

Health & Human Services Committee

April 30, 2013

Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair James Nabywaniec, Legislators Michael Docteur, Robert Thomas, Michael Montigelli, Michael Astafan, John Peck, Anthony Doldo, and Chairwoman of the Board Carolyn Fitzpatrick

Others Present: Legislators Philip Reed, Allen Drake, Barry Ormsby, Michael Behling, and Jennie Adsit, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Michael Kaskan, County Attorney David Paulsen, Information Technology Director Greg Hudson, Office for Aging/Veterans Service Agency Director Peter Fazio, Mental Health Coordinator Tim Ruetten, Public Health Director Ginger Hall, EMS Director Charlie Brenon, Youth Bureau Director Ginny Harrington, WWNY Reporter Kaitlyn Cissney, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Dan Flatley, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Nabywaniec called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The Committee approved the minutes of the March meeting as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution appointing and re-appointing members to the Jefferson County Long Term Care Advisory Council and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislator Astafan and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution appointing and re-appointing members to the Community Services Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Astafan seconded by Legislator Montigelli and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution appointing members to Jefferson County Public Health Service Professional Advisory Committee and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislator Peck and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution re-establishing the position of Director of Veterans Services and amending the 2013 County Budget in relation thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Astafan and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution authorizing 2013 Comprehensive Planning Resource Allocation Agreement with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and authorizing contractual youth program agreements and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Thomas and seconded by Legislator Peck. Chairman Nabywaniec stated that it is a very long the process in which the programs are selected and the Youth Board does a great job with due diligence in that regard. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec advised that there was an update on the EMSAI in the agenda packet and Charlie Brennon was present if anyone had questions, and FDRHPO Executive Director Denise Young will be coming in sometime in the next couple of months to make a presentation in that regard.

County Administrator Hagemann reminded legislators that the Mental Health Awareness Walk will be May 15th in the City of Watertown.

Mr. Hagemann reported that the Pro Act discount prescription drug program that the County has been involved in since 2006 had reached a significant milestone in that \$10 million in savings has been realized by participants, with over 330,000 prescriptions filled. Chairman Nabywaniec congratulated Board Chairwoman Fitzpatrick as it was she that did the due diligence and championed the resolution for Jefferson County's participation in the program when she was Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.

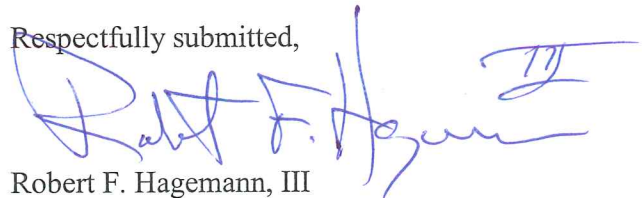
Mr. Hagemann stated that a note of appreciation has been received from Hospice for the equipment donations to them. He explained that equipment, materials, supplies, clothing and anything else of use from the County Home is being donated to community organizations. As of last Friday he said the keys were turned over from DSS to the Buildings & Grounds and Purchasing Department(s) to begin inventorying everything left. He said items will be offered to County departments first, then government entities and finally any remaining items will most likely be auctioned later in the summer. Chairman Nabywaniec added that the transfer of County Home residents to Summit Village went smooth, and the keys to the County Home have been effectively turned over to the General Services Committee.

Legislator Peck inquired about progress at the Carthage assisted living facility in terms of residents. Mr. Hagemann stated that all Whispering Pines residents went to Summit Village so we are more familiar with that project but everything was going well in Carthage and resident numbers are growing. Chairman Nabywaniec advised that he serves on the Board of the Carthage facility and it is not at capacity yet but they are optimistic it will be shortly. He said more educational awareness as to the services offered there, particularly assisted living is being done, including making contact with relatives who may have family interested in moving back to the area.

Legislator Doldo wanted to thank George Mead for his time on the Community Services Board and Mental Health Sub Committee as Mr. Mead was leaving the area, and wished him well. Chairman Nabywaniec added that Mr. Mead has done a fantastic job with many roles in the County and in the community both professional and volunteer and he will be sorely missed.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Thomas and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board