

MINUTES

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 8, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Lasher, Donalty, Kolczynski, Chatfield, Miller, Groat and Eygnor, Fiscal Assistant Brian Sams, Human Resource Director Chris Kalinski, County Attorney Dan Connors and Board of Election Commissioners John Zornow and Mark Alquist.

Minutes from the September 1st Committee meeting were approved as written.

Town of Rose Council Members Christine Rice and Henry Dumphy were present at the meeting to support the County becoming a Constitutional County. Ms. Rice read a statement requesting the Board of Supervisors support and respect the Constitution of the United States and its amendments, and establish an environment in which the citizen of the County can pursue life, liberty and happiness unencumbered by excessive and oppressive government mandates and intrusions. The Town of Rose has taken action to be a Constitutional Town. A packet of information, including approximately 300 signatures in support of a Constitutional County, was distributed. This designation occurs when a resolution is passed by a legislative body accepting the concept of a Constitutional County. The adopting body simply states it will not use any assets to support State or Federal interventions that are contrary to the United States Constitution. Supervisor Lasher reviewed his time in the military, and other military members defense of the Constitution of the United States, and the need to continue to defend it. He stated the need to remind both State and Federal government representatives they need to support and respect the Constitution of the United States. Supervisor Miller voiced his support for the request; however, questioned what impact this action would actually have for County residents. Mr. Lasher said this is a gesture to the State to let them know our government still stands for the principals of the Constitution, even if they do not.

Mr. Zornow presented a transmittal requesting authorization for the Chairman of the Board to sign a reimbursement contract with the New York State Board of Elections for an Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant in the amount of \$25,660. The funds will be used to reimburse the Department for eligible expenses for postage paid for absentee ballots and absentee ballot applications. Approved 5-0.

Mr. Chatfield made a motion the Committee enter into executive session at 9:06 a.m. with Mr. Sams, Mrs. Kalinski and Wayne County Weights and Measures Director Ted Dymont to discuss a personnel issue, Mr. Donalty second. The regular meeting resumed at 9:12 a.m.

The following transmittals were referred to the Government Operations Committee:

--Authorization to create the position of Secretary 1 and abolish the position of Senior Clerk/Typist at the Department of Economic Development and Planning. Approved 4-0,

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Supervisor Kolczynski abstained from voting on all pass-thru transmittals, as he does not see the value in them coming before a second Committee after being approved by their Standing Committee.

---Authorization to create the position of Senior Planner and abolish the position of Planner at the Department of Economic Development and Planning. Approved 4-0, Supervisor Kolczynski abstained from voting.

--Authorization to create the position of full-time Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and abolish a part-time Nurse Practitioner position. Approved 4-0, Supervisor Kolczynski abstained from voting.

--Authorization to amend the salary for Graduate Nurse positions at the County Nursing Home to \$2 less an hour than the Registered Nurse hire rate. Approved 4-0, Supervisor Kolczynski abstained from voting.

When Mr. Connors addressed the Committee he noted all counties in New York are Constitutional Counties and subject to both State and Federal Constitutions. He does not understand the impact of the request made earlier in the meeting for the County to make a declaration of being a Constitutional County. Supervisors requested Mr. Connors review the legislation that was provided to the Committee today and explain to them more thoroughly at their next meeting what this symbolic step means.

The monthly report for the County Attorney's Office was included with the agenda. During August the Department drafted and/or reviewed 43 contracts, 57 insurance certificates, one notice of claim and one accident report. The Office received 59 Freedom of Information requests, six subpoenas and one employee grievance. Mr. Connors reported new litigation cases are keeping the Office busy.

Supervisor Miller noted the Palmyra Town Court is seeing a reduction in activity; he questioned if other townships were seeing the same. It was noted there are fewer arrests being made, as not as many Officers are on the road and this could be the reason for less court activity.

Mr. Sams presented the following transmittals:

--Authorization to continue the shared services agreement with Sodus Central School District for grant management services. This would increase the compensation paid for the County's Grant Manager through the school contract from \$30,000 this year to \$35,000 in 2023. Supervisor Kolczynski questioned why the contract for 2022 services is just going through the Committee at this time, asking if this vendor has been paid without a contract in place. Supervisor Chatfield said the only grants he is aware Mr. Roscup obtained for the County were Community School Grants, questioning if they were for school districts or the County. He asked if the County's Grant

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Manager services were available to towns; he asked for assistance with a grant and did not receive any. Mr. Donalty made a motion the request for the two-year contract and price increase be table pending additional information on what grants the Grant Manager has obtained for the County. There was no second. It was noted the transmittal states the Grant Manager has brought \$4.5 million in grant funds to the County since he was put on staff in 2020. Members asked for a return on investment statement from Mr. Roscup for the services he has provided the County. It was agreed the request would be amended to only approve the Grant Manager contract with Sodus Central School District for 2022. Approved 5-0.

--Authorization to establish 2023 Workers' Compensation Plan premium equivalents. The County's premium for the coming year is \$1,225,937. Premium rates are computed using assessed property value, payroll and claims experience. At this time, claims experience is spread over a three-year period in premiums; Mr. Sams noted this could be increased to five years. He also noted the \$20,000 cap per claim, questioning if this should be increased. It was agreed Mr. Sams would compare Wayne County's premium formula with other counties to see where improvements could be made. He will have a report on this prior to developing premiums for the 2024 Workers' Comp Plan. Approved 5-0.

Mrs. Kalinski informed Supervisors there were 13 new hires during August and 26 resignations/terminations in the County work force. The Nursing Home began offering staff 12-hour shifts during the month; only six staff members have signed up for this. The stress of working 12 straight hours, and/or working mandated overtime was discussed. Mrs. Kalinski reported applications for County employment are up slightly.

Supervisor Groat ask Chairman Eygnor if any action has been taken to review the need for transmittals to come before a second Committee once they are approved by a Standing Committee. Mr. Eygnor stated he has started planning for a small committee to be put in place this fall to review the County's Rules of Order, as there are several areas in need of updating.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m. At 9:52 a.m. members of the Committee were requested to reconvene as there was an additional request in need of action.

Mr. Lasher presented a transmittal requesting authorization for the Board of Supervisors to oppose a New York State Assembly Bill regarding the State's Concealed Carry Law. Members agreed they opposed the new law. Approved 4-0, Supervisor Miller was not present for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting of the Government Operations Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 6th at 9:00 a.m.