

HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
STAMMEL, CLARK, MARTINI, SHANNON, LAPIN
August 13, 2018

CORONER –TERRY KNAPP

The committee discussed filling the Coroner vacancies. Representative Stammel stated he will contact the County Attorney regarding the procedure to fill open spots. Terry Knapp discussed call volume and an incident involving Major Crime Unit. Terry Knapp stated that a written form of Standard Operating Procedures is not yet complete.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION –DON SMYERS

Don Smyers distributed information pertaining to Family Farm Day August 25, 2018, an issue of Small Farm Quarterly and a handout regarding Farm Source Thrive Otsego, an initiative supported by various agencies, individuals and farmers to advance the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan.

Don Smyers requested support from the committee to fund the Ag Implementation Specialist (AIS) at \$25,000 and have the unused funds for the position from this year roll over into next year.

Representative Clark asked Don Smyers for his observations regarding vertical farming.

Don Smyers stated that he has been in discussions with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the possibility of a new farmers market in Oneonta and submitting a DRI application.

Don Smyers stated that in regards to the 2019 budget he would like to ask the committee to support an appropriation in the amount of \$180,000, a \$20,000 increase over last year in addition to \$25,000 plus any unused funds for the AIS.

The committee discussed the funding received from Schoharie County, how not to exceed the tax gap and asked Mr. Smyers to prepare a proposal of how he would like to use the additional funding being requested.

COMMUNITY SERVICES –SUE MATT

Sue Matt distributed a 2018 year to date fiscal sheet through 7/17/18, noting she has approved additional hours for the billing staff to get caught up.

Sue Matt requested approval to amend Resolution 9-20180103 with Kate Bolger, NPP, APRN, 2410 Walley Road, Franklin, NY 13375 for the provision of psychiatric nurse practitioner services to increase hours from 624 to 1016 and to increase funding from \$56,160 to not to exceed \$91,440 for the duration of the contract. Additional funding is in budget line 4310-4880 and is 100% reimbursed through fees, state and federal aid. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Martini and Shannon. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 2,120. Motion carried.

Sue Matt requested approval to fill an Account Clerk Typist position due to retirement effective September 30, 2018. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 2,120. Motion carried.

Sue Matt requested approval to fill an encumbered Account Clerk position. Representative Lapin moved for approval to fill the Account Clerk position pending review by the County Treasurer. Seconded, Martini. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 2,120. Motion carried.

Sue Matt discussed the 2019 budget and how funds are allocated to ARC Otsego and whether or not funding will be reduced or discontinued in 2019 as the services being supported by the funding are being phased out.

Sue Matt gave an update regarding the System of Care grant, stating she will send project proposals to the committee via email. Sue Matt stated the OMH site visit has been completed and a 3 year license has been granted.

Sue Matt requested approval to enter into an executive session. Representative Clark moved for approval to enter into an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Seconded, Martini. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 2,120. Motion carried.

The committee reconvened.

OFFICE FOR AGING –TAMIE MacDONALD

Tamie MacDonald requested approval to pay for (4) partitions purchased from Hummel's for a total amount of \$1,027 stating that when she made the purchase she did not realize it could not be applied to the existing Hummel's APO since it is only for office supplies and does not include furniture. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 2,120. Motion carried.

Tamie MacDonald requested approval to fill the Business Office Manager position. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Clark. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 2,120. Motion carried.

Tamie MacDonald requested to unfund (3) Senior Aging Services Aide positions. Representative Shannon moved for approval. Seconded, Clark. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 2,120. Motion carried.

Tamie MacDonald requested approval to create, fund and fill (3) Aging Services Specialist positions. Representative Martini moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 2,120. Motion carried.

Tamie MacDonald briefly discussed the 2019 Budget noting she would like to include \$4,000 in the budget to expand medical transportation.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH –CHERYL STRONG

Cheryl Strong gave an update on department programs noting that things have been very busy in the Rabies program.

Cheryl Strong requested approval to contract with VMC for preschool transportation management consulting services for a three year period. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Martini. Total: 2,120; Ayes: 2,120. Motion carried. Cheryl Strong noted they are working to move towards a full point of contact arrangement and to establish better commingle rates.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Monday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m. at the Meadows Building.