

**Herkimer County Legislature
Administration/Veterans' Affairs
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
Via Teleconference
6:20 p.m.**

Persons Attending:

Bob Hollum (Chairman, Administration/Veterans' Affairs)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (committee member)
William Weakley (committee member)
Patrick E. Russell (committee member)
Raymond Johnson (committee member)
John L. Brezinski (committee member)
Vincent J. Bono, Chairman of the Legislature
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Kim Tranter, Commissioner of Elections
(Non Committee Members signed in)
Legislator Mark Gaworecki
Legislator Robert J. Schrader
Legislator John P. Stephens
Legislator William Keeler, Sr.
Legislator Peter F. Manno
Legislator Raymond Smith
Legislator Ray Donley
Legislator Peter Campione
Legislator Frederick J. Shaw, Jr.

Absent:

N/A

Mr. Hollum called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Items Discussed:

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

1. Reappoint Republican Commissioner of Elections
2. Other

Committee Vote Record

ADMINISTRATION/VETERANS' AFFAIRS:

Mr. Hollum: "First on the agenda is to reappoint the Republican Commissioner of Elections."

Item#1 – On motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Bono, Item #1 was voted on, approved, and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Bono: "Kim, are you on the line? Do you want to say something and give an update? "

Kim Tranter: "Thank you all very much. I am very touched. Ok so as of right this very second there are 2,978 people who have early voted and so far today is 571. So thanks you guys for the confidence and for the really nice talk the other day. It's very much appreciated and I think we are on a good thing."

Mr. Wallace: "Thanks for working with Sheri and getting your emergency supplies. Thanks for thinking ahead and making sure you are ready. Nobody thought we would be at what, 5,000 or 6,000 people maybe voting by the end of this so I give you credit for thinking ahead and being ready on that."

Kim Tranter: "Thank you very much. We are trying to stay a step ahead but it's a challenge. I'll tell you it just changes from day to day. We never expected this many. We expected a lot of people but not this many."

Mr. Brezinski: "Kim, keep up the good work. You are a good lady let me tell you right now."

Kim Tranter: "Thank you so very much. I really appreciate that support more than you know. I'm going to miss your boy."

Mr. Brezinski: "I know. Well, that's ok. Hopefully the next person that comes in there will work with you and work together because it's a very small department and as long as you guys get along good and everything comes out the way it is supposed to I don't think anybody will have a problem with that."

Mr. Russell: "Have the Democrats picked somebody?"

Mr. Wallace: "Not yet."

Mr. Bono: "Kim, how many people normally vote on Presidential Election? Do you remember those numbers? Is it around 30,000?"

Kim Tranter: "I don't remember the exact but it was between 60% and 65% and they thought it was huge. There were 1,800 absentee ballots and we now are over 3,000. It's just crazy busy."

Mr. Hollum: "Great Kim. Thank you."

Kim Tranter: "We were very thankful that you guys approved Sharon to be with us. She is wonderful. We lucked out with her."

Mr. Hollum: "Anything under other?"

Item#2 – N/A.

On motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Bono for Administration/Veterans' Affairs, the committee adjourned at 6:23 p.m.