

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
JUNE 28, 2011**

PRESENT:

**Roy Brown, Chairman
Bart Delaney, Jr.
Lawrence Andrews
Valerie Bertram
Arthur Baer
Kevin McDonald
Leo Pulcher
Raymond Staats
William Hughes, Jr.
Patrick Grattan
Lynda Scheer
Elizabeth Young
Edward Nabozny
William Hallenbeck, Jr.
Arthur Bassin
John Musall
Reginald Crowley
Jeffrey Braley**

ABSENT:

**Richard Keaveney, notified
Robin Andrews, notified
Edward Cross
Margaret Robertson**

ALSO PRESENT:

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Kenneth Wilber
David Robinson
Ronald Caponera
Robert Fitzsimmons**

PRESS: 1

Chairman Brown called the Board Workshop to order.

County Manager: Update

A County Manager could save the County \$13.75 million over the next five years according to a 32-page report on the proposed position recently issued by the County Government County Manager Initiative Sub-committee. The report, “The Case for a County Manager” Chairman Brown would like to move forward with a vote by August for County Manager position and to implement it by November. There is a salary range at this point, \$100,000 to \$150,000, including the result of both supervisors and department heads that show the diversity of opinion on the issue. Once the budget process is done, then we will be able to set the salary, Chairman Brown stated the goal of creating this position is to dramatically improve day to day management of the County government, and by doing that, to secure the efficiencies and cost savings which will benefit the residents and taxpayers. The 23 –supervisor governmental structure will remain basically unchanged. The change would make the Board of Supervisors more of a legislative body, with more of the executive function in the hands of the County Manager. But having the manager answerable to the Board would be a gesture toward maintaining local control. The County Manager would be the “chief operating officer” of the county reporting to the Board of Supervisors. The person would be responsible for the day to day operations of government, all department heads would report to and work on their annual budgets with the county manager., Also the Manager would advise the Board in the development and policies and procedures, including developing the county’s annual budget and other budgetary responsibilities, such as budget review, grant requests, instituting budgetary controls, executing contracts and transferring funds.

H.R. Department- Deputy Position

J. Rutkey, Jr. versus NYS Average for Human Resources Director is \$20,000 less. J. Rutkey, Jr. will hold off on this position until the budget cycle has gone through, looking at the 1st of the year 2012.

Consolidation Update:

The RFP from seven (7 Architectural Firms are in) the interviewing process will start this Friday. We have an extension with the Walmart bldg. purchase, must it must close in November, and we had to put \$30,000 deposit to extend. The SEQRA process needs to be completed. The County will be the Lead Agency on this project. We will be purchasing the Walmart Bldg. and Parking Lot. Right now the cost is 2.1 million, under contract. The \$30,000/deposit we will get back once we close. The Renovation costs are only rough numbers until bids are reviewed.

Budget 2012:

Chairman Brown and Ken Wilber are putting a letter together for Dept. heads. What we will be looking at the next several weeks, and it will get ugly, we may have to freeze all position. K. Wilber informed the Board that some depts. were denied positions for at least a month or two.

A motion to move in EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:51 pm BY b. Delaney, Jr., seconded by V. Bertram,

REASON: to discuss Personnel

A motion to return to REGUALR SESSION at 7:07 PM by E. Young, seconded by L. Pulcher, motion carried.

With no further discussion, the Board Workshop adjourned at 7:08 PM, motion by J. Musall, seconded by L. Pulcher, carried.