

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, and Mr. Webster

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Mr. Hull called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. Ms. Curran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Gennett moved to approve the January 22nd meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Perkins and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

3. YOUTH BUREAU – ALEXA CHASE

A. Proclaiming March 1, 2024 “Five Hour Free (From Social Media) Friday” in St. Lawrence County (Res) – Ms. Terminelli moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

B. Annual Teen Leadership Forum and NYS Legislative Day (Discussion)

4. PUBLIC HEALTH – CARLY ZIMMERMANN

A. Accepting Performance Incentive Achievement Award Funds and Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Public Health Department (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers and Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

B. Reappointing the Medical Consultant and Nurse Practitioner for the Public Health Department (Res) – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Gennett, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES – JAY ULRICH

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Seaway Valley Prevention Council for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP II) Program Funds for Community Services (Res) – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Mr. Burke and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

B. Mental Health, Addiction Services, and Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Services Statistics Updates (Info) – Mr. Ulrich

6. SOCIAL SERVICES – JOE SEEBER

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign an Agreement between the Department of Social Services and Adoption STAR, Inc. (Res) – Mr. Denesha moved to forward this resolution to full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran.

Ms. Haggard moved to table this resolution to the next Services Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Burke, and failed by a voice vote.

Motion carried by a voice vote with twelve (12) yes votes, two (2) no votes (Haggard and Burke), and one (1) absent (Reagen).

B. Social Services Children’s Services Update (Info) – Mr. Seeber

C. Proposal to Expand Services to the Gouverneur Area (Info) – Mr. Seeber

7. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Social Services – Mr. Seeber requested to fill an Account Clerk, Position No. 100100043; fill a Social Welfare Examiner, Position No. 814000027; Fill a Social Welfare Examiner, Position No. 814000018; Fill a Support Investigator, Position No. 813000006; and fill a Social Welfare Examiner, Position No. 814000048 in Social Services.

B. Community Services – Mr. Ulrich requested to fill a Case Manager, Position No. 512200001 and fill a Chemical Dependency Case Aide, Position No. 510300004 in Community Services.

C. Public Health – Ms. Zimmermann requested to fill Service Coordinator, Position No. 506000001; abolish a Community Health Nurse, and create and fill a Senior Services Coordinator, Position No. 507700001; and create and fill a Principal Account Clerk, Position No. 100300010 in Public Health.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – RUTH DOYLE

Ms. Doyle reported on two transfers of funds: \$4,900 for Community Services for the Early Intervention Program and \$99.72 for Emergency Services for reconciliation of roll-over grant funds.

Tomorrow, Ms. Doyle and some Legislators will travel to DANC to tour the facility and talk about recycling.

There will be a meeting tomorrow afternoon regarding school resource officers.

On Wednesday, the County will be meeting with the City of Ogdensburg regarding 207C and 207A Programs. The County Attorney will look at aspects of sharing services.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet on Wednesday regarding the Public Safety Complex (PSC) Capital Project. The Pearl Street closure will begin on Friday, and fencing will be installed as the County moves into construction mode.

Ms. Doyle thanked the Board for approving the Labella Contract tonight at a Special Board Meeting for Family Court renovations to begin, as there is a short time line for this project.

Next Monday the County will be closed for Presidents' Day.

At the upcoming Finance Committee agenda a local law regarding Ethics, a resolution for the purchase of an airboat, eligibility and payments of health insurance, and expansion of Social Services offices to Gouverneur will be brought forward for discussion and consideration.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Forsythe said he reached out to Senator Stec on prioritizing the elderly. The State has funded \$2.4 billion to house and feed illegal migrants, while nursing home facilities are closing all around us. He said we need to take care of our elderly, and we need to get New York State to listen.

Mr. Fay said he read in the newspaper about healthcare facilities closing for the elderly and in the same paper they talk about keeping the zoo open in Watertown.

Ms. Haggard said there is an offer in Washington to change Medicare.

Mr. Denesha said Gouverneur Iron Works has contracts for the steel to build a new Buffalo Bills stadium, which a significant portion of the project will be paid by New York State, but sadly we cannot help our elderly.

Mr. Smithers said we need to encourage people to vote to make changes.

Mr. Smithers moved to go to Executive Session at 8:17 p.m., to discuss litigation, personnel, negotiations, and appointments, seconded by Mr. Forsythe and Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A straw poll vote was taken during executive session regarding Solid Waste, and carried by a majority vote.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 9:14 p.m., seconded by Mr. Perkins, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Reagen).

12. ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Hull moved adjourn the February Services Committee Meeting at 9:16 p.m., as there was no further business.