

Strategic Planning and Government Committee
Monday, November 23, 2009
10:00 A.M.
County Office Building

PRESENT: Hon. Milferd Potter, Chairman; Legislators Mike Kunzwiler, Jim Bryant, Bob Hayes, Jim Oldenburg, John Proud, Lee Walker

STAFF &

GUESTS: Legislators Paul Santore, Lou LeClair, Margaret Kastler, Morris Sorbello, Legislature Chairman Barry Leemann, Richard Mitchell, Fred Maxon, Donald Dodd, Paul Stoner, Sue Pringle, Legislator Elect Amy Tresidder, Terri Somers

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Potter.

MINUTES – The minutes of the October 26, 2009 meeting were approved upon motion by Legislator Proud, seconded by Legislator Proud with the following correction: *The October minutes reflect that Legislator Doyle seconded a motion to go into Executive Session. Legislator Doyle is not a member of this committee. It should state Legislator Proud.* All in favor except Legislators Bryant and Kunzwiler who abstained.

OLD VIDEOS OF LEGISLATURE MEETINGS

A discussion was held with regard to the videotapes being stored from prior meetings. Legislature Clerk Jerrett sent a memo explaining that the videos are consuming valuable file space and those over five years old are rarely requested. Legislator Bryant suggested offering them to schools as a learning tool. He stated that school students learn about government and these tapes may be helpful. Motion by Legislator Bryant to offer the videos to the Legislature first and then give them to schools. The most current five years worth of videos will be maintained by the County before offering them to the Legislature and schools. Motion seconded by Legislator Kunzwiler with all in favor.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Budget Modification – Personnel Services. The District Attorney, Donald Dodd, requested approval of a budget modification to cover a shortage in vacation buy-back in the amount of \$2,056. Motion to approve by Legislator Kunzwiler, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg with all in favor.

Budget Modification – Contingency Fund Application – the District Attorney, Donald Dodd explained that there is going to be a substantial short fall of monies in the Medical Examiner/Coroners component of the DA's budget for Medical Fees and Other Fees and Services. These fees pay for autopsies and toxicological exams as well as transportation

costs to Menters Ambulance to transport deceased from scene to the ME's Office. The DA requests 30,000.00 from funds balance and contingency account. Motion to approve by Legislator Hayes, seconded by Legislator Bryant with all in favor.

STOP DWI Plan – 2010.

Paul Stoner, STOP DWI Coordinator reviewed the 2010 budget with the members. Motion to approve by Legislator Kunzwiler, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg with all in favor.

FULTON CITY TOWER CONSTRUCTION

Existing tower structures at the Operation Center in Fulton need to be replaced. The Nuclear Facilities have expressed a desire to fund this project for \$15,000.00 including removal and disposal of the old structures. The funding is only available through the end of the year. The new towers would be located at Water Tower Hill in Fulton. Establishment of a new Capital project needs to be created. County Attorney Mitchell advised that the Fulton city Council will deed the property to the County for \$1.00. If the county ceases to use the property for one year it would go back to Fulton. Motion to approve by Legislator Hayes, seconded by Legislator Kunzwiler with all in favor.

REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF OSWEGO

Legislator Kunzwiler made a motion to take the request from the City of Oswego regarding property off the table for discussion, seconded by Legislator Walker.

Administrator Church stated that Wal-Mart is not interested in paying for the property. It is a project of the City of Oswego to develop the street. The City has asked us to deed the property over to them. It was explained that the State DOT will develop the intersection. Legislator Kunzwiler stated that he has spoken with the Mayor and that the road will be connected to George Street. Legislator Oldenburg stated that the road will go directly to Wal-Mart and he sees no reason why they cannot pay for it. Legislator Santore explained that this is a safety issue. Legislator Walker withdrew his second and made a motion to Table the issue, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg. Legislator Proud voted to table. Legislator Bryant, Kunzwiler, Hayes and Potter opposed. Motion fails. Following lengthy discussion a motion was made by Legislator Kunzwiler, seconded by Legislator Walker to deed the property over to the city. All in favor with the exception of Legislator Oldenburg who is opposed.

BUDGET REVIEWS:

Clerk of the Legislature. Motion to approve by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Kunzwiler with all in favor

County Attorney – Motion to approve by Legislator Kunzwiler, seconded by Legislator Proud with all in favor.

Public Defender. Motion to approve by Legislator Oldenburg seconded by Legislator Kunzwiler with all in favor.

County legislature and Office of the Chairman. Motion to approve by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg with all in favor

District Attorney. The DA requested that an additional position of full time D.A. be created at \$64,887. He further requested the creation of two additional Corners at \$5,033 each. There was no action taken on the positions requested. The County Administrator stated that he looked at all departments and no positions were funded that did not bring in revenue. The DA's budget was approved as submitted without the additional positions. Motion by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Hayes with all in favor except Legislator Bryant who is opposed.

Five minute recess

STOP DWI Plan – Motion to approve by Legislator Proud, seconded by Legislator Hayes with all in favor.

Oswego County Library Council – Motion to approve \$55,000 allocation by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Hayes with all in favor.

Legislator Kunzwiler left at 11:05 A.M.

Resolution Appointing County Attorney for County of Oswego. It was noted that the date is incorrect. Motion to fix date by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg. Motion to approve by Legislator Oldenburg, seconded by Legislator Walker with all in favor.

Resolution Designating the Official Newspapers for Publication of All Election Notices, Official Canvass, Local Laws, Notices and Other Matters Required by Law to be Published. It was explained that this resolution will go to both caucuses and be filled in at the meeting. Motion to approve by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Proud with all in favor.

Resolution Authorizing the Chairman and Clerk to Handle All Unfinished Business through 12/21/09. Motion to approve by Legislator Oldenburg, seconded by Legislator Proud with all in favor.

Resolution Fixing the Time and place for the 2010 Organization Meeting. The date of January 7, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. was suggested. Motion to approve by Legislator Bryant, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg with all in favor.

Adjourn – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Potter with all in favor. Meeting ended at noon.