

COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

June 24, 2008

**PRESENT:**

Leo Pulcher, Chairman  
Valerie Bertram  
John Rutkey  
William Hughes, Jr.  
Reginald Crowley  
Bart Delaney, Jr.  
Thomas Dias  
Douglas McGivney

**ABSENT:**

Joseph Finn, notified  
George Jahn, notified

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**ALSO PRESENT:**

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Roland Vosburgh  
Pierre Gontier  
David Katzenstein  
Diana Neceda  
David Cohen  
John Musall  
Philip Williams

Chairman Pulcher called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

EMC (Environmental Management Council) Pierre Gontier, Chairman

Presentation-Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors re: Requesting the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation to establish a Temporary Air Monitoring Station in Columbia County in 2009. Supervisor V. Bertram and D. McGivney, including R. Vosburgh will work with D. E. C. to find a site for the Air Monitoring System. D.E.C. will fund the entire cost of operating the temporary air monitoring station (including electricity at the site) and only requires that a suitable site be provided at no cost to the County.

**Resolution Request:** Authorizing NYS DEC to establish a Temporary Air Monitoring Station in Columbia County in 2009 or sooner, motion by T. Dias, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

**PLANNING:** R. Vosburgh

**Resolution Request:** Resolution appointing members to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council from the Town of Copake and the Town of Germantown, motion by V. Bertram, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.

Conference Feedback Forms were distributed to committee for review and approval, motion by T. Dias, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr. to approve, motion carried.

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS:** D. Cohen

**Resolution Request:** Amending Resolution No.159-2008 to change the hourly rate of Election Workers from \$30.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour, motion by T. Dias, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried. This request is to be referred to the Budget and Salary Committee and the Finance Committee for final approval.

Lengthy discussion ensued in reference to the voting machines Plan A or Plan B. **Motion to approve including plan A made by D. McGivney and seconded by W. Hughes, motion failed to pass. L. Pulcher, V. Bertram, J. Rutkey, R. Crowley, B. Delaney and T. Dias, all opposed, decision requires additional information. D. Cohen was asked to provide additional information to the members, for the purpose of making a decision.**

**TRANSPORTATION:** D. Katzenstein

Discussion ensued regarding progress of transportation plan and it was suggested that a Sub-Committee be formed with no more than 3 members to address creation and implementation of plan, compilation of information, need to repair and/or replace current equipment, policy, financial impact of a mid day run. The need for repairing the current bus was addressed and the Committee requested that the specifics of cost and repairs necessary, be forwarded to Finance. Transportation plan information collected, to date, and any other information pertaining to the plan was also to be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. made by V. Bertram and seconded by J. Musall, motion carried.