

Strategic Planning and Government Committee

Thursday, January 24, 2008

10:00 A.M.

County Office Building

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

ALSO: Legislators Paul Santore, Art Gearsbeck, and Shawn Doyle. Phil Church, Donald Dodd, Paul Stoner, Chairman Barry Leemann, Legislator Doug, Chris Gosek, Carol Thompson, Charles McChesney, The Pringles, Terri Somers

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

Minutes – The Minutes of the November 26, 2007 meeting were approved upon motion by Legislator Kunzwiler, seconded by Legislator Potter with all in favor.

Resolution Making Appointment to the Oswego County Jury Board. Chairman Ospelt stated that Legislator Gardner has resigned which creates a vacancy. The name of Legislator Fred Beardsley is being brought forward for consideration to fill the vacancy on this board. Legislator Bryant made a motion to get it on the floor for discussion seconded by Legislator Potter. Following discussion, a vote was taken with all in favor except Legislators Kunzwiler, Bryant and Walker who voted no. Vote 4 in favor 3 opposed. Motion passes.

Rules and Order of Business – Chairman Ospelt said that the Rules are being provided so that the members can take them home and go through them. This is the most recent version and Administrator Church noted that the last time they were passed was February 9, 2006.

Legislator Ospelt also stated that at the next meeting we will need to discuss holding the August meeting of the Legislature in Pulaski which is traditionally done yearly.

District 17 Vacancy

Legislator Kunzwiler addressed the committee and offered the name of Dan Hoeffler for consideration. He explained that the democratic committee selected Mr. Hoeffler

Legislator Santore addressed the committee and offered the name of Mary Flett to replace her brother's position. Similarly he explained that the Republican Committee interviewed individuals and decided upon Ms. Flett.

Following a lengthy discussion Legislator Bryant suggested sending both names to the floor, one with committee support, (Ms. Flett), and one without (Mr. Hoeffler). The motion was seconded by Legislator Kunzwiler with all in favor except Legislator Oldenburg and Ospelt. Vote 5 in favor and 2 opposed. Motion passes.

The Committee heard overviews of the functions of the following departments: Clerk of the Legislature given by Ted Jerrett and District Attorney given by DA Donald Dodd. The County Attorney, Richard Mitchell, who is away on vacation, will report to the committee at the next meeting.

There being no further business Chairman Ospelt called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Legislator Potter, seconded by Legislator Oldenburg with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.