

**Health & Human Services Committee**  
**December 1, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Members Virtually Present:**

Committee Chair John Peck, Legislators Allen Drake, James Nabywaniec, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Corey Grant, and Anthony Doldo

**Others Virtually Present:**

Legislators Robert Cantwell, William Johnson, Philip Reed, Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, Patrick Jareo, and Frances Calarco, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Airport Manager Grant Sussey, Office for Aging Director Christina Ingersoll, Community Services Director Timothy Ruetten, Fire & Emergency Management Director Joseph Plummer, Insurance Director Lisa Jock, Public Health Director Ginger Hall

**Present:** Board Chair Scott Gray, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Information Technology Director and Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Gregory Hudson, Secretary Torri Richmire, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

As noted before the General Services Committee meeting held just prior to this meeting, the meeting is being conducted under the extraordinary circumstance of a public health emergency (COVID-19), and under Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1; without permitting public in-person access to the meeting, authorizing the meeting to be held partially or completely with members appearing by remote conference call or similar service, and the meeting is being live streamed via the web and recorded, including the participation of the members appearing by remote link.

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and introduced a resolution Appointing Members to the Jefferson County Office for Aging Advisory Council and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Services to Elderly of Jefferson County and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris 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 Respite Services through the Office for the Aging and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Changing the Membership and Terms and Appointing Members to the Jefferson County EMS Advisory Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec and seconded by Legislator Ferris. Legislator Doldo said he would like to see a legislator representative on the EMS Advisory Board, and reiterated concerns he expressed during General Services Committee about the Fire & EMS Advisory Boards separating and will not support this resolution. Following brief discussion it was decided that a legislative representative (Legislator Cantwell volunteered) may be added to the membership for the EMS Advisory Board at the Board Session, if necessary. The Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented with Legislator Doldo opposed.

With regard to Covid-19, Chairman Peck advised that as we continue to see an increase in positive Covid cases, legislators should continue to communicate with constituents that we need to maintain vigilance with the protocols in order to keep our economy open and continue to save lives. As uncomfortable as some of the protocols are, he said it is our best defense against the virus. There was brief discussion concerning PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) supplies for Public Health and the hospitals with both Chairman Gray and Fire & Emergency Management Director Joseph Plummer advising that hospitals have to maintain a 90 day supply, and neither were aware of any potential PPE supply issues at this time. Legislators and staff expressed appreciation and support for the employees at Public Health.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Deputy Clerk of the Board