

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

June 5, 2017

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

Others present: Leslie Church, Terry Button, Tim Dennis, Connie Hayes, Tim Groth, Bob Brechko, Bill Holgate, Ed Bronson, Arlene Wilson, Robert Lawton, Taylor Fitch, Doug Paddock, Dan Banach,

Mark and Jim Multer will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as presented.

Legislative Operations

Tim and Bob updated the Committee on the workshop that was held on May 21st to set Mission, Vision, and Values for the Legislature.

The following resolution was reviewed. The Committee approved.

- Adopt the Mission/Vision/Values of the Legislature

Tim reported he called Kaylee Benedict in the Governor's office regarding the lack of technical support for DMV.

Cornell Cooperative Extension – Arlene Wilson

Arlene reviewed the activities for the 4H and Youth Development and Master Gardener Programs.

Arlene reported on the Invasive Species Program and upcoming events, along with the Finger Lakes Grape Program, and the Cornell Vegetable Program.

Arlene reported a new Agriculture Educator has been hired. Interviews for the 4H Educator are complete and an offer has been made. Also, Cornell University Intern for Human Ecology has been selected and will be working with the Yates History Center on historical costumes and exhibit design.

IT – Tim Groth

Tim reviewed his monthly statistics which showed 194 help desk calls, 583 incoming spam blocked along with 3 viruses. There were 9 spam blocked in outgoing mail.

Tim updated the Committee on the progress of the new County Website.

Tim reported there are 6 candidates that he will be interviewing for the Computer Support Specialist positions. Interviews are starting this week.

Tim reviewed his capital plan.

Elections – Robert Brechko/Amy Daines

Bob reported on legislation to change the size of the voting districts. The Assembly has passed the bill and the Senate expects to pass it within two weeks.

With regards to the Federal Primary and State Local Primary being at the same time, the Senate has passed legislation to hold one primary on 3rd Tuesday in August to combine those primaries. The legislation is now in the Assembly and Bob doubts it will get passed this year.

Bob and Amy will be at a conference the week of the 20th to the 23rd.

Rob reported the office is working on printing contracts for the future and expects to have a resolution for the July meeting. The office has also completed visiting all the towns and villages.

County Clerk – Lois Hall

Lois could not attend the meeting. Her statistical report was reviewed.

The issues with DMV computers has become a daily problem. Dan brought to everyone's attention a letter that was in the Chronicle Express regarding the great job our DMV people are doing. Bonnie also stated that people from other counties come to our DMV office because of the way they are treated.

Clerk of the Legislature – Connie Hayes

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

- Resolution Proclaiming The Week Of July 10, 2017 As New York State Invasive Species Awareness Week

Personnel – Kerry Brennan

Kerry was unable to attend the meeting and submitted a written report which was reviewed with no questions.

County Administrator – Robert Lawton

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

- Discussion and proposed resolution to Authorize the County Administrator to issue a Request for Proposals for Labor and Employment Management Legal Consulting Services

Bob continues to work with the Yates County History Center for the filling of the Historian Position.

Bob reported with regards to the new county website a new rendering of the Yates County logo was done which is much clearer.

Bob reported this week he will be meeting with administrative department employees on their work anniversaries to express personal thanks for their services to the people of Yates County.

Bob reviewed meeting that he attended.

Bob reviewed a draft of a policy for the appointment of a department head.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm