

Health & Human Services Committee
April 27, 2021
Minutes

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

Others Present: Legislators Robert Cantwell, William Johnson, Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, Patrick Jareo and Frances Calarco, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Department of Social Services Commissioner Teresa Gaffney, Watertown Daily Time Reporter Alex Gault, 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 speak. The Committee approved the minutes of the March Committee meeting as written.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding for Community Services Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Doldo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements with NYS Department of Education Approved Agencies for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements and Establishing Rates for Provision of Related Services in Connection with the Program for Preschool Children with Disabilities and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Doldo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Peck said a draft letter to the State was emailed to legislators with regard to the two resolutions that were passed last month concerning incarcerated individuals and competency restoration. It outlined our complaints and wishes for reform and different actions to be taken, and will be sent out in due course. He thanked staff for the well written letter and the turnover in getting that done.

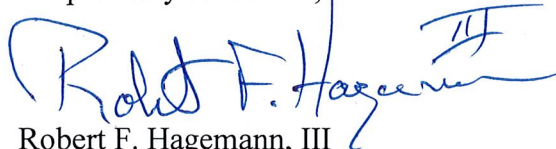
Mr. Hagemann announced 2021 Youth Bureau award recipients: Meghan Dulmage, Promising Ability in Youth Services; Chloey Arruda, Youth Overcoming Odds; Leila Schaber, Youth Leadership; Alyssa Hutson, Outstanding Adult Youth Worker; Christina & Stuart Tamblin, It Takes a Community. He said the awards will be given out at a virtual award ceremony on May 14, 2021 that will be taped and posted to the Youth Bureau website.

Chairman Peck gratefully acknowledged the general citizenry for any help they have provided in trying to get through this pandemic, whether it was making masks, helping friends and neighbors, vaccinations, etc. as it was very much appreciated.

Legislator Maxon said as of late the daily positive Coronavirus case numbers that have been reported for Jefferson County by New York State and by the County are very different; the County is reporting much higher numbers. He wondered if the difference was the positive cases reported by Fort Drum. Mr. Hagemann confirmed that is the difference, but part of it may be in the timing of when the numbers are reported. Legislator Maxon pointed out that it also makes a difference in the positivity rate as we have the number of positives from Fort Drum, but not the number of test that were administered.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Doldo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and "H".

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board