

STEBEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2018

9:30 a.m.

*Legislative Committee Room
Steuben County Office Building
Bath, NY 14810*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Brian C. Schu, Chair Carol A. Ferratella	Scott J. Van Etten, Vice Chair	Robin K. Lattimer
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Jennifer DeMonstoy	Mitchell Alger Alan Reed	Nate Alderman
LEGISLATORS:	Joseph J. Hauryski Steven Maio Robert V. Nichols Thomas J. Ryan	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick John V. Malter Frederick G. Potter Gary D. Swackhamer	K. Michael Hanna Aaron I. Mullen Gary B. Roush Randolph J. Weaver
ABSENT:	Hilda T. Lando		

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schu called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. County Manager

1. **District Attorney Salary** – Mr. Wheeler informed the committee that the District Attorney’s salary is tied to the judicial pay raises. We were paying the Supreme Court Judge rate as we had two standing Acting Supreme Court Judges. Now we only have one Acting Supreme Court Judge, so you can pay the District Attorney at the County Court Judge rate which is \$197,600 effective April 1, 2018. He stated that we do not need a resolution to do this, but we do need committee approval to pay the District Attorney this rate. This is a requirement of State law and we do not have a choice.

Mr. Schu asked we do not have a choice to do it, but we can choose which salary? Mr. Wheeler replied you do have a choice on whether to pay the County Court Judge rate of \$197,600, or something higher. Mr. Reed explained the law is clear as mud on this topic. By the unconsolidated laws, the State created a commission that reviewed the salaries of the judges and tied the State wages to that of the Federal bench. Under Judiciary Law, the District Attorney’s salary is connected to the County Court Judge salary of the County. The Legislature could elect to pay more if they wanted to. Three years ago we had adopted a Local Law which put the salary above the amount set by the commission to account for additional compensation related to use of the District Attorney’s county vehicle and fuel expenses. The additional compensation set by the commission is not in effect and approval must be done through Committee. He stated today you are ratifying the personnel change form setting the new salary at \$197,600.

MOTION: RATIFYING THE 2018 SALARY OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AT \$197,600 MADE BY MRS. FERRATELLA. SECONDED BY MS. LATTIMER. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MRS. FERRATELLA. SECONDED BY MR. VAN ETTEN. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature