



## **Legislative Support Minutes**

*August 6, 2020*

**Legislator Attendance:** Legislators Balliet, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts, Sauerbrey, Standinger and Sullivan were present with Legislator Weston being absent.

**Staff Attendance:** Legislative Clerk Haskell, County Attorney DeWind, Budget Officer Bailey, Personnel Officer O'Rourke, and Public Health Director of Administrative Services McCann were present.

**Guest Attendance:** Matt Freeze, Morning Times Reporter

### **MINUTES:**

#### **Approval of July 9, 2020 Legislative Support Minutes:**

Legislator Sullivan made the motion, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck to approve the July 9, 2020 Legislative Support minutes, as written. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL:**

#### **2020 YTD Budget and Fringe Reports:**

Financial reports for July 2020 were emailed to all Legislators. Ms. Haskell reported there is no issue of concern, however, noted the substantial cost-savings of not filling the vacant Deputy Clerk position for the remainder of the year.

#### **2021 Proposed Budget:**

The Legislative Office 2021 proposed budget was completed, emailed to all Legislators, and submitted to the Budget Officer for review in full compliance of the 10% budget cut directive. Ms. Haskell requested Legislature consideration with the inclusion of the Deputy Clerk position in the 2021 budget. Ms. Haskell reported she would like to commence the candidate canvassing process this fall in anticipation of filling the position by the beginning of 2021. This position is an appointment of the Legislative Clerk. Ms. Haskell reported she would like to re-canvass the Departments in hopes of attracting an individual with Munis experience.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**911 Surcharge Bill Update:** Ms. Haskell reported the Legislature adopted a resolution last month to submit the Home Rule Requests in support of the Senate and Assembly Bills to impose the additional surcharge for costs associated with the 911 Emergency telephone system. Ms. Haskell received notification from the Senator Akshar's Office on July 24, 2020 that the Assembly Bill passed, however, the Senate Bill was not

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addressed. Ms. Haskell reported the Senator's Office anticipates returning to session this month where the Senate Bill can be presented. Ms. Haskell will keep the Legislature apprised of the Bill status.

**Ag District #1 Public Hearing:** Ms. Haskell reported the public hearing for Agricultural District #1 was held on July 27, 2020 at the Owego Town Hall with five Legislators, three staff, and no public in attendance.

**Board of Ethics Vacancies:** Ms. Haskell reminded the Legislature of the two Board of Ethics vacancies.

**Outstanding Financial Disclosures and Policy Review Attestations:** Ms. Haskell reported there are two outstanding financial disclosures and one policy review attestation as of this date.

**UPDATE: Following today's meeting, there is one outstanding financial disclosure. All Legislators are current with the policy review attestation.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ag District #2 Public Hearing:** Ms. Haskell reminded the Legislators of the upcoming Agricultural District #2 public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at the Town of Candor Hall. To date, Legislators Hollenbeck and Standinger have committed their attendance. Ms. Haskell reported a quorum of five Legislators is required to conduct the public hearing.

## **Meetings attended:**

- ✓ July Legislative Meeting – July 14, 2020
- ✓ Fifth Special Legislature Meeting – July 16, 2020
- ✓ Leaders Meeting – July 22, 2020
- ✓ Sixth Special Legislature Meeting – July 23, 2020
- ✓ Ag District #1 Public Hearing – July 27, 2020
- ✓ Budget Refresher Training – July 30, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy Haskell*

Legislative Clerk