

Health & Human Services Committee
June 26, 2018
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair John Peck, Legislators Allen Drake, James Nabywaniec, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Anthony Doldo, and Board Chair Scott Gray

Others Present: Legislators Robert Cantwell, Robert Johnson, Michael Montigelli, and Daniel McBride, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Information Technology Director and Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Gregory Hudson, Office for the Aging Director Timothy Ruetten, Community Services Director Roger Ambrose, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Abraham Kenmore, 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 May Committee meeting, as written.

Roger Ambrose informed the Committee that Jefferson County was one of 17 counties to receive a grant approved by the NYS Senate Opioid and Substance Abuse Committee and administered through the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) for direct services at jails across the State. He said the Board approved a resolution calling for such grant funding a few months ago. The County will be receiving \$156,000 directed to services for the opiate epidemic and he is working with community providers and the Sheriff on how to best use the funds. He said it is the first time in a very long time that money has been awarded for treatment services in the Jail and it is a one year line item, but they are hoping for a second year of funding. There are currently staff at the Jail who do evaluations, and information as well as educational programs are available, but these new funds are for treatment while people are in Jail; they are waiting for guidance from OASAS for restrictions concerning use of the funds before plans are made. Mr. Ambrose said he looked forward to establishing services which includes benchmarks, guidelines, goals, etc. in order to be able to measure the outcomes, then they might have a better chance at a second year of funding and beyond. He answered questions of legislators with regard to the services included under the grant and thanked them for their support.

Chairman Peck introduced a resolution amending the 2018 County Budget relative to additional state aid for Community Services programs and authorizing agreements in relation thereto, and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

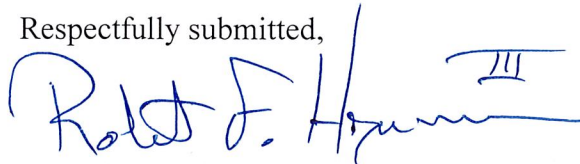
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Chairman Peck introduced a resolution amending the 2018 County Budget relative to Public Health Department accounts and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick and seconded by Legislator Doldo. Legislator Maxon asked if the radios are designed to work with the County's new public safety radio system. Mr. Hagemann indicated that they would in fact work with the new system. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Administrator Hagemann reminded legislators that the Office for the Aging Senior Picnic is being held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

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 blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a distinct "III" at the end.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board