

**Herkimer County Legislature
Committee on Human Resources and Ways & Means
Committee Meeting
Friday, July 31, 2020
Via Teleconference
Follows Administration/Veterans' Affairs and Ways & Means**

Persons Attending:

Frederick J. Shaw, Jr. (Chairman, Human Resources/W&M committee member)
Raymond Smith (committee member, both)
Peter F. Manno (Human Resources committee member)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (Human Resources committee member)
Mark Gaworecki (Human Resources committee member)
Robert J. Schrader (Human Resources committee member)
Patrick E. Russell (Chairman, Ways & Means)
Kurt J. Ackerman (Ways & Means committee member)
Raymond Johnson (Ways & Means committee member)
John P Stephens (Ways & Means committee member)
Vincent J. Bono (Chairman of the Legislature)
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Brandy Serow, Sec. to County Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer
Jill Schrader, Personnel Assistant
Christina Cain, Director of Public Health
Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services
Kathy Fox, Director of Office for the Aging

(Non Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator Bob D. Hollum
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator John L. Brezinski
Legislator Ray Donley
Legislator Peter J. Campione
Legislator William Weakley

Absent:

N/A

Mr. Shaw called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

Items discussed:

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

1. Request renewal of grant and amend budget for Emergency Preparedness in Public Health
2. Approve MOU between DSS and OFA for HEAP
3. Accept funding, create account and amend budget from the CARES Act in Office for the Aging
4. Accept funding, create account, approve transfer and amend budget for Unmet Needs Program in Office for the Aging
5. Approve purchase of van for transportation in OFA
6. Request renewal of contract with Catholic Charities of Herkimer County in DSS
7. Other

Committee Vote Record:

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

Mr. Shaw: “First on the agenda is request renewal of grant and amend budget for Emergency Preparedness in Public Health. Do you need to say anything on that Christina?”

Christina Cain: “This is our yearly grant that we get to cover emergency preparedness and we are just shifting the supply funding over to salaries to help with some of the additional costs due to COVID.”

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Schrader for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Smith for Ways & Means, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Shaw: “Second on the agenda approve MOU between DSS and OFA for HEAP. I think that is a pretty standard procedure that we do every year for those needing help. Are there any questions or comments?”

Item #2 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Bono for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bono for Ways & Means, Item #2 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Shaw: “Number three is accept funding, create account and amend budget from the CARES Act in Office for the Aging. Kathy do you have anything you would like to say on that one?”

Kathy Fox: “This is just Federal money that came from COVID that is just to assist anybody who needs any information or assistance and we can also provide home delivered meals to people under the age of 60 with these funds. We are doing that currently with a couple of people. It is in the amount of \$27,679 and it will be extended until September 30, 2021.”

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Johnson for Ways & Means, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Shaw: “Number four, accept funding, create account, approve transfer and amend budget for Unmet Needs Program in Office for the Aging. Kathy?”

Kathy Fox: “This money was unspent money from last year that they allowed us to carry over to September 30th of this year. In my next item I am going to request purchasing a vehicle and that is how I am going to do it, with this funding.”

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Gaworecki, seconded by Mr. Schrader for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Smith for Ways & Means, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Shaw: “Number five is approve purchase of van for transportation in OFA. Kathy?”

Kathy Fox: “This is to purchase a 2019 Ford E-350 Cutaway van. It is eight passenger with one wheelchair position. I did just notice there is a typo in the letter. It is \$55,000 not \$54,000. It is a leftover from last year so it is lower than purchasing a new one and it is already finished and complete. I have to spend this money prior to September 30, 2020. With the funding I am using for this, there will be no local match.”

Item #5 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Johnson for Ways & Means, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Shaw: “Number six is to request renewal of contract with Catholic Charities of Herkimer County in DSS. Do you want to speak on that Tim?”

Tim Seymour: “Sure. This is our bullying and youth violence prevention contract renewal with Catholic Charities, it is our TREATY program. It is important to note that for the past couple of years this has had an attendance intervention piece attached to it and we have been watching that program very closely and I think collectively, this year we are not going to go through with that program based on some conversations with the schools. Jim, Gina Giacovelli, and I have been talking about it. So the proposal originally came in at \$47,540, I am requesting \$34,100 for the TREATY program. We have about eight schools interested in the same program in conflict management peer violence and peer mediation.”

Item #6 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Malta for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Johnson for Ways & Means, Item #6 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Shaw: “Is there anything under other?”

Item #7 – N/A.

At 10:46 a.m., on motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Malta, the Human Resources Committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.