

Health & Human Services Committee

June 27, 2023

Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Anthony Doldo, Legislators Allen Drake, Jeremiah Maxon, Frances Calarco, Steel Potter, Corey Grant, Board Chair William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators Robert Cantwell, Philip Reed, Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, James Nabywaniec, Patrick Jareo and Robert Ferris, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Confidential Asst. For Fiscal Affairs Ashley Durham, Office for Aging Deputy Director Louise Harackza, Community Services Director Tim Ruetten, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, Social Services Commissioner Teresa Gaffney, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Human Resources Director Valerie Nugent, JCC President Dan Dupee, JCC Interim Vice President for Administration & Finance Bill Emm, JCC Executive Director of Accounting and Auxiliary Services Sid Pond, 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 address the Committee.

The Committee approved the minutes of the April and May Committee meetings, as written.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding from NYS Office for the Aging American Rescue Plan Funding for Provision of Transportation Services and Authorizing Agreement in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements for the Provision of Services Relative to Opioid Settlement Funds Regional Abatement and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Potter and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement for Provision of X-Ray Services in Connection with the Medical Examiner Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding From NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act – Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding and Emergency Rental Assistance Program Funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Potter and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Public Health Service Director Hall outlined the staffing and responsibilities associated with the Medical Examiner's Office noting the specific education and extensive forensic pathology training is required for a Medical Examiner position and there is currently a severe shortage in the field. In response to questions she explained the position is paid at a flat professional rate which is a bundle that includes on call, cases to be reviewed, looking at labs specimens, doing the autopsy, and travel. Legislator Maxon appreciated Director Hall talking about this in general terms because he believed we would be talking about this in a different Committee and any hiring decisions are discussed in executive session so specific questions should be held until then.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board