

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE
STAMMEL, LAPIN, MARIETTA, BROCKWAY, BASILE
April 12, 2020
11:00am

The meeting was streamed on Facebook Live and recorded.

The meeting did not begin until approximately 11:40am, as the Human Service Committee meeting was still in progress at 11:00am.

Please note the meeting attendance as follows:

Present in person at the Otsego County Office Building Board Chambers,
197 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326:

Board Chair Bliss
Representative Kennedy

Present remotely via video conference:

Representative Stammel
Representative Lapin
Representative Marietta
Representative Basile
Attorney Ellen Coccoma
Treasurer Allen Ruffles
Tamie Reed, Director of Office for the Aging
Heidi Bond, Public Health Director
Penny Seeger, Associate Employment & Training Coordinator
Sue Matt, Director of Community Services

Absent: Representative Brockway

OFFICE FOR THE AGING—TAMIE REED via video conference

Tamie Reed, Director of Office for the Aging, gave the following department updates, including but not limited to:

- home delivered meals have increased by approximately 50%
- the Annual Senior Picnic has been cancelled due to COVID-19
- budget cuts
- additional revenues in the form of COVID-19 federal stimulus and other awards

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH—HEIDI BOND via video conference

Heidi Bond, Public Health Director, reported that there have been no new reported cases of COVID-19 in Otsego County in the last two weeks.

Heidi Bond and the Committee discussed considerations with regard to the regional reopening of NYS Phase I, scheduled to begin May 15, 2020. Heidi Bond reported she has been meeting with Central New York and Mohawk Valley Public Health Commissioners to share resources and information. The Committee discussed how regional plans, including any plans prepared for Otsego County, ultimately need to follow the Governor's directives and be approved by NYS Department of Health, and that COVID-19 is remains an ongoing and evolving situation.

Heidi Bond requested approval to enter into a three (3) year contract agreement with low bidders Durham Transportation and Birnie Bus for mandatory pre-school transportation services. Representative Lapin motioned to approve entering into contract for the services. Seconded, Marietta. Roll call vote. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,600. Absent: 554-Brockway. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING—PENNY SEEGER via video conference

Penny Seeger, Associate Employment & Training Coordinator, gave the following department updates, including but not limited to:

- staff are currently working remotely due to COVID-19 related work from home guidelines
- the summer employment program is still scheduled to take place, will likely include both in-person and virtual trainings for youth

Penny Seeger said she is expects NYS will continue to fund the summer program.

Representative Marietta motioned to approve advertising and hiring for five (5) part-time summer program counselor positions, contingent upon NYS funding being awarded for the program. Seconded, Basile. Roll call vote. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,600. Absent: 554- Brockway. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES—SUE MATT via video conference

Sue Matt, Director of Community Services, requested approval to purchase postage for billing in the amount of \$990. Representative Lapin motioned to approve purchasing postage in the amount of \$990. Seconded, Basile. Roll call vote. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,600. Absent: 554-Brockway. Motion carried.

Sue Matt requested approval to purchase medications from Cardinal Health, to be reimbursed by Medicaid, in the amount of \$5,000. Representative Basile motioned to approve purchasing the medications. Seconded, Lapin. Roll call vote. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,600. Absent: 554-Brockway. Motion carried.

Sue Matt requested approval to purchase training for clinical staff in the amount of \$3,000. Representative Basile motioned to approve the training expense. Seconded, Lapin, Marietta. Roll call vote. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,600. Absent: 554- Brockway. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

Representative Stammel motioned to enter into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or the matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Seconded, Lapin, Basile. Roll call vote. Total: 2,154. Ayes: 1,600. Absent: 554- Brockway. Motion carried.

The executive session occurred over conference phone bridge.

The Committee adjourned while in executive session.