

Present: Legislators Young, Clattenburg, Deleo, Dibble, Also Present: Legislator Stein, Torrey, Hilchey, Bausch, Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, Health Department Director Paul Pettit, OFA Director Ruth Spink, History/Records Director Michael Eula, Cooperative Extension Interim Director Robin Travis, Precision Ag Specialist Ali Nafchi, OFA Director Ruth Spink, HR Director Anita Cleveland, Soil & Water Manager Molly Cassatt, Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves, County Attorney Kevin Earl, The Batavian reporter Howard Owens, The Daily News reporter Jim Krenczik.

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room at the Old Courthouse. The minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves requested approval of a salary schedule amendment to accommodate the pending retirement of long-time Administrative Officer Jim Damien. Jim is retiring after 29 years of service. The Department is requesting he remain in the position on a part-time basis through the beginning of 2019 as they transition to a new Administrative Officer. The change from full-time to part-time will save \$33,000 in 2018. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

History/Records Management Director Michael Eula explained the County has had an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension to house their old records. The agreement is renewed every two years. Mr. Eula explained the records are not accessed and therefore do not require any staff time or resources. Legislator Stein asked if the County Attorney had reviewed the agreement. The Committee agreed that the matter could be moved pending County Attorney approval. County Manager Jay Gsell explained that this is a renewal, not a new agreement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Mr. Eula stated Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District has the same agreement with Genesee County for storage of inactive files. The agreement is also a renewal for two years. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit requested approval of a contract renewal for paratransit services for the early intervention and preschool supportive health services program. This is the third one-year renewal with Student Transport, Inc. and now includes a provision that transportation for a No-Show child will be billed 50% of the lowest one-way trip charge. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of an affiliation agreement with the University of Rochester. Both the Health Department and the U of R will benefit from the arrangement which will allow for a student to be placed at the Health Department where they will gain valuable experience while assisting employees with required department work. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained that the Health Department has a contract with Monroe County for elevated blood lead investigation services. Expected costs are 100% reimbursable through Article 6 (state aid). Mr. Pettit stated that most cases of elevated blood lead result from lead paint used on houses years ago. Legislator Clattenburg commented that long term effects on children include cognitive impairments which affect learning at school. Lead assessments are administered at pediatrician offices however the Health Department cannot force parents to follow thru. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit stated the department received notification from the New York State Department of Health that they were awarded \$90,789 for the Drinking Water Enhancement Program. He is requesting the County accept the funds which must be used to support local drinking water enhancement activities. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Director Ruth Spink explained that program staff is scheduled to distribute information on available senior services at various locations throughout the City of Batavia. She is requesting proof of general liability insurance. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Clattenburg carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink explained the OFA will participate in a Health Insurance Vendor Fair at Immaculate Conception Mary Immaculate Parish in East Bethany where staff will distribute information on health insurance options and senior services to the residents of Bethany and Pavilion. She is requesting an insurance certificate for proof of general liability insurance. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink requested the same as above for Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish in East Pembroke. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink requested the same for South Byron Volunteer Fire Company to provide information to residents of Byron and the surrounding area. This was approved for

placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

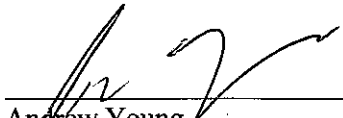
Ms. Spink requested approval for an agreement with the National Council on Aging for the OFA to deliver Aging in Mastery Program sessions. The program offers interactive classes that focus on enhancing well-being, improving health and stronger economic security for adults 55 and older. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Clattenburg carried unanimously.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Interim Executive Director Robin Travis explained the deadline for the Executive Director search was extended two weeks. Seven applications have been received. The board has an October 1, 2018 target date for the new director to start. Ms. Travis stated this is her third Interim Director placement and she has much experience specific to Cornell Cooperative Extension. She reported that 4-H clubs have increased to 21 and there are 39 more youth participating in the clubs this year. The Fair is set for July 16-21 and volunteer judges are needed. Anyone wishing to help out should contact Ms. Travis. Mr. Ali Nafchi, a precision agriculturalist was introduced and shared information about his experience and vision for the future of precision Ag in Genesee and surrounding counties. He is employed by Cornell and housed at Genesee County Cornell Cooperative Extension. He designed and engineered multiple means for farmers to be more productive, use fewer chemicals/herbicides resulting in bigger yields and reduced costs. Mr. Nafchi indicated he is interested in working with GCC and would like to see collaboration with STEM initiatives.

Ms. Sue Boss highlighted the PathStone Housing report by sharing updates on the number of current Section 8 vouchers. She reported there are 793 current vouchers in Genesee County with 62 available. She stated the lack of available housing is the reason there are 62 vouchers still available. HUD is looking for 100% utilization. The Owner-occupied rehabilitation program completed 3 large projects totaling \$120,000 for Genesee County. Ms. Boss explained that the unit must get to the point of being certified therefore they must spend what is needed and don't have the option of funding multiple projects and spreading the funding across many projects. They are meeting the guidelines set by the State. The County has the option of not accepting these program funds if there is not support for meeting the guidelines set out by the state. Legislator Clattenburg stated she supports spreading these funds over several projects and not providing few homeowners with such large amounts of funding. Ms. Boss explained that County funding of \$12,150 is used for a portion of staffing costs for the Home Ownership Counselor who provides services to housing counseling clients.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is July 30, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.



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