St. Lawrence County
Board of Legislators
Board Room and Live via YouTube

Services Committee Monday, October 23, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Members Attending: Mr. Hull, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, Mr. Gennett, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Terminelli arrived via zoom at 5:31 p.m., and Mr. Webster

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Mr. Hull called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to amend the agenda to include an introduction of Ricky Richard Anywar, a Legislator visiting from Uganda, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Terminelli).

- **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mr. Gennett moved to approve the September 18th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- 3. Introduction of Ricky Richard Anywar, Ugandan Legislator and friend of Legislator Dan Fay Keely Harrington Hutton.

Chair Hull announced that due to extenuating circumstances, Ms. Terminelli is attending the meeting remotely from 23 Walnut Street, Massena.

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH VETERAN SERVICES – MIKE BOPREY

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project Jefferson and Lewis Counties to Provide the Dwyer Veterans Peer Program and Modifying the 2023 Budget for Community Services (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha and Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign Contracts with New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to Accept the 2023-2024 Traffic Safety Program and Child Passenger Safety Grants for Community Services (Res) Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- B. Modifying the 2023 Budget for Community Services for Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP I) Funding from the Office of Justice Programs (Res) Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- C. Mental Health, Addiction Services, and Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Services Statistics Updates (Info) Jay Ulrich

5. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEBER

A. Modifying the 2023 Budget for Social Services for Office Renovations in the Harold B. Smith Building (Res) – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran.

Mr. Lightfoot moved to amend the resolution to update the budget modification to include an increase revenue line and add four accounts totaling \$230,405, and change the decrease appropriations line to \$293,646, seconded by Mr. Reagen, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Resolution, as amended, carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

- B. Modifying the 2023 Budget for Social Services for the Relocation of the Legal Staff to the County Attorney's Office (Res) Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- C. Modifying the 2023 Budget for Social Services for Child Care (Res) Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Mr. Perkins, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- D. Social Services Statistics Eligibility Review (Info) Doug Hamilton

Mr. Fay left the room at 6:28 p.m., and returned at 6:30 p.m.

6. PUBLIC HEALTH – CARLY ZIMMERMANN

- A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Amendment to the Contract with Health Research Inc./New York State Department of Health (HRI/NYSDOH) for Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) COVID-19 Enhanced Detection (Res) Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- B. Modifying The 2023 Budget For The Public Health Department for the Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems Program (Res) Mr. Burke moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Forsythe, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- C. Modifying the 2023 Budget for the Public Health Department for Administration and Preventive Services Program (Res) Mr. Forsythe moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett and Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.
- D. Electronic Health Record Transition (Discussion) Ms. Zimmermann

7. LEGISLATOR MARGARET HAGGARD

A. Urging Governor Hochul and State Legislature to Allow Speech-Language Pathologist Assistants and Aides to Practice Via License, Registration, or Certification in the New York State Early Intervention Program to Expand Capacity for Children in Need of Services in Rural Areas of New York State (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, Mr. Gennett, Mr. Denesha, and Ms. Curran.

Ms. Curran asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Mr. Hull moved to table this resolution to the November Services Committee, seconded by Ms. Haggard, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) no vote (Smithers).

B. Urging Governor Hochul and State Legislature to Shift the Administrative Responsibility for Preschool Special Education Transportation Services to Local School Districts (Res) – Mr. Gennett moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

8. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Weights & Measures – Mr. Simmons requested to fill an Inspector, Position No. 013000001, in the Weights and Measures Department.

B. Social Services – Commissioner Seeber requested to fill a Keyboard Specialist, Position No. 003100105, in Preventive/Foster Care and fill a Case Supervisor, Grade A, Position No. 817100001, in Children's Services in the Department of Social Services.

C. Community Services – Mr. Ulrich requested to create and fill two Case Managers, Position No. 512200003 and Position No. 512200004, in Community Services.

Ms. Doyle said Presentation Concepts Corporation (PCC), specializing in commercial sound systems, will be coming tomorrow morning to evaluate the sound system in the Board Room.

Ms. Doyle thanked Board for approving office renovations at the Harold B. Smith Building, and said the satellite offices in Ogdensburg and at the Clifton Fine School District have been successful, and hopes Massena will be as well. There may be another proposal in the future for further satellite offices.

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) sponsored Wellness Fair will take place on Wednesday, October 25th, at the Leithead Field House at St. Lawrence University.

The 2024 Tentative Budget will be presented next Monday, October 30th, at Finance Committee.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Board of Health Ms. Curran
- B. CDP Board of Directors Mr. Burke
- C. Community Services Board no report
- D. Office for the Aging Advisory Board no report
- E. Youth Advisory Board Ms. Terminelli

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Honoring the Heuvelton Volunteer Fire Department, Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department, and Morristown Volunteer Fire Department for Rendering Mutual Aid to the County of Jefferson and Commending All County Fire Departments and Rescue Agencies for Answering the Call for Mutual Aid (Res) – Mr. Lightfoot moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, and Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Forsythe asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this resolution.

Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote with fifteen (15) yes votes.

Mr. Forsythe said he received an email from NYS Parks and Recreation and the snowmobile grant has been approved.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive session at 7:45 p.m., to discuss litigation, negotiations, and personnel, seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried

Mr. Fay left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Webster moved to go to Open Session at 9:18 p.m., seconded by Mr. Sheridan, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Fay).

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Hull adjourned the October Services Committee meeting at 9:19 p.m., as there was no further business.