

Joint Meeting

Ways & Means Committee & Governmental Operations

May 18, 2006 at 7 PM

Present: Pappert, Dudley, Lepak, Palermo, Petrus, Tortorici, Mitchell, Murphy, Schuster, Sedor, Fearon, Cuddeback, Taggerty, S. Smith, Brew, Outhouse

Paul M. Dudley, Chairperson of the Governmental Operations Committee gaveled the meeting to order at 7 PM.

The purpose of the joint meeting was to review proposals from three New York State Contract vendors to provide cell phone and paging services for the county.

Verizon Wireless offered to provide the county with 35,000 minutes of cell time for \$5,000 a month. Their peak time is from 6 AM to 9 PM. The Verizon dead area basically covers south eastern Cayuga County. Wireless priority text message service will be available after August 15, 2006. The firm offered to do a quarterly analysis of county usage.

Nextel informed the committee that it currently has no coverage in the Northeastern part of the county and in the south eastern part of the county. However, a new tower is scheduled to be built in Moravia along with two new towers in the Auburn area.

Nextel provides map point software along with Direct Connect and Priority Connect.

Nextel offered to provide 180 free phones, plus seed stock. GPS service is available for \$20 per month.

Cingular Wireless offered the county a GSM system. Enterprise paging would cost an additional \$10 per phone.

Motion by Pappert, seconded by Petrus to appoint a sub committee of Paul Dudley, Sheriff Outhouse and Chris Palermo to further evaluate the proposals presented. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion by Ms. Petrus to adjourn the joint committee meeting at 9 PM. All members present voted in favor of the motion to adjourn.