



GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: 3019 County Complex Drive

2nd Floor, Room 204

Canandaigua, NY 14424

FEBRUARY 27, 2019

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Supervisors Jeffery Gallahan, Gregory Bendzlowicz, David Baker, Todd Campbell, Catherine Menikotz, Dominick Vedora, and Fred Wille.

**OTHERS
PRESENT**

In addition to Committee Members: County Administrator Mary Krause, Deputy County Administrator Brian Young, Director of Finance Mary Gates, County Attorney Holly Adams, Assistant County Attorney Michael Reinhardt, Chief Deputy John Storer, Archivist Rosemary Switzer, Human Resources Director Michele Smith, County Clerk Matt Hoose, Real Property Director Robin Johnson, Safety Coordinator Sherman Manchester, Sr. Fiscal Manager Michael Wojcik, Grant Coordinator Peter Brown, Clerk to the Board Kristin Mueller, Robert Koczent, Dana Coover, Bill Martin, Linda Vaughn, Kurt Koczent, Jill Juffs, Deirdre Crofton, Elizabeth Mattison, Mike Yarger, Margaret Cooper, Julie Kelly, JoAnne Ashley, Eli Bowen, Sara Britting, Julie Sherwood, and Renee Sutton.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Governmental Operations and Insurance Committee was called to order at 1:34 PM by Committee Chair Gallahan

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2019, made by Supervisor Baker, seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried.

**HUMANE
SOCIETY**

Mr. Kurt Koczent from the Humane Society gave an informational presentation to the Committee. Mr. Koczent introduced the staff and Board members in attendance. He explained their mission and vision statements and noted that they work with all the Towns and Cities in Ontario County. 2018 they received 1,565 concerns/complaints. They investigated 213 rabid animals, 10 of which tested positive. They investigated 319 animal bites. They received 441 cruelty complaints which led to 154 formal investigations and 33 arrests. They impounded 268 dogs. 169 of them were redeemed by their owner, 78 were adopted, and 8 had to be euthanized due to medical issues. They secured 111 cats/kittens. 12 of these were redeemed by their owners. 67 were adopted and 15 were euthanized for medical reasons. All cats are tested for feline leukemia. If they are negative, they are vaccinated for rabies and feline immune virus and put up for adoption. They performed 2,105 cremations. 1,478 of those were private. In 2018 they provided medical care, housing and boarding, cruelty investigations costing them \$27,699 after revenues were received. The Human Society's spay/neuter program is run on the veterinarian, the owner, and the Human Society each paying 1/3 of the costs. In 2018 48.48% of the spayed/neutered animals were cats and 51.12% were dogs. They provide community education by speaking in schools and to civic organization and business. Their 2019 goals are to investigate expanding their spay/neuter program, investigate microchipping, working with Cornell University Shelter Medicine to review their operations and have them make recommendations, also work with Cornell to provide staff with more trainings, and lastly develop a 3 to 5 year strategic plan.

Supervisor Baker asked who makes the determination of the status of the animal prior to being euthanized. They noted that a veterinarian does. Supervisor Baker also asked how do you pick the animals you can provide care for. Mr. Koczent talked about how the physical building only really allows for cats and dogs. It was originally established only for dogs, but they turned one room into a place for cats. Supervisor Campbell asked at what age can you spay/neuter an animal? Mr. Koczent said they can perform this service at 8 weeks and animals shouldn't be adopted prior to this age. They just adopted today a new policy to make sure every adopted animal is spayed or neuter before they leave the shelter. Supervisor Gallahan asked if they are a no kill shelter. Yes, unless there is a medical reason that they can't save an animal. There are animals that have been at the shelter for many years prior to adoption.

RECORDS AND ARCHIVES

Archivist Rosemary Switzer presented a resolution entitled, "Renewal of Microfilm Service Contract – Instream, LLC dba Biel's Information Technology Systems corporation and Ontario County Department of Records, Archives and Information Management Services (RAIMS)"

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Bendzlowicz and carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Deputy County Administrator Brian Young presented the following resolutions:

- Resolution Calling for an Increase in the Share of Revenue Counties Retain for Providing State DMV Services
- Resolution Urging the State to Clarify its Homelessness Prevention Goals by Making Permanent Housing the Central Focus, While Developing a More Effective Emergency Shelter Model
- Resolution Calling on the Governor and State Legislature to Continue to Work with Counties to Encourage Self Sufficiency and Long-Term Independence for Recipients of Temporary Assistance
- Resolution Urging the Governor and state Legislature to Gradually Eliminate the County Fiscal Responsibility for Preschool Special Education and Summer School Special Education Programs
- Resolution Urging the Governor and the New York State Legislature to Enact Reforms to the Early Intervention Program through Reforms that Address the Lack of Available Providers in Many Areas of the State
- Resolution Urging the Governor and State Legislature to Eliminate the County Fiscal Cap on Preschool Special Education Transportation Costs and to Incentivize the Use of Existing Bus Fleets and Transportation Systems
- Resolution Calling on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the State Legislature to Fund Unattended Death Investigations Including Costs Associated with Performing Autopsy and Toxicology Services
- Resolution to Expand Infrastructure for Public Health Safety throughout New York State: Reinvesting in Core Public Health Activities and Response to Unfunded Mandates and Emerging Issues Addressed by Local Health Departments
- Proposed Resolution Calling on the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and the Governor to Establish Permanent Jail-Based Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Treatment and Transition Services Program in County

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Correctional Facilities

- Resolution Calling on the Office of Mental Health, Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, and the Governor to Ensure Long Term Viability of Housing Programs for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder
- Resolution Calling for Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to Classify as Controlled Substances Certain Fentanyl “Analogues” that are Responsible for Opioid Overdose Deaths
- Resolution in Support of Statewide Legislation Concerning the Sale and Possession of Synthetic Drugs
- Resolution Supporting Efforts to Allocate New York State Resources and Funding to Regions or Counties Establishing “Full Count” Committees
- Resolution in Support of Efforts to Improve Probation and Alternatives to Incarceration in New York State to Protect the Public and Reduce Reliance on Prisons, Jails, and Detention
- Resolution Urging Support for Increased Funding to Local Traffic Safety Boards in Order that Such Traffic Safety Boards can Develop and Implement Programs and Activities that will Make our Local Roads Safer
- Resolution Calling on the State of New York to Fully Reimburse Counties for District Attorney Salary Increases that are Set and Controlled by the State
- Resolution Calling on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to Address the Lack of Cellular Phone Coverage for All New York State Residents and Visitors
- Resolution Urging the Governor and State Lawmakers to Exclude Local Costs for Road, Bridge, and Infrastructure Capital Construction Projects from the Annual Property Tax Cap Calculation
- Resolution Urging the Enactment of an Increase in the Statutory CHIPS Bidding Threshold
- Resolution Urging the Governor and State Lawmakers to Grant Design-Build Construction Authority to Counties and New York City
- Resolution Calling on the State to Increase the Salary Cap for Retired Public Employees Seeking County Employment
- Resolution Calling Upon the Governor and the New York State Legislature to Refrain from Enacting New Public Employee Benefits Mandates
- Resolution Urging the Governor and Legislature to Reform the Formula for Funding the State Share of Community College
- Resolution Calling on the Governor and State Legislative Leaders to Provide Counties with Permanent Local Authority Over their Sales Tax Rates, While also Reforming the Entire Home Rule Revenue Process by Enacting Longer Extension Periods with the Goal of Making Most of these Measures Permanent
- Resolution Opposing the Proposed and Amended 2020 Executive State Budget Impacting Aid and Incentives to Municipalities and State Cost Shifts to Counties

Motion to approve these resolutions as block was made by Supervisor Baker, seconded by Supervisor Campbell and carried.

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**INFORMATIONAL
REPORTS**

The committee accepted all reports and information submitted regarding:

- a. Workers Compensation and Safety Reports
- b. MVA Report

Mr. Manchester not that two more recordable incidents have occurred since the last meeting for a total of four this year. Next week HAB grant training will begin. Also, the Safety Council banquet is coming up on March 26th at Club 86 in Geneva.

**COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR
UPDATE**

County Administrator Krause informed the committee of the following items:

- Marijuana legalization is still being talked about on the State level and we are waiting on more details. Ms. Krause is hoping to have more information prior to the Shared Services Panel being held in April.
- The Partnership for Ontario County has a new executive director. She is Tracey Dello Stritto.
- Compassionate release has been added to the Campbell Commission's topics to research

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

At 2:09 PM, Supervisor Bendzlowicz made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, to go into executive session regarding discussion on proposed, pending, or current litigation, to confer with counsel, and discuss the employment history of a particular person; motion carried.

At 2:24 PM, Supervisor Bendzlowicz made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Wille, to leave executive session; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made at 2:26 PM by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Menikotz and carried.

**RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED**

Kristin A. Mueller, Clerk to the Board