

COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
June 21, 2011

PRESENT:

Leo Pulcher, Chairman
Lynda Scheer
Jesse DeGroot
Edward Cross
John Musall

ABSENT:

William Hallenbeck, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Chairman Brown
John Rutkey, Jr.
Ronald Caponera
Arnold Schneider
Kathy Harter
Hilary Hillman
Arthur Bassin

PRESS: 0

Chairman Pulcher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Weights & Measures: A. Schneider

The May 2011 Monthly report was distributed, motion made by J. Musall, seconded by L. Scheer to approve, carried.

The Case of County Manager: Chairman Brown

Distributed to the County Govt. committee was a booklet containing Better Governance and Management for Columbia County, the Case for a County Manager. The Chairman is asking for the Supervisors to go through and read the booklet. The time spent on this has taken One (1) year to pull it all together. Chairman Brown stated to the committee, there are only 9 counties left out of the 62 that do not have a County Manager/Adm., and at this time 5 more are looking into creating this position. He also stated the hiring of this position would not happen until the budgets are completed and the Elections in November are finalized. Chairman Brown is just asking for the Board to read the booklet, Motion by L. Scheer, seconded by J. Musall to forward this booklet to all Supervisors for consideration, motion carried.

Board of Elections: K. Harter and H. Hillman

Resolution Request: Authorizing the Pay scale for election workers, 2011: Reviewed with slight revisions from last year, motion to approve by J. Musall, seconded by J. DeGroot, carried. Refer to Finance.

Redistricting and Poll Site consolidation update: they are just about completed.

Chairman Brown asked for a verbal resolution supporting the concept of professional governance to oversee the County's \$150,000, 000 business by an appointed County Manager. The price tag (salary) could be brought forward at a later date during the budget process. Supervisor Scheer suggested this would be a good parallel track, motion by L. Scheer, seconded by J. Musall, carried.

With no further discussion, motion to adjourn by J. Musall, seconded by J. DeGroot, at 6:36 PM, motion carried.

