign and amended agreement with Benetech.

County Administrator – Robert Lawton

Bob updated the Committee on the progress of County Website, Department Head Evaluations, and the Laser fiche program.

Bob reported on the various meetings and webinars he attended.

Bob handed out maps regarding the Dark Fiber and where state/federal funding is going to be used by various vendors. This showed what's serviced and underserved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.