

COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
October 27, 2009

PRESENT:

Leo Pulcher, Chairman
Lynda Scheer
Valerie Bertram
Joseph Finn
John Rutkey
Thomas Dias
Bart Delaney, Jr.
William Hughes Jr.

ABSENT:

Philip Williams-notified
George Jahn-notified
Douglas McGivney-notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Alberta Cox, Deputy Clerk
Arnold Schneider
Diana Neceda
Holly Tanner
Nancy Schultz
Virginia Martin

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

Veteran's Service Agency- G. Flaherty:

Handed out the September's monthly report for the committee to review. Motion to accept the report made by W. Hughes Jr., seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried.

G. Flaherty reported on the Veterans Day activities around the county. Brought to the attention of the Committee a Letter for the VA in regards to minimize the number of County Van trips. Unfortunately they cannot help with a specific schedule for clinics.

Will start working with Nursing Homes in regard to accepting Medical Prescriptions to the Veterans at their Facilities.

The Committee expressed their thanks to Gary for his commitment and all the hard work that he does for the Veterans.

County Clerk- H. Tanner:

Monthly Reports; Handed out the 2008 & 2009 Mortgage Tax distribution spreadsheet for the committee to review.

Resolution Request: Authorization to amend the 2009 budget, adding a revenue account and .2 account to upgrade computer software and records management purposes. Approved in Budget & Salary. Motion to approve was made by B. Delaney Jr., seconded by J. Rutkey, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill a budgeted position of full-time Index Clerk GR10 salary of \$32837.00 and to abolish the Part-Time Clerk. Motion to approve was made by L. Scheer, seconded by T. Dias, motion carried. Approved in Budget & Salary. Refer to Finance

Resolution Request: Authorization to distribute Mortgage Tax monies collected, pending approval by NYS Dept. Tax and Finance. Approved in Budget & Salary. Motion to approve was made by W. Hughes Jr., motion carried. Refer to Finance

Discussion on the recent Governor's proposal of issuing new License plates to all registrants. The county Clerk has had a petition against the proposal out for some time and has many signatures already.

Board of Elections- V. Martin:

Reported on the Elections activities: Started working with the Management facilitator, Nancy Schultz, who was present, and who also gave a brief description on what she hopes to accomplish within the Election Board.

Stated that the Poll Site Specialists were a full complement (22) hired, trained, and working.

Resolution Request: Authorization for two part-time clerks for a 15-20 hours/week @ \$15/hour at a cost of \$23,400 and to amend the 2010 budget to reflect that expense. After discussion it was agreed to have the resolution resubmitted and brought to the next Budget and Salary Review Committee for approval.

V. Martin also spoke on the Equal Voting Access program (Susan Cohen/Voting Access Solutions). Participation of a third inspector training on October 17th, along with a custodian and party-rep training. Handed out the Official Columbia County 2009 Primary Results for the committee to review. Spoke on the upcoming General election on November 3rd, 2009.

Stated there may be Litigation to declare NYS Election Reform and Modernization Act unconstitutional. Looking at participating with other counties to join lawsuit as plaintiffs, to provide legal assistance and meetings with potential litigators (NYC, Albany).

Handed out various testimonies she had participated in.

Weights and Measurers- A. Schneider:

Presented to the committee his September's Report for review and approval. Motion to accept was made by T. Dias, seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion accepted.

Payroll & Accounts Payable: Diana Neceda

Updated the committee on the Payroll / HR / Financial Software project. Spoke on the Sept 29, Visit to Ulster County to look at their MUNIS Software. Attending were J. Rutkey Jr., C. Hogencamp, B. Stickle, and D. Neceda.

Presentations from different software vendors were held with good response.

IBM/Oracle: JD EDWARDS PRODUCT on Oct 22, 2009,

Tyler Technologies: MUNIS on Oct 23, 2009;

Tax Collection Software with Treasurer's office, Real Property and Data Processing. Oct. 23rd.

Empire Software Solutions on Scheduling software designed for law enforcement agencies held on Oct 27, 2009

Time Line for the project, we're looking to be up and running by the middle of December, 2010.

Payroll Inserts for informational review. Nationwide (Deferred Compensation Plan (457), County Treasurer; Health insurance open transfer period for 2010 and the County Treasurer: health Insurance Buy-Out for 2010

With no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM motion by T. Dias, seconded by W. Hughes Jr., motion carried.