

Health & Human Services Committee
February 22, 2022
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Anthony Doldo, Legislators Philip Reed, Allen Drake, John Peck, Frances Calarco, Corey Grant and Board Chair William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators Robert Cantwell, Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, Patrick Jareo, and Scott Gray, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Gregory Hudson, Community Services Director Tim Ruetten, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, Dept of Social Services Commissioner Teresa Gaffney, Human Resources Director Valerie Nugent, Probation Director Kristine Maloney, Stop DWI Coordinator Jason Widrick, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Doldo 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 January meeting, as written.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget to Accept Funding for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Reed and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Community Services Programs and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake and seconded by Legislator Reed. Director Ruetten explained that the lock boxes will allow clients to securely take medications (suboxone/methadone) home with them on weekends, and the capital project is the rehabilitation of the building recently purchased by Credo next to their current West Main Street facility and will be converted into much needed programming space. The Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue from NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for Pandemic Emergency Assistance and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting New York State Rental Supplement Program Allocation Funding from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Establishing a Caseworker Position within Social Services and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made

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

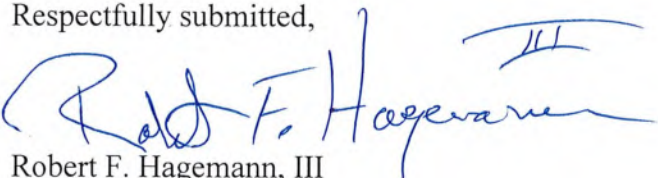
Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting Donation for Jefferson County Public Health Service and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Grant seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement in Connection With New York State Department of Health Emergency Medical Technician Rapid Academy Pilot and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Peck and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Administrator Hagemann advised that he was not in attendance at the last meeting of community leaders looking into homelessness, but he understands that work is progressing. He said five internal task force groups have been set up, all on parallel paths examining different subjects and doing a lot of research. The next meeting of the whole group will be at the end of March, and they are targeting late Spring for recommendations to the community. He said finding temporary housing that is not hotels will be part of the plan moving forward.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Drake and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board