

COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

April 22, 2008

PRESENT:

**Valerie Bertram, Deputy Chair
Joseph Finn
Thomas Dias
William Hughes, Jr.
Reginald Crowley
Richard Keaveney
Bart Delaney, Jr.**

ABSENT:

**Leo Pulcher, notified
George Jahn, notified
John Rutkey, notified
Douglas McGivney, notified**

ALSO PRESENT:

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Philip Williams
John Musall
Holly Tanner**

PRESS: 0

Deputy Chair V. Bertram called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

County Clerk: H. Tanner

Monthly Report for March was distributed and reviewed. Deputy Chair Williams requested H. Tanner to do comparables from last year's numbers.

Resolution Request: Authorization to maintain a pool of six (6) Part-time Clerk/Typist positions on a per diem basis at Grade 10 (2007) salary of \$23,650.00, these positions will not exceed more than 1300 hours on an annual basis, motion by T. Dias, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary Review Committee in May.

Resolution Request: Authorization to distribute Mortgage Tax Monies collected in the office of the Columbia County Clerk for the six-month period from October 2007 – March 2008 totaling \$968,308.72, per the attached schedule and pending approval by NYS Dept. of Tax & Finance. Motion by T. Dias, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorization for Columbia County to join the Chamber of Commerce, at an annual cost of \$541.00 to take advantage of their marketing services and other available benefits, motion by T. Dias, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Updates were given on Records Storage Issues; H. Tanner stated needs assessment is being done.

Planning Department: R. Vosburgh (Chair Presented)

Resolution Request: Appointing a member to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council from the Town of Chatham, Deirdre Hendersen for a term of two (2) years beginning May 14, 2008 and ending May 14, 2010, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by T. Dias, motion carried.

Conference: Planning & Development Strategies for Conserving Woodland Pool Wildlife on May 5, 2008 in Acra, NY with one (1) attending at a total cost of \$25.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by T. Dias, motion carried.

Conference: Planning for Biodiversity on April 29, 2008 at Marist College with one (1) attending at a total cost of \$15.00, motion by T. Dias, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

Conference Feedback Form was reviewed by committee members and a motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by T. Dias, to approve said form.

Weights & Measures: (Chair presented)

Conference: NYS Annual Training and Conference in Syracuse, NY on June 16th thru June 20th, 2008 with one (1) attending at a total cost of \$552.00, motion by T. Dias , seconded by P. Williams, motion carried.

The monthly report for March 2008 was distributed for review, motion to approve by T. Dias, seconded by R. Crowley, motion carried.

Resolution Request from the Budget and Salary Review Committee: Authorizing to contract with D. Katzenstein for the purpose of over site, compilation of information and the creation of a Transportation Plan for Columbia County at a cost of \$1,000 per month for a period up to 4 months plus out of pockets expenses (mileage), motion by T. Dias, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Voting Machines were briefly discussed. Deputy P. Williams informed the committee a meeting is scheduled with the Chairman on April 23, 2008 to find out exactly what is going on. This will be further discussed at the Finance Committee on May, 1, 2008.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM by T. Dias, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

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