

Strategic Planning and Government Committee
Monday, March 24, 2008
10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Arthur Ospelt, Chairman; Legislators Milferd Potter, Jack Proud, Mike Kunzwiler, James Bryant, Jim Oldenburg, Lee Walker

ALSO: Barry Leemann, Chairman of the Legislature; Phil Church, County Administrator; Legislator Margaret Kastler, Fred Maxon, Chris Gosek, Mr. & Mrs. Pringle.

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

MINUTES –

The minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting were approved upon motion by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg with all in favor except Legislator Bryant who abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Rules and Order of Business were once again reviewed by the committee. Legislator Proud discussed Rule 11. He explained that he rearranged the order of the Rule. He did not change a thing only the order. Legislator Kunzwiler made a motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg with all in favor.

A discussion took place regarding Rule 10 and was referred to caucus.

There are some minor suggested changes such as numbering the pages, some bullets that need to be moved and correcting the name of the Strategic Planning and Government Committee from Government Operations and Law.

Chairman Ospelt asked to have the updated document returned to committee next month for a final review and then it will be directed to the full Legislature.

PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICE

Resolution to Appoint Member

Legislator James Bryant stated that he had received a call from Mr. Dave Buske who is currently a member of the Public Utility Service Board. Mr. Buske explained that he had talked with former Legislator Greg Osetek and stated that he would have a conflict until the end of 2007 attending meetings. He is now available. Legislator Bryant suggested that time be given to Chairman Ospelt to contact Mr. Buske before we made a decision to replace him. Legislator Bryant requested that this be tabled for one month. County Administrator Phil Church announced that Board Member Dale Currier has resigned. The administrator

explained that Mr. Buske was appointed when the Board was originally created. He further stated that Mr. Buske has not attended any meetings in two years. He went on to explain that a former Legislator Osetek asked Mr. Buske to resign and was under the impression that a letter would be forthcoming. Administrator Church also noted that a Legislator needs to be appointed as an ex-officio member, but that would be the Legislature Chairman's appointment. Legislator Walker seconded Legislator Bryant's motion to table for one month. All in favor.

RESOLUTION SETTING TIME AND PLACE OF AUGUST LEGISLATURE MEETING.

Legislator Kunzwiler stated that each year we run into problems being able to hear. We need to be sure it is set up properly. Legislator Proud suggested that a seating arrangement be agreed upon ahead of time by the majority and the minority. Motion by Legislator Proud, seconded by Legislator Kunzwiler to hold the August 14, 2008 meeting of the Oswego County Legislature at the Pulaski Court House with all in favor.

LEGISLATOR I.D. BADGES

A discussion took place with regard to the new Legislator I.D. badges. It was explained that they should be worn so that people know who you are when you are in the County Buildings. Down the road they will be changed and at some time will enable a Legislator to gain access to buildings using the card.

SMOKING AGE

Legislator Walker discussed raising the legal age to purchase cigarettes to 19. Legislator Proud suggested that Legislator Walker bring this before the Board of Health. This will be brought up again at the next meeting.

Legislator Walker also discussed smoking on county grounds with Legislator Oldenburg agreeing that he does not care to walk through smoke when entering the building. Administrator Church stated that the smoking policy is in the process of being updated and will address that concern. This issue will be brought up at another meeting as well.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned