

Present: Legislators Young, Clattenburg, Deleo, Dibble, Also Present: Legislator Stein, Hilchey, Torrey, Bausch, Deleo, Clerk Pamela LaGrou, Assistant County Manager Matt Landers, OFA Director Ruth Spink, Health Department Director Paul Pettit, Sue Duyssen, The Daily News reporter Brian Quinn, The Batavian reporter Howard Owens

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

Office for the Aging Director Ruth Spink reviewed highlights and future challenges from her department review. She explained that NYS Office for the Aging provides counties with demographic information which is included in page 2 of her report. Crucial needs revolve around homecare aide shortages, having the capacity to serve the influx of aging baby boomers, overall support to provide requested services and assistance such as navigating HIPAA requirements and health care insurance costs, and lack of full spectrum of continuum of care for housing needs. Recent public hearings include comments from seniors that there is not enough middle-income housing options and no continuum of care under one roof. The opioid epidemic is impacting seniors in several ways with grandparents raising grandchildren due to parental addiction and financial exploitation of seniors by children and/or grandchildren to support their addiction. Ms. Spink related there are more directives from the State to seek alternative funding sources. She related they are meeting with YMCA regarding the possibility of being included in the joint facility plans with YMCA and the hospital. Chairman Bausch requested a meeting between the OFA Advisory Board and the YMCA/Hospital committee to ensure early stage involvement. Ms. Spink reviewed the organizational chart and explained that she is engaging staff by including them in report writing and increasing administrative responsibilities. There is also cross-training to increase capacity of the 19.57 FTE's.

Ms. Spink requested permission to apply for Federal, State and other grant funding in 2019-2020 for Office for the Aging programs. Legislator Deleo made a motion for permission to apply seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Ms. Spink requested a budget amendment to accept state and federal aid in the amount of \$7,959 to be offset by expenses in a like amount for postage, interpreter services, respite and food. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit explained that the Health Department has several affiliation agreements with area colleges and would like to enter into one with Nazareth College since they have a new Public Health program. The agreement would run from November 1, 2018-October 31, 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a budget amendment to allow for the addition of \$150,000 from New York State for the septic system replacement fund. The County was able to apply for funding to upgrade or replace septic systems in certain areas located adjacent to creeks or watershed areas. The first eligible homeowner submitted for reimbursement. Approximately 400-500 postcards were mailed to homeowners in the eligible areas. Mr. Pettit explained that contractors are working with homeowners and are aware of the reimbursement from the State. Mr. Pettit explained that this program requires administrative staff time but does not allow for any admin fees to be collected by the County. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested a public hearing be set on Local Law Introductory #5 Year 2018 for October 24th, 2018. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit explained that Coroner pay needs to be changed to reflect a more equitable method which will include an annual salary of \$2,000 with increases tied to annual management adjustments in addition to a \$100 fee per case and holiday cases to be paid at \$150 per case. If passed, the local law would go into effect January 1, 2019. Any management adjustment would be included in the local law that is presented each year for elected or appointed officials. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a grant for the Radon Program. The County received notification that the Radon Program was awarded \$3,356 which has been included in the 2018 Health Department budget. 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 a grant for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. The County received notification that the program contract has been approved for \$39,383 and will be used to support local Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo carried unanimously.

Mr. Pettit requested approval of a contract renewal with New York State for the County's Early Intervention Administration program in the amount of \$25,681. These funds are used to support the administration of the Early Intervention Program. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Clattenburg carried unanimously.

Agricultural Society board member Sue Duyssen shared several highlights from the 2018 Genesee County Fair: there were 35,000 in attendance, they had to rotate barns due to the increased number of animals, goats and dogs were back in the line-up this year, they had many draft horses and invested \$30,000 in their campsites due to the increase in families camping during Fair week. They are using digital marketing and partnered with the Chamber of Commerce to increase their reach. Beyond the Fair they host two dog shows each year, horse events and have a 3-year agreement for car racing. They utilize buildings and barns for storage of campers and boats charging \$10/foot. Proof of insurance is required and extra fees are charged to anyone who wants to bring their unit outside of their designated drop off time/date. The NYS Troopers are conducting a canine training on site this week. She explained they are working on a new website they hope will be completed before next Fair season. Ms. Duyssen confirmed County funding is used in accordance with the agreement. The increase in Fair attendance may be a result of fewer local festivals and fairs.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Monday, November 5, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.



Andrew Young, Chair
Human Services Committee
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