

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MINUTES
December 1, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislator George Fearon Committee Chair, Legislator Cynthia Aikman, Legislator Francis Mitchell, Legislator Tucker Whitman, Legislator Michael Chapman, Legislator Daniel Sincebaugh, Legislator Timothy Lattimore

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT: Legislator Steve Cuddeback, Legislator Stephen Barski, Legislator Paul Pinckney, County Administrator Thomas Squires, County Attorney Fred Westphal, Veterans Administrator Larry Wilt, County Treasurer James Orman, Board of Elections Commissioner Cheryl Heary, County Clerk Susan Dwyer, Joseph Runkle, Reporter Justin Murphy and Clerk of the Legislature Mary Jones.

CALL TO ORDER: Fearon called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

AGENDA:

Motion made to approve agenda by Aikman, seconded by Chapman. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Mitchell to approve minutes of November 1, 2011, seconded by Chapman, as written. All in favor.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Motion made by Chapman to enter into Executive Session at 6:50 pm., seconded by Sincebaugh.

Re: Personnel

Orman, Squires, Westphal and Jones present.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:58 pm by Mitchell, seconded by Sincebaugh. All in favor. No Action Taken.

Wilt discusses department updates. Advises committee that the new van will be delivered next week and should be on the road the following Monday.

Dwyer discusses department updates. Announces that the new County Historian is Linda Frank. Dwyer also advises that Career Day is 12/2/11 at the Auburn Jr. High School and that several department heads will be participating.

Chapman inquires whether or not the Code Enforcement Officer will be submitting a closing report. Westphal advises that he has asked for one.

Chapman states that he would like the County to adopt the OSHA and PESCH Policies for the County.

Jones asked committee "what if" there is not enough money to cover the Legislative party on the 9th. Would committee consider offsetting the cost? Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Sincebaugh. Aikman opposes. All others in favor.

Fearon discusses a Municipalities Policy in regard to the software at the Treasurer's Office. Will look into this more.

Fearon reads letter from constituent asking legislator's to oppose the expiration of the Millionaire's tax. Committee does not support sending letter.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 12-11-GO-1 A Resolution to Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature to sign a Software Maintenance contract for the Board of Elections. Motion made by Chapman, seconded by Sincebaugh. All in favor.
- 12-11-GO-2 Authorizing the Amendment of the Rules of Order-Cayuga County. Motion made by Chapman, seconded by Sincebaugh. Aikman opposes. All others in favor.
- 12-11-GO-3 Designating Newspapers to Publish County Matters for the Year 2012. Motion made by Chapman, seconded by Whitman. Lattimore opposes. All others in favor.
- 12-11-GO-4 To Fix Date, Time and Place of the Meeting to Organize the Cayuga County Legislature for 2012. Motion made by Sincebaugh, seconded by Chapman. All in favor.
- 12-11-GO-5 Authorization to Adopt the Ladder Safety Policy for the County of Cayuga. Motion made by Sincebaugh, seconded by Whitman. All in favor.
- 12-11-GO-6 (added 11/28/11) Authorizing the rejection of all RFP's for Code Enforcement Officers and authorizing the County Administrator to advertise and receive new RFP's with the new specifications. Motion made by Aikman, seconded by Chapman. Discussion: Chapman asked if there was any more information on how Oswego County handles their Code Enforcement. Westphal advises that he is looking into it. Lattimore asked what the net effect of the new proposal will be. Westphal advises that Code Enforcement will be provided by a vendor not County employee. Lattimore asked if our County employee was not going to be doing it anymore. Westphal advises that if we are going to discuss a certain employee we need to go into Executive Session. Lattimore states that he is not asking about a specific employee – he is talking about procedure. Fearon states that we have been providing Code Enforcement for very cheap. Fearon further states that Oswego County pays \$60,000. Chapman explains that you do not have the breakdown for Oswego County and that is what he is waiting to find out. All in favor.
- 12-11-GO-7 Authorizing the Hiring of a Part Time Clerk in the Veteran's Office. Motion made by Chapman, seconded by Lattimore. Sincebaugh abstains. All others in favor.

Motion to adjourn made at 7:55 pm made by Aikman, seconded by Whitman. All in favor.

Motion made to approve minutes on January 5, 2012 by Lattimore, seconded by Aikman, as written. Lattimore, Aikman, Fearon in favor.