

STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

May 26, 2009

1:00 P.M.

County Office Building

PRESENT: Milferd Potter, Chairman; Legislators Bob Hayes, Lee Walker, Jack Proud, Mike Kunzwiler

STAFF &

GUESTS: Legislature Chairman Barry Leemann, Legislator Margaret Kastler, Legislator Art Ospelt, Richard Mitchell, Phil Church, Terri Somers

EXCUSED: Legislators Bryant and Oldenburg

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chairman Potter.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 23, 3009 meeting were approved upon motion by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Hayes with all in favor.

District Attorney – NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Grant

DA Donald Dodd explained that he has applied for and received a grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. The purpose of the grant is to retain Assistant District Attorney's. The county has previously accepted the grant in the amount of \$16,673. The DA would now like to disburse the funds. Legislator Hayes asked if this is ongoing with the DA explaining only as long as the State makes it available. Motion to approve by Legislator Kunzwiler, seconded by Legislator Proud with all in favor.

New Business:

Administrator Phil Church discussed the proposed legislation that would be a takeover of public defense. It failed but is now back with a vengeance. Phil has asked Rich Mitchell and Steve Green to look at it. If this were adopted the State would take over all defense. Employees would be state. A FOIL request has been received from the State which is being looked at by the County Attorney. The requested information would involve thousands of copies. The Administrator stated that no action needs to be taken at this time; however they are looking into it and the Administrator wanted the members to be aware of it.

Road Tax

Legislator Walker discussed the \$10.00 per year road tax on cars when they are registered. He would like to see this eliminated. The Administrator stated that this issue

would need to go before the Community and Consumer Affairs Committee. Motion to move the matter to the Community and Consumer Affairs Committee by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Kunzwiler with all in favor.

ADJOURN

There being no further business a motion was made by Legislator Kunzwiler to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Walker. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.