



MINUTES
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TIME AND DATE CHANGE: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 – 4:30PM -BEFORE W&M's
Live Stream Link -<https://youtu.be/-Lk8im3PKDw>

CALL TO ORDER: By Hon. Ryan Foley, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:36PM

MEMBERS: Legislators, Tricia Kerr, Heidi Nightengale, Hans Pecher, Chris Petrus (Vice Chair) Mark Strong and Tucker Whitman

EXCUSED: Chris Petrus, Tricia Kerr (Remote), and Tucker Whitman

OTHERS: County Attorney Chris Palermo, CIO Tom Bunn, County Clerk Sue Dwyer, Treasurer Jim Orman, BOE Commissioner Katie Lacey, IT Computer Technician Jeff Gould, and Deputy Clerk of Legislature Amanda Morgan

MINUTES TO APPROVE: July 8, 2021, **Motion by Strong, 2nd by Pecher, all in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE:

Cherl Heary and Katie Lacey (Board of Elections) –

During the month of July the staff processed 829 transactions; 218 new registrations, 168 transfers from other Counties, 29 name changes and 414 party changes. (The party changes are an accumulation from February 14th thru the Primary date, June 22nd.)

During early July we completed the tasks related to the June 22nd primary. The new State requirement that all elections that are within 20 votes must be recounted by hand led to our recounting five local races. No discrepancies were shown.

We have received notification of two new State grants. We will be receiving approximately \$19,000.00 for expenses of Early Voting and \$74,000.00 for technology improvements related to connectivity between our office and individual poll sites. Two resolutions will be presented to the Committee for accepting those grants.

We have been served in a law suit related to the Skaneateles School Board election. We provided voting machines and programmed the machines for their election. Two losing candidates have challenged results and are requesting that the Education Commissioner order a new election. In cooperation with the County Attorney our office has provided an affidavit describing our role in the election.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

Motion by Pecher to bundle GO 3 & 4, 2nd by Nightengale, all in favor.

8-21-GO-3 Authorizing the Chair to execute a contract with NYS to secure Grant Funding for the Board of Elections to expand Early Voting

8-21-GO-4 Accepting Board of Elections Grant Funds from NYS for Technology upgrades to Election Software, Equipment, and Infrastructure

Sheila Smith (Clerk of the Legislature) –

Because of the increase in COVID

Student Day will not take place at the October 26, Legislature Meeting, the Legislature meeting will be at the regular time of 6:00PM.

Employee Recognition Luncheon will not take place in September, certificates and pins will be given to Department Heads to be given to their honored employees.

Christopher Palermo (County Attorney) – no updates

Susan Dwyer (County Clerk) – no updates

Tom Bunn (Information Technology) –

I have no updates at this time as I am still taking things in. Obviously would like to extend my thanks to everyone for the opportunity!

Lindsey Wilkinson (Veterans Temp. Director): no updates

RESOLUTIONS:

CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

Motion by Nightengale to bundle GO 1, 2 & 5, 2nd by Strong, all in favor.

8-21-GO-1 (Revised 8-12-21) Cayuga Community College Capital Project

8-21-GO-2 Authorizing the approval of the purchase and sale agreement between Cayuga Community College (The “College”)and Bowtak,Inc. for the 83-87 Wall St., Auburn, NY (The “Property”); Authorizing the County to accept the property, to be held in trust for Cayuga Community College; Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to sign documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition of the property.

8-21-GO-5 (Added 8-12-21) Acceptance of Shared Services Revenue from the City of Auburn.

Motion by Strong to adjourn at 5:23PM, 2nd by Pecher, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 5:30PM

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