

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2022

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Fedler, O'Brien, Haff, Hicks, Rozell, Wilson-zoom

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Fisher

SUPERVISORS: Hall-zoom, Henke, Ferguson-zoom, Shaw, Nolan-zoom, Campbell, Hogan, Clary-zoom, Griffith

Debra Prehoda, Clerk of the Board

Al Nolette, County Treasurer

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Accept Minutes – June 21, 2022
- 3) Department Requests/Reports
 - A. Buildings & Grounds -Updates
 - B. County Clerk – Supplemental Mortgage Tax Calculation
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Adjournment

Chairwoman Fedler called the meeting to order at 10: 08 A.M. in the Supervisors classroom Room B214 and via zoom.

A motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022 meeting was moved by Mr. Rozell, seconded by Mr. Hicks, and adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/REQUESTS:

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Matt Jones, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Middle Falls Highway Barn Update – Expect the pre-engineering feasibility study to be presented at the Finance Committee meeting on August 11th.
- Public Health Move to Burgoyne – He has been meeting with the architects and getting close to submitting the floor plans to the NYS Department of Health. When Public Health moves out of the Annex, only Cornell Cooperative Extension would be left and there has been discussions with them. The Capital Plan workgroup is addressing what to do with the building once it is empty. The Superintendent stated no matter what we do with the building, he recommends shutting the building down once everyone is out, not heating and maintaining the building.
- Joint Washington County/Fort Ann Highway Barn – He has met with LaBella, the architectural and engineering firm selected for this project, and working on finalizing the contract for review by the County Attorney and signature. The first scheduled meeting with them should occur in the next couple of weeks. In the RFP, he asked for creative ways to make the deadlines and one item that has come up is if we are going with a pre-engineered building which was in the plans, the County could go out to bid for the building which would be engineered first due to the six month lead time on a pre fab steel building. Going out to bid on that first rather than wait for all the engineering to be done. Every trade is bid out individually but usually goes out all in one package. No decision is needed now. Further along in the process, he will have more details and can talk more about this option that would help with the timeline. There is enough power at the site for electric vehicles but that is not included in the design.

COUNTY CLERK – Stephanie Lemery, County Clerk, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Supplemental Mortgage Tax Calculation – The County Clerk stated that the supplemental mortgage tax calculation is a percentage of what the final amount is which is how the State sets up the original amount. In 2018, the Board approved taking the additional money and that the towns be made whole when that money was all said and done instead of it staying at the County.

Mr. Haff has questioned why several towns have the same supplemental mortgage tax amount when the amount of mortgage tax collected is different; how they can be exactly the same amount. The percentage of the mortgage tax as assigned by the State are different for the towns but the supplemental mortgage tax is calculated rounded to two decimal numbers. The Treasurer would like to sit with the County Clerk to see how these numbers are calculated and report out at Finance

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 A.M.

Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors