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GOVERNMENT OPERATION COMMITTEE MINUTES-MARCH 2, 2026
PAT KILLEN, COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Killen, Leigh MacKerchar, Dick Harper, Ed Bronson, Sarah Purdy, Nonie Flynn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: George Lawson, Terry Button, Rick Willson, Doug Paddock, Leslie Church, Bill Holgate (Zoom), Jessica Mullins, Emilee Miller, Bob Brechko, Sheila Burt, Colby Petersen, Sandi Bastedo, Tim Groth, Chad Pierce, Molly Linehan, Kerry Brennan

Committee Chair Killen called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Killen & Flynn will do the audit this month.

Minutes of the January 5th & February 2nd meeting were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ELECTIONS: Robert Brechko & Sheila Burt

Mr. Brechko & Ms. Burt reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Issues of significance
- February Objectives Achieved
- March Objectives Proposed
 - The Penn Yan Village election is March 18th
 - It's a Wednesday instead of the normal Tuesday because the law says if it falls on St. Patrick's Day, you can't have an election that day, it's got to be the next day

SOIL & WATER: Colby Petersen

Mr. Petersen reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Snowplow/Salt Reduction Grant
 - Closed 6 out of 8
 - NYS made the blackout period sooner than usual
- Northern Blades – Bloomfield NY
- Agriculture Environmental Management
- Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition
- Water Quality Symposium
- DEC's CleanSweepNY program

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: Sandi Bastedo

Ms. Bastedo reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Announcement
 - Gardening Matters Day coming up April 11th 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - The 4-H youth are doing their public presentations March 7th and 8th
 - Earth Day Extravaganza on April 18th
- Collaborations
- Yates CCE Agriculture and Horticulture Program Report January/February
 - Finished Planting to Pie class
 - Feedback was very positive
 - Hoping to have a longer series next time
- Master Gardener Program Updates
 - Coordinator got tons of seed packets donated
 - With the help of volunteers, they created garden-in-a-bag packages
 - Will hand out throughout the County at community events
 - Seed to Supper series started in Dundee
 - Master Gardener volunteers will be at the Fairytale Festival in Dundee
- Upcoming Projects and Presentations
- Invasive Species/Water Quality/Forestry
 - Backyard Bird Count
 - Focusing on native birds
 - Partnered with the Saunders Finger Lakes Museum for a bird walk
 - Took the homeschool youth to the Wild Wing Sanctuary at Mendon Ponds Park
- Money In Your Pocket – Vallie Castner
 - Workshop at Kids Adventure Time
 - Worked with the school children, teaching them about the value of buying in larger quantities, as opposed to purchasing convenience store serving sizes, so they are getting more for their money
- 4H and Youth Development
- Additional
 - Trish Bagley, CCE Board President, indicated that they gave Ms. Bastedo a 4-year conferral of title as Executive Director

IT: Tim Groth & Chad Pierce

Mr. Groth reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Help Desk
 - 278 calls
- I.T. Project Update Summary
 - Laserfiche
 - Email and Exchange project work
 - 2nd Floor Server Room relocation project
 - Went very well
 - Palo Alto Xpanse/ASM Service
 - Network Access Control project
 - Virtual Server Host Replacements and VMware upgrade
 - AI Envisioning Workshop
 - Scheduled for March 23rd

- Additional
 - Obtained quotes on the scope of work that it would take in order to do the streaming video in the Legislative Chambers
 - The most basic option is streaming video and mounting a camera on the back wall, pointed out so people can see the legislature is about \$7,900
 - The best experience option entails TVs on either wall, a confidence monitor, cameras on both sides, and upgrades to the existing system is about \$82,000
 - The Committee decided additional information and discussion needs to occur prior to any decisions being made
 - ◆ Will take another look at budget time

COUNTY CLERK: Molly Linehan

Ms. Linehan reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Records Management
 - The Committee would like to move forward with the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF)
- DMV
 - Working with the DRIVES program
- County Clerk's Office
 - 2 Large mortgages recorded
 - Fraud alert tool had been expanded
 - Users may now enter up to 10 variations of names instead of only 3

Mr. Killen questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Resolution Proclaiming April as Donate Life Month Yates County is Dedicated to Promoting Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation and Calls on Residents to Join the New York State Donate Life Registry
- Financial Reports-Year-to-Date Comparisons

HUMAN RESOURCES: Kerry Brennan

Mrs. Brennan reviewed/reported on the following topics and the report was accepted as information:

- Community Giving Update
- Employee Relations Initiatives
- NYS Deferred Compensation Consultations
- NYS Retirement Consultations
- Annual Insurance Renewal Process
- Additional
 - Mrs. Brennan praised her staff

Mr. Killen questioned the Committee to see if the following resolution(s) should proceed to the Legislative Meeting. After discussion/edits, there were no official objections.

- Authorize County Administrator to Sign Renewal Agreement with CSEA Employee Benefit Fund (EBF)

- Authorize County Administrator and Sheriff to Create and Fill a Part-Time Public Information Officer and Program Coordinator Position
- Amend Resolution 46-26 Adopt 2026 Non-Union Non-Exempt Employee Wage Schedule

- February Recruitment and Turnover Report

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Jessica Mullins

Mrs. Mullins had nothing to report.

LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS: Leslie Church

Legislative Chair Church had nothing to report.

LEGISLATIVE CLERK: Emilee Miller

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- File County Officers Annual Report with Clerk of Legislature

Mr. Bronson moved to enter into executive session on the basis of:

1. The employment history of a particular individual(s), attendees being members of the Committee, other legislators present, and the County Administrator.

Seconded by Ms. Purdy.

VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Emilee Miller
Yates County Clerk of the Legislature