

Health & Human Services
August 30, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair John Peck, Legislators Michael Docteur, Allen Drake, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, and Chairman of the Board Scott Gray

Others Present: Legislators William Johnson, Philip Reed, Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, James Nabywaniec and Patrick Jareo, County Attorney David Paulsen, Information Technology Director and Confidential Assistant for Fiscal Affairs Gregory Hudson, Community Services Director Roger Ambrose, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, Interim Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Fire & Emergency Management Director Joseph Plummer, Treasurer Accountant Anne Converse, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to address the Committee. The Committee approved the minutes of the July Committee meeting as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution amending the 2016 County Budget to allocate additional state aid relative to a cost of living adjustment for Community Services Programs and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution authorizing agreement for provision of certain professional services to the Medical Examiner's Office and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution authorizing amended agreement for provision of certain professional services to the Medical Examiner's Office and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick. Chairman Peck entertained a motion to amend the resolution to reflect the term of the agreement effective July 13, 2016 through December 31, 2022. Such motion was made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion the Committee unanimously approved the amendment, and unanimously agreed to sponsor the resolution as amended.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution amending the 2016 County Budget in relation to Public Health Department accounts and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Docteur and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Legislator Fitzpatrick advised that a representative from ProAct will be at the September Committee meeting to give an update on the prescription drug program, including the money that has been saved by citizens.

Legislator Docteur related that members of the agriculture community in his District (1) as well as District 3 were concerned about the lack of a drought designation from the federal government for their section of the County. He stated that a gathering attended by Agriculture Coordinator Jay Matteson and a representative from Senator Patty Ritchie's Office was held last week to discuss possibilities of receiving a drought designation that would make them eligible for low interest loans and other opportunities. Chairman Peck referenced an email he sent out noting that USDA did designate some parts of the State as severe drought conditions but at this point have not designated anything further north than Oswego County. With further data collection he was hoping designations for northern counties would be forthcoming from USDA. Board Chairman Gray advised that an email from Ag Coordinator Jay Matteson had come in moments ago and should be reviewed by legislators.

Chairman Peck advised that the DSS Ad Hoc committee was nearing completion and following a couple more meetings recommendations for changes would be forthcoming to the Committee. If anyone has questions before then, he said to contact him or any other member of the Committee (Legislators Johnson, Montigelli, Jareo).

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Docteur and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Hagemann", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board