

COUNTY OF OSWEGO
COMMUNITY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
October 28, 2009

PRESENT:

Kevin Gardner, Chair
Jack Beckwith, Vice Chair
Clayton Brewer
Mary Flett
Robert Hayes
Louella LeClair
Phillip Vasho

STAFF/GUESTS

Philip Church, County Administrator
Arthur Gearsbeck, Legislator
David Hastings, Director of Real Property Tax
Richard Hogan, Director of Central Services
Kelly Jordal, Public Information Officer
Barry Leemann, Chairman of the Legislature
Fred Maxon, Purchasing Director
Linda Nagel, Telephone Coordinator
Paul Santore, Legislator
Terry Wilbur, Hannibal
Jeanette Woodland, Administrative Secretary

Attendance:

Committee Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Old Business:

Committee Chair Gardner asked for a motion to approve the September 30, and October 15, 2009 minutes.

Motion: Legislator Vasho

Second: Legislator LeClair

Minutes were approved with all in favor.

Committee Business:

1. Central Services

A. Cell Phone Account Request – Health Dept.

Richard Hogan, Director of Central Services, and Linda Nagel, Telephone Coordinator, brought forth a request from the Health Department to acquire a cellular telephone for a new Supervising Public Health Nurse. The nurses are required to be on call and need to have a cellular telephone available to them when they are making visits.

Motion: Legislator Hayes made a motion to approve a cellular telephone request, as presented.

Second: Legislator Beckwith

Vote: All in favor.

Motion Carried.

B. Hardware Purchase Request – Sheriff's Dept.

Richard Hogan, Director of Central Services, brought forth a request from the Sheriff's Dept. to purchase a server. This will be used as a back-up to what is being used in the Public Safety Center and will be installed in the County Building. The cost is about \$40,000 and is 100 percent federally funded. Legislator Santore asked if this would be considered a fire file and

Director Hogan stated that it is.

Motion: Legislator LeClair made a motion to approve the purchase of a computer server request, as presented.

Second: Legislator Vasho

Vote: All in favor.

Motion Carried.

2. Real Property Tax Services

A. County Auction Report

David Hastings, Director of Real Property Tax, reported on the recent County Tax Delinquent Auction. Director Hastings advised that there were over 300 bidders present. There were 79 properties sold and the County took in \$659,700.

B. County Tax Bill Design

County Administrator Philip Church spoke to the Committee about a new design for the County Tax Bill. There is information on the bill that is state mandated, but the new design is more taxpayer friendly as it is easier to read. One feature is a box in which there is an explanation or message that can be changed from year to year depending on what may be new or changed from the prior year. The downside is that with the new bill, this year's county taxes may appear to have increased whereas they have not. This is because multiple lines have been combined on the County tax line. Leg. Chairman Leemann asked if there is a place on the bill that notes if taxes were not paid in the prior year and are owed. Director Hogan stated that it will appear on the bill.

Motion: Legislator Hayes made a motion to approve the new design of the County Tax bill.

Second: Legislator Vasho

Vote: All in favor.

Motion Carried.

3. Executive Session

A. Personnel Evaluations

Motion: Legislator Flett made a motion to go into Executive Session for Performance Evaluations.

Second: Legislator Vasho

Vote: All in favor.

Motion Carried.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 2:26 p.m.

The Committee returned from Executive Session at 2:40 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Legislator Beckwith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Second: Legislator Vasho

Vote: All in favor.

Motion Carried.