



GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 17, 2013 – 2:00 PM

**Committee Members: Kitty Vetter (Chairman), Ira Steingart (Vice Chair),
Jonathan Rouis, Cora Edwards, Alan Sorensen**

AGENDA

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Contract Renewal Process

PRESENTATION: None

REPORTS:

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| 1. | Purchasing & Central Services | - | Monthly Report |
| 2. | Board of Elections | - | Monthly Report |
| 3. | Cornell Cooperative | - | Monthly Report |
| | Consumer Affairs | - | Monthly Report |
| 4. | County Clerk | | |
| 5. | Sullivan County Community College | | |

RESOLUTIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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RODNEY GAEBEL
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To: Government Services Committee
Re: Board of Elections Activity Report

Date: January 10, 2012

Commissioner Rodney Gaebel and I are unable to attend the meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 17th as we will be attending, at personal expense, an Election Commissioner's Association conference hosted by the State Board of Elections in Albany from January 15-17th, 2012.

Despite the widely held perception that the Board of Elections is virtually idle at this time of year I can assure you that we remain quite busy as we gear up for village elections in March and the General election in November which will include County races for District Attorney, Sheriff and Treasurer as well as Town wide races for Supervisors, Councilpersons, Justices, Town Clerks, Tax Collectors, Assessors and Highway Superintendents.

In the meantime we are:

- Verifying, processing and filing the backlog of @1,500 new registrations that could not be entered until the 2012 General Election results had been certified.
- Purging @4,400 voters that failed to vote in 2 successive Federal elections in accordance with National Voting regulations.
- Inactivating the 88 voters that were challenged and investigated as non residents in the Village of Woodridge.
- Cancelling @ 100 voters weekly due to death, felony convictions, moves out of County or at the voters request.
- Organizing and documenting those records that can be destroyed after December 2012. This is a vital function in order for us to vacate the space required to retain used and unused ballots for a period of 2 years in accordance with NYS Election Law.
- As the January 15th date for campaign finance filing looms we are inundated with requests for assistance in a process that is burdensome to candidates and committees.
- Providing voters with records needed for passports, social services and veterans benefits as well as pistol permits.
- Revamping all voting machines to meet the State deadline pursuant to a court order regarding readouts in the event of undervotes and overvotes.
- Working in concert with the County Attorney's office to meet the (revised) NYS Attorney General's requirements with respect to Spanish language access at minimal cost to the County.

I have no doubt that we will be regaled with new directives at our conference and we look forward to personally updating the committee at our February meeting.

Ann Prusinski/Commissioner