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Location: **Supervisors' Chambers, 2nd floor of the government center & Zoom Conference Call.**

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
10:30 AM Animal Control w/D. Klump			
1. <i>September 2021 Monthly Update</i>	Unavailable at the posting of the agenda.	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<i>Committee Chair Klein acknowledged and thanked Asst. Animal Control Officer Klump for all the extra work he put in during Justa's leave of absence.</i>			
10:45 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith			
1. General Update:		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided via e-mail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual meeting is in-person at the Ag Center at 6:00 on Thursday, November 18th. They should be receiving official invites in the mail if they haven't already—we look forward to seeing them there! ○ Please thank those who attend our solar workshop yesterday! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supervisor Brick, T/Perry reported on attending the afternoon session. 			
Committee Chair's Agenda			
Note from the Board Clerk:		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On October 19, 2021 Governor Hochul signed into law (S.1150-A/A.1228-A), Chapter 481 of the Laws of 2021, which requires counties and other local governments to make any documents to be discussed at an upcoming open meeting available to the public at least 24 hours prior to the open meeting. The legislation goes into effect on November 01, 2021. 			

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1. NYS Ag Society 2022 membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$40 Annual Individual Membership ○ \$100 Annual Farm Membership ○ \$125 Annual Business Membership ○ \$400 Lifetime Membership 	<i>Additionally, Farm and Business members receive a \$10 registration discount each for 2 attendees to the NYS Agricultural Society Forum.</i>	Motion: Brick Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1 Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: APPROVED
2. 189th Annual NYS Ag. Society 2022 Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held In-Person on January 06, 2022 • At the Syracuse OnCenter. • Overnight accommodations can be made at the Crown Plaza Syracuse. Registration begins November 01. 	Approved attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berwanger • Kehl • Klein • Petzen • Gardner & Szucs 	Motion: Roche Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1 Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: APPROVED
3. 2022 NYS Ag. Society Silver Sponsor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ½ page ad in the Forum program book distributed to all Forum attendees ○ Ongoing acknowledgement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Listing in the NYSAS Spring & Fall Cultivators and on the NYSAS website 		Motion: Granger Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1 Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: APPROVED

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4. Empire State Council of Agricultural Organizations, Inc. Annual Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, January 07, 2022 • Agribusiness Sponsorship? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2018 – General Sponsor / \$500 ○ 2019 – Patron Sponsor / \$250 ○ 2020 – Patron Sponsor / \$250 • Approved attendance for Berwanger, Kehl & Klein 	<p><i>Waiting on confirmation of 2022 registration fee amount.</i></p>	<p>Motion: Brunner Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1 Jacoby</p>	<p>Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED</p>
5. Resolution in opposition to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Holiday Hunt regulation and urge the NYS DEC to reverse the recently approved Holiday Hunt regulation in its entirety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Resolution Office #30</u> • <u>Wyo. Co. Wildlife Federation Letter</u> • <u>DEC Map</u> • <u>NYS DEC Proposed Regulation</u> 	<p>Motion: Becker Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1 Jacoby</p>	<p>Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION</p>
<p><i>After hearing from Mr. Becker/Wyoming County Wildlife Federation during the 10/12/21 Committee of the Whole meeting, Supervisors agreed resolution office number 30 is to be pulled and revised to reflect opposition to the Holiday Hunt and the option to opt in or opt out according to the letter submitted to NYS DEC by the WLF (attached above). The resolution will be submitted to the DEC prior to the close of the Public Comment period November 14th. The resolution is to be reworked to reflect opposition to the Holiday Hunt all together.</i></p>			
<p>Fair Association w/M. Roche</p>			
1. General Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet • Rental of buildings for winter storage 		<p>Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:</p>	<p>Carried: Defeated: Referred to:</p>

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Dairy Industry w/S. Klein			
1. General Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gramco Feed Store in Springville has been purchased by Gold Star Feed & Grain, a New York State-focused division of Tulare, CA-based J.D. Heiskell & Co., purchased the business and assets of Gramco Inc. a retail and wholesale distributor in southern Erie County, that focuses on custom dairy feed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Important not to lose dairy infrastructure • Supply chain challenges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Milk – In Aug./Sep. the US lost 70,00 head of dairy cattle to slaughter. That was a significant drop in a very short time frame. ○ Milk is at \$16.00 cw. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Year over year production gain slipped 2%. ○ Demand for dairy products is out pacing ability to deliver across the country ○ Large shipping containers you could once purchase for \$1,600 now go for \$20,000. ○ The economy is not growing, costs are! ○ “Officer” came back from CA. recently and report gas prices at \$5.15/gal. Didn’t seem to deter motorists. • Spring price estimates for fertilizer and chemicals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supply incredibly low / Prices incredibly high ○ Committee Chair Klein offered that the cause is more “Geopolitical” than economic. • NYS Corn & Soybean Growers Association in Washington DC this week lobbying 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

Supervisor Brick, T/Perry talked about Proposition #2, Right to Clean Air, Clean Water, and a Healthful Environment not being that friendly towards agriculture.

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County Forestlands w/			
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Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
	~Nothing to Report~	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Conservation w/			
	~Nothing to Report~	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Ag. & Farmland Protection			
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Signature of Committee Chairman: **p/S. Klein & B. Becker** (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, December 01, 2021 @ 10:30 AM.**

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