

**Health & Human Services Committee**  
**February 25, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair John Peck, Legislators Allen Drake, James Nabywaniec, Jeremiah Maxon, Corey Grant, Anthony Doldo and Board Chair Scott Gray

**Others Present:** Legislators Robert Cantwell, Philip Reed, Michael Montigelli, Patrick Jareo, and Carolyn Fitzpatrick, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Office for the Aging Director Chris Ingersoll, Community Services Director Timothy Ruetten, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, Social Services Commissioner Teresa Gaffney, Veterans Service Agency Director Theresa Niebacher, Employment & Training Director Cheryl Mayforth, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to address the Committee. The Committee approved the minutes of January meeting, as written.

Chairman Peck introduced Public Health Director Ginger Hall for a presentation concerning the Coronavirus (Covid-19). Public Health Director Hall made a Power Point presentation (copy attached for file reference) to the Committee saying that both the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) are closely monitoring an outbreak of a new coronavirus (termed Covid-19). She went through the timeline from when the virus was first reported in China on December 31, 2019, to date when there are 30 international locations where it has been found. She said there are 7 known coronavirus', this is a very fast moving virus; they are receiving direction from both NYSDOH and CDC on how to prepare the County for the outbreak and how to implement measures to prevent or mitigate the outbreak. She went over exposure, symptoms and transmission of the virus and said there is very little risk of exposure for Jefferson County residents at this point, and if it does show up here, the goal is to not have it spread. Director Hall said she has regular/daily teleconferences with the NYS DOH for any updates. She advised that since September 11, 2001 they have had a Preparedness Plan for these kinds of incidents; since then it was used for both the SARS and MERS incidents and will be used again if needed. The Plan outlines, among other things, isolation/quarantine measures to put in place to prevent sustained spread of the virus in New York State. Director Hall said the Johns Hopkins website has an interesting interactive map that pinpoints the positive cases of coronavirus. She answered questions of legislators related to the coronavirus and the local response.

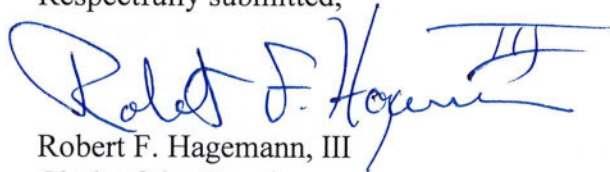
Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service (TIERS) in Relation to Novel Virus Infection Outbreaks and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded

by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Amending 2020 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue from NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Family First Transition Funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Doldo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a prominent "H" at the end.

Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board