

COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
March 25, 2008

PRESENT:

Leo Pulcher, Chairman
Valerie Bertram
Joseph Finn
William Hughes, Jr.
George Jahn
John Rutkey
Reginald Crowley
Bartholomew Delaney, Jr.

ABSENT:

Douglas McGivney, notified
Richard Keaveney, notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail Diosmose, Clerk
Diana Neceda
Arnold Schneider
Holly Tanner
Donald Kline
Roland Vosburgh
Pierre Gontier
Roy Brown
John Musall
Philip Williams

PRESS: 0

Chairman Pulcher called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

County Clerk: H. Tanner

Monthly Reports distributed and reviewed.

Updates on deed copies.

Weights and Measures:

The monthly reports for January 08 and March 08 were distributed for review, motion to approve by G. Jahn, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

A. Schneider then addressed the committee on the kerosene investigation. He suggested that the ultra low sulfur (15 ppm) may be impacting wick type heaters. The consumers that changed back to the older product (400 ppm sulfur) were not experiencing the wick issues. Therefore, A. Schneider cautioned buyers to be aware of this difference if they are having problems with their heaters. Also make their suppliers aware of any problems they have, and finally should contact the manufacturer of their heaters. At this point it is a customer service issue.

Veteran's Monthly Report for January 08 had been placed within Committee Supervisor's mailboxes for review. Motion to approve by G. Jahn, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

Payroll/Accounts Payable: D. Neceda

Conference: 42nd Annual County Finance School on April 30th - May 2nd in Syracuse, NY, One (1) attending at a cost of \$500.00 approx., motion by W. Hughes, Jr. , seconded by G. Jahn, motion carried.

Planning Dept.: R. Vosburgh

Conference: Spring Census Affiliate on May 14th-16th in West Point, NY, one (1) attending at a cost of \$100.00, motion by J. Finn, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

Environmental Management Council: P. Gontier

Distribution of the Proposed 2008 EMC Work Program (Goals) were addressed.

EMC Motions: air monitoring stations in Columbia County and intervene to request a more timely answer.

County Sanitary code: Asking for support for the Health Dept, to investigate the need to establish a County Sanitary Code.

Requesting a Legal Opinion on the validity of the Council's Bylaws and if By-laws are found to be invalid the Council requests the County to prepare Bylaws and secure the

necessary review and approval of said Bylaws. A motion by V. Bertram, seconded by G. Jahn approving the Work Program (Goals).

Board of Elections: D. Kline

Resolution Request: Authorization for the Board of Elections to create a pool of eight (8) election workers to be paid as employees through the Payroll process and authorization to amend the 2008 budget as follows: From Account A01450004160 - \$10,000 to Account A01450001000 – \$10,000 , motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by G. Jahn, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorization to Abolish (2) Two positions of Sr. Clerk @ \$30,606.00 and create and fill (2) Two positions of Election Specialist positions @ \$33,600.00 retroactive to January 1, 2008, motion by V. Bertram, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried. This will be forwarded to Budget & Salary Review Committee for approval.

Clerk of the Board: G. DiCosmo

Resolution Request: Authorizing a petty cash account in the amount of \$200.00 to assist the Chairman more effectively conducting business. Motion by V. Bertram, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorizing a stipend for the Director of Veteran's Agency in the amount of \$5,000. and reimbursement for mileage retroactive to January 1, 2008, motion by V. Bertram, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM by G. Jahn, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.