

Minutes
Community and Consumer Affairs Committee
August 29, 2006

Committee present: Chairman Jerry Thomas, Legs. Beckwith, Doyle, Malone, Seager, and Vasho

Excused: Leg. Ospelt

Guests and Staff: Legs. Leemann, Gearsbeck, Bullard, Co. Admin. Lyman, Co. Clerk Williams, Co. Treas. Kruk, Clerk of the Leg. Jerrett, Elections Commissioner Wart, Co. Atty. Mitchell, Linda Nagel, Charles McChesney of the Syracuse Post Standard and John Ketack of the Pall Times

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

Hearing no objections or corrections to the July 25th minutes, they stand approved.

County Clerk

County Clerk George Williams reported that revenues from January through July were well over \$100,000 greater than in 2005. Figures suggest that the bulk of that comes from car sales.

Central Services

Linda Nagel presented a request for a cell phone from Solid Waste Director Frank Visser. Leg. Malone expressed his opposition. Leg. Doyle moved to approve the request, seconded by Leg. Seager. Leg. Malone opposed. All others voted in favor.

Clerk of the Legislature/Weights and Measures

Clerk of the Legislature Ted Jerrett advised the Committee that the 2-yr. contract for the County to provide Weights and Measures services to the Cities of Oswego and Fulton will be up for renewal on January 1, 2007. He noted that this intermunicipal agreement has been in place since about 1991. Responding to a question about the amount of money involved, Clerk Jerrett said \$6,000/yr. for Fulton and \$8,000/yr. for Oswego, levels that have remained the same for the last 15 years.

On motion and second by Malone/Beckwith, the matter was tabled by unanimous vote with the direction to Clerk Jerrett to investigate the possibility of raising the charge to the two Cities to better reflect the increased costs of the services provided by the County.

Elections

Commissioner Don Wart presented a request for 2 full time, temporary clerk positions. Funding for the positions until the end of the year would be covered by \$4,000 in the current BOE budget plus an \$8,000 transfer from the Contingency Account. Upon motion and second by Malone/Beckwith, the request was unanimously approved.

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Real Property

Real Property Director Dave Hastings presented a list of 27 “Buyback” tax delinquent parcels to date with a total payment of \$126,445.47. Upon motion and second by Malone/Doyle, the committee unanimously approved the sale.

Director Hastings noted a request that Parcel 5800-407 be removed from the auction list and retained by the county for merging into the Bristol Hill Land site. Upon motion and second by Seager/Doyle, the request was unanimously approved.

Director Hastings noted that the previous owner had redeemed Parcel 4800-262 that was being considered for sale to the NYS DEC.

Director Hastings noted a request to return Parcel 2689-617 to the auction if not redeemed by the upcoming deadline. Request approved unanimously upon motion and second by Seager/Vasho.

Chairman Thomas questioned current procedures when taking properties suspected of contamination.

Update

Central Services Director Rick Hogan advised that the Oswego Wireless System is being installed this week.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 upon motion and second by Malone/Vasho. Unanimous