

STEBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

9:00 a.m.

*Legislative Chambers, 3rd Floor, Annex Building
Bath, New York*

****MINUTES****

COMMITTEE:	Carol A. Ferratella, Chair Aaron I. Mullen	K. Michael Hanna, Vice Chair Paul E. Van Caeseele	James Kuhl
STAFF:	Jack K. Wheeler Jennifer Galvan Kathy Muller Darlene Smith	Christopher Brewer Bill Caudill Lise Reynolds Brenda Scotchmer	Jennifer Prossick Patty Baroody Gary Smith Tammy Hurd-Harvey
LEGISLATORS:	Scott J. Van Etten Hilda T. Lando Robert V. Nichols	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Wendy Lozo Nicholas D. Pelham	Jeffrey P. Horton John V. Malter

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ferratella called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Mrs. Lozo to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2022, MEETING MADE BY MR. HANNA. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESELEE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

III. DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS

A. Social Services

1. **Budget Adjustment** – Ms. Muller requested authorization to transfer 2022 unexpended funds in the amount of \$753,000 from Foster Care to Safety Net and Emergency Aid to Adults, along with the associated revenues. Once this transfer is complete, the County local share will net out on both budgets. We overspent in both the Safety Net and Emergency Aid to Adults programs. This is the first time in my tenure that we have come in with a Safety Net over expenditure. Mr. Wheeler commented many counties are in that position this time of year. Our Foster Care numbers are down to 100 kids in care and 17 that are in the que to be adopted. Our budget is still in very good shape.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 2022 UNEXPENDED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$753,000 FROM FOSTER CARE (ACCT #611900543506) AND APPROPRIATING \$700,000 TO ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (ACCT #614000543503) AND \$53,000 TO ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (ACCT #614200543503); DECREASING STATE REVENUE (ACCT #611900436190) \$229,500; INCREASING STATE REVENUE (ACCT #614000436400) \$203,000; AND INCREASING STATE REVENUE (ACCT #614200436420) \$26,500 MADE BY MR. VAN CASEELE. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA.

Mr. Van Caeselee asked what were the Foster Care numbers? Ms. Muller replied we have had 125 – 130 kids in care. There were a number of adoptions at year-end. In 2022 we had 20 children adopted and 17 will be adopted to start off 2023.

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked have the homeless numbers tracked down? Are the homeless spread out across the County and do you have any insight as to what is causing the increase in numbers? Ms. Muller replied we have spent \$2.2 million of the \$5 million that we had budgeted for the homeless. The average cost per night to house a

homeless individual is \$150 per night. We have had 200 – 300 people show up here as homeless and those are unduplicated numbers. There is not enough housing in the County and what we do have is substandard and we cannot use it.

Mrs. Ferratella asked with Foster Care, are you working with families to get help from other family members? Ms. Muller replied yes, we always reach out to the family first.

Mr. Van Etten asked can we get a regional spending estimate with regard to where we are spending our funds in the County on homelessness? Ms. Fitzpatrick commented in Bath we feel as though we have a large concentration of the homeless. Do you have numbers for the contiguous counties?

Mr. Wheeler stated we are not unique. He noted the relationship we have with the former Lando's has helped and provides us with more flexibility. He stated that we can email the Legislators information regarding where the funds are spent and how the numbers are spread out throughout the County.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

B. Office for the Aging

1. **Increase 2023 SSSF Contract** – Mrs. Barody commented ProAction will no longer be operating the Bone Builder's Program effective January 1, 2023 and she would like to transition this into the Steuben Senior Services Fund. This will result in an increase of \$14,000 in the Steuben Senior Services Fund contract.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT WITH THE STEUBEN SENIOR SERVICES FUND BY \$14,000 FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE BONE BUILDERS PROGRAM MADE BY MR. KUHL. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

2. **Increase 2022 – 2023 Comfort Keepers Contract** – Mrs. Barody requested authorization to increase the contract with Comfort Keepers \$3,500 due to an increase in Level 1 homecare. We have identified funds in our budget that need to be spent by March 31, 2023, which is when this contract expires.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO INCREASE THE 2022-2023 CONTRACT WITH COMFORT KEEPERS \$3,500 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023 MADE BY MR. VAN CAESEELE. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA.

Mr. Kuhl asked what is the reason for the increase? Mrs. Barody replied we have a growing aging population and people turn to agencies for assistance with home care when family is not close by to assist. Mr. Kuhl asked during intakes, are you asking how they hear about the program? Mrs. Barody replied most people know about Office for the Aging when they call. That is one of the things we ask. Mr. Horton commented with respect to people not knowing about services, Mrs. Barody came to the Town of Campbell meeting and did a presentation. We had about 20 people in attendance and that was very good for the Town. Mrs. Barody commented she is happy to do that presentation to any community that would welcome us.

VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

3. **Increase 2023 IHS Employment Contract** – Mrs. Barody requested authorization to increase the Institute for Human Services Employment contract to include an Easy Rider Van driver for \$19,950. The individual is currently employed through ProAction, but will be retiring.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING TO INCREASE THE 2023 INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT TO INCLUDE AN EASY RIDER VAN DRIVER FOR \$19,950 MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. KUHL. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

C. County Manager

1. **United Way** – Mr. Wheeler explained for the past three years we have had a contract with United Way where we have funded \$20,000 toward their COMET software program for Kids on Track. This year United Way is asking that we switch the funding to support the local cost of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This program will provide free books to children birth to five years in Steuben County. During the budget process, the Legislature amended the funding request to \$10,000.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED WAY TO FUND THE LOCAL COST OF THE DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$10,000 MADE BY MR. VAN CAESELEE. SECONDED BY MR. KUHL. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

D. Youth Bureau

1. **Youth Sports Opportunity Funding** – Mr. Caudill requested authorization to amend the Youth Sports Opportunity Funding allocation to reflect an appropriation of \$2,936 to both Cornell Cooperative Extension and YMCA of Hornell which was previously allocated \$2,500. Additionally this amendment includes removing the \$872 allocation to Youth Bureau Services for administration and planning. He noted the funding of \$2,500 remains the same for the Corning Rugby Club. The total contract for services is \$8,372.

MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH BUREAU TO AMEND THE YOUTH SPORTS OPPORTUNITY FUNDING AS FOLLOWS: \$2,936 TO BOTH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND YMCA OF HORNELL, \$2,500 TO CORNING RUGBY CLUB AND REMOVING THE ALLOCATION OF \$872 TO YOUTH BUREAU SERVICES FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$8,372 MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESELEE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Goals* – Mr. Van Etten stated that he would like the committee to start thinking about 2023 goals and be prepared to adopt goals by the March meeting. Mr. Wheeler stated we will give you updates on last year's goals as well as the proposed goals for this year.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. MULLEN. SECONDED BY MR. VAN CAESELEE. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman
Deputy Clerk
Steuben County Legislature

****NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR****

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Please send agenda items to the Clerk of the Legislature's Office

NO LATER THAN NOON

Wednesday, January 25, 2023