

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
COMMITTEE MINUTES  
December 2, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Legislator Chris Palermo, Chair, Legislator Francis Mitchell, Committee Vice Chair, Legislator Michael H. Chapman, Legislator George Fearon, Legislator Linda Murphy, Legislator Daniel P. Sincebaugh, Legislator Ann Petrus

**EXCUSED:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chairman Roger Mills, Legislator Peter Tortorici, County Manager Wayne Allen, Director of Veteran's Affairs Nicholas Valenti, Director of Information Technologies Steve Johnson, Commissioner of Board of Elections Cheryl Heary and Clerk of the Legislature Mary Jones.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Christopher Palermo, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Fearon to approve minutes of November 6, 2008, seconded by Sincebaugh. All approved.

**APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS:**

**Board of Elections – Democratic Election Commissioner – 4 year term (1/1/09 – 1/1/13)**

**Katie Lacey, 49 Chedell Place, Auburn, New York. Motion to approve appointment made by Sincebaugh, seconded by Petrus. All in favor.**

**Board of Elections – Republican Election Commissioner – 4 year term (1/1/09 -1/1/13)**

**Cheryl Heary, 561 Dills Road, Union Springs, New York. Motion to approve appointment made by Sincebaugh, seconded by Petrus. All in favor.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**Johnson hands out Department update and advise that the second FIOS connection for the County service will be installed on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Other discussions included: Munis project, Nursing Home Wireless System; CEMO Wireless System; E-911 Back-up System; Verizon Analog line inventory; Chambers Microphone/Video System; Jail Management System; 2008 Computer Workstation Replacement; RPS4 tax server for replacement; 2008 Workstation replacement and service calls for the department.**

**Heary advises that a conference call was received by the State indicating that we might be using the old voting machines again. Heary and Sedor sent a letter to the State for written verification. Apparently the company that was hired to do the inspections lost their certification. Sincebaugh suggest send letters to the Towns and Villages to put them on notice. Heary will take care of that.**

**Heary also reports that the heat working on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor now; carpet has been installed in the basement and the results from the election are on the website.**

**Valenti announces his retirement at the end of the year.**

**Palermo suggests adopted the Rules of Order in January. The only change would be 10.**

**Rule**

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

- 12-8-GO-1 To Fix, Date Time and Place of Meeting to organize the Cayuga County Legislature for 2009. Motion made by Fearon, seconded by Mitchell. No discussion. All in favor.**
- 12-8-GO-2 Designating Newspaper to Publish County Matters. Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Petrus. No discussion. Palermo abstains. All others in favor.**
- 12-8-GO-3 Reallocate funding to fill Director of Veteran's Service on a full time basis and fill the Deputy Director of Veteran's Service on a part-time basis in the Veteran's Service Agency. Motion made by Fearon, seconded by Petrus. Discussion: Short discussion on salary for full time Director. Chapman advises he has spoken to other Counties and salaries range from \$32,000 to \$54,500.00. Palermo suggests \$42,000.00 to start and work up to higher salary. Chapman would like to know if the individual should be a certified Veteran's Counselor, though it is not required. Palermo states we will need an emergency resolution to advertise for the position and can decide the rest next year at the Government Operations Committee meeting. All in favor.**
- 12-8-GO-4 Amending the 2008 Board of Elections Budget and Authorizing the Purchase of a Printer and Copier for the Board of Elections. Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Petrus. Discussion: Heary advises that the resolution needs to be amended because the price is incorrect. Fearon points out that the resolved paragraph also has an error in that the purchase needs to come out of equipment not office supplies. Mitchell agrees and would like resolution to be fixed to show the price for each piece of equipment separately and that funds will be transferred to the equipment line for payment not office supplies. Heary will amend resolution for the Ways & Means committee meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve the amended resolution made by Mitchell, seconded by Petrus. All in favor.**
- 12-8-GO-5 To Adopt Local Law No. \_\_\_\_\_ For the Year 2008 Providing for a Salary Increase for the County Attorney, Who is Appointed for a Fixed-Term, During His Term. Motion made by Fearon, seconded by Sincebaugh. No discussion. All in favor.**

Motion made by Sincebaugh to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Murphy. All in favor.

Motion to approve minutes made January 6, 2009 by Fearon, seconded by Mitchell, as amended.