

COUNTY OF OSWEGO
STRATEGIC PLANNING AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
January 25, 2010

PRESENT:

Leg. Milferd Potter, Chair
Leg. Michael Kunzwiler, Vice Chair
Leg. Mark Fruce
Leg. James Oldenburg
Leg. Robert Hayes
Leg. John Proud
Leg. Doug Malone

STAFF/GUESTS:

Legs. LeClair, Tresidder, Wilbur, Kastler, Lockwood, Sakonyi
Hon. Barry Leemann, Chairman of the Legislature
Philip Church, County Administrator
Fred Maxon, Purchasing Director
John Kruk, County Treasurer
Dave Hastings, Director of Real Property
Andrew Curran, Chairman of Os. Co. Public Utility Svc. Board
Myron & Sue Pringle

MEDIA:

Aaron Curtis, Pall Times

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Committee Chair Potter called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

1. Minutes of November 23, 2009:

Motion to approve: Legislator Kunzwiler
Second: Legislator Oldenburg
Vote: Unanimous

2. Oswego County Public Utility Service Board Annual Report:

Review of 2009 Annual Report for "Power For Progress" was given by Andrew Curran, Chairman of the Oswego County Public Utility Services Board.

Mr. Curran reported that total energy rebates for all participants were down in 2009 and that the program has been fairly successful. It was explained that the changes were due to James A. Fitzpatrick not operating at 100% power and the market cost of power. Mr. Curran suggested making it a priority to attract new business to the area to turn things around. The Oswego County Public Utility Service Board is suggesting to the committee that the Power For Progress Program be extended past its December 31, 2010 expiration date and that allocation be increased beyond 10 mega watts. He stated that the program impacted about 3600 jobs. Fred Maxon, Director of Purchasing distributed the rebate report to committee members. Legislator Kastler asked why schools weren't part of the program. Mr. Curran replied that the program was designed to attract businesses and create jobs and that none of school districts applied to be part of the program. County Administrator Church stated that the schools were in a cooperative with BOCES and decided not to participate in the program.

Motion to accept report: Legislator Kunzwiler
Second: Legislator Proud
Vote: Unanimous

3. Resolution changing the time and place of August and November legislative meetings:

Request by Legislators Potter and Doyle to move the August 12, 2010 legislative meeting from the Oswego County Legislative Office Building to the H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse in Pulaski, NY and to change the date of the November 11, 2010 meeting to November 10, 2010 at 2:00 pm.

Motion to support request: Legislator Kunzwiler
Second: Legislator Oldenburg
Vote: Unanimous

4. Review of Legislative Rules of Order:

Legislative Rules of Order were reviewed by the committee with no changes made.

Motion to approve as is: Legislator Kunzwiler

Second: Legislator Proud

Vote: Unanimous

5. Review of Strategic Plan:

County Administrator Church reported that the Strategic Plan was five years old and recommended the committee review plan and make changes. Some proposed updates under Finance would be: (1) property tax rate; (2) current status of the 10% fund balance; (3) establishing guidelines for issuance of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements has not been followed up on; (4) uniform sales tax needs to include Fulton; (5) Planning Department now handles grants; (6) budget development process has been completed. Changes to the Operations section would be: (1) need a more formal process for the rationale of providing non-mandated services; (2) providing certain functions by county staff or through contractual arrangements is still ongoing; (3) lowering costs; (4) funding for authorized agencies established in 2006, created a more formal process in 2007; (5) economic development is still continuing, need to update current status; (6) Airport, advisory council; (7) solid waste, Legislature approved enterprise funding. A motion was made for the County Administrator to update the Strategic Plan and have available for the committee to review at the next meeting.

Motion to support request: Legislator Kunzwiler

Second: Legislator Oldenburg

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Legislator Kunzwiler moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Legislator Proud

Vote: Unanimous