

**HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE
STAMMEL, CLARK, MARTINI, SHANNON, LAPIN
July 8, 2019**

Absent: Representative Clark

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (CCE)- DON SMYERS

Don Smyers, prior to the meeting, emailed the Board of Representatives, County Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Clerk of the Board, and the County Attorney the YTD Financial Report Ag Implementation Specialist which included a financial summary outlining the cost of the position to date in 2019.

Don Smyers distributed a Statement of Operations for CCE Schoharie/Otsego for the period ending June 30, 2019.

Don Smyers distributed the Quarterly Report, June 2019, which included but was not limited to:

- List of 2019 4-H program dates, 2019 enrollment totals, and declared areas of interest

- Report on the Agriculture Program 2019 by David Cox (1st and 2nd Quarters), including updates on the following programs:

- New York State Grown & Certified
- Central New York Beef Producers
- Envisioning Models for a Regional Agricultural Development Center
- Schoharie/Otsego/Delaware Family Farm Day 2019
- Manage Your Risk in an Agrotourism Business
- Farm Business Planning/Farm Transition Planning
- Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership
- Managing & Monitoring Ash Borer
- Otsego County Master Gardener Program and the Goal-Oriented Rural Outreach Work (GROW) Initiative
- On-Farm Readiness Review (for implementing the Food Safety Modernization Act)
- Annie's Project

- Agricultural Implementation Specialist (AIS) Mid-Year Progress report by Jim Barber, including updates on the following programs:

- Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan (AFPP) Committee goals

- NY Grown and Certified Food Safety grants (resulted in \$50,000 award from NYS Dept. Ag and Markets for new equipment at local cheesemaking goat farm)
- Conferences attended
- Source Otsego app development
- Riverside Elementary Farm to School program through NYSDAM
- Agricultural Resource List
- Digitizing Farm Database Maps
- Promote/ Encourage beginning farmers to consider farming in Otsego County
- Farmland Protection/ Conservation Easements
- Central New York Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crop (CNYDLFC) Team
- Farm Business Management
- Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)

-2018 Plans of Work for the CNYDLFC Team

Don Smyers and the Committee discussed the Statement of Operations for clarity.

Don Smyers highlighted that the County and the CNYDLFC Team have had a 25 year relationship, historically the CCE had been funded at higher levels but has been receiving progressively smaller allocations from the County, programs have been cut as a result of the loss of funding, and Otsego and Schoharie County consolidated to save on operating costs.

The Committee discussed strengthening the communication between the County and the CCE Board to promote a better understanding of budgetary concerns, and also the consideration of appointing a second Representative to the CCE Board or the Advisory Committees.

The Committee suggested specific reporting goals for CCE such as year-to-year strategic plans broken into action items, creating a spatial distribution of services received by County farms on a GIS map, and exit surveys of program participants.

Don Smyers, having delivered reporting to the Committee as requested at the June 8, 2019 meeting, again requested an additional emergency allocation for the CNYDLFC Team. Representative Stammel asked what specific amount would continue Team services for Otsego County through December 31, 2019. Mr. Smyers made a calculation and requested \$17,000. Representative Stammel stated that the Committee understands the urgency, received a lot of information in today's reports, and will consider voting on this issue with the

caveat that the request would also have to be approved at the Administration Committee meeting and may go to the full Board for a vote.

SUSQUEHANNA SPCA- STACIE HAYNES

Stacie Haynes thanked the Committee for their time and distributed literature about the Shelter Us Campaign. Ms. Haynes said the County and the SPCA currently partner through the departments of Public Health, Social Services, Office for the Aging, Codes, the District Attorney, and the Sheriff's Department in various capacities. Ms. Haynes said that although she recognizes budgetary constraints, she is seeking financial support for the shelter from the County.

Stacie Haynes discussed the Susquehanna SPCA's Capital Campaign to build a new shelter. Ms. Haynes discussed details of the project, including but not limited to:

- the current shelter faces challenges such as overall inadequate space especially in the surgical suite, poor drainage, flooding, and inadequate ventilation which have caused on-going difficulties
- addressing these issues will increase the health and safety of the County's animal and human populations
- the project scope includes building a new shelter (\$2 million budget)
- \$1.7 million dollars have been pledged and there are challenge fund opportunities

Stacie Haynes and the Committee discussed broader County-wide animal control issues, including but not limited to:

- currently 16 municipalities contract with SPCA for boarding in instances where dog control officers have picked up dogs at large
- dog control officers are different than animal control officers in that they only have jurisdiction over dogs and do not have jurisdiction over any other type of animal other than dogs
- SPCA frequently cares for animals that have been abandoned or which have been seized by law enforcement, often without being compensated for their services
- surrender fees (\$40/dog, \$20/cat) may not be collected in cases where inability to pay is a concern
- in cases of animal cruelty seizures of dogs, the SPCA is often on the hook for the care of dogs if the accused pleads out or the case gets dropped and/or if the animal is returned their owner, the SPCA must reimburse any bond for care monies

Stacie Haynes and the Committee discussed codifying municipal dog control contracts to make them easier to administer. Representative Lapin suggested adding SPCA's services to municipal shared services agreements to create a more equitable arraignment.

The Committee discussed ways to address the SPCA's need for financial support on behalf of the animals they care for in the County. The Committee said they would like more information regarding the number of Otsego County animals served and encouraged Ms. Haynes to provide additional information to the full Board of Reps. for consideration in this upcoming budget cycle.

COMMUNITY SERVICES- SUE MATT

Sue Matt reviewed the revenue report.

Sue Matt updated the Committee on the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner position for creation in 2020: she has been working with Personnel, the position will be M/C, and projected annual salary is \$120,000.

Sue Matt requested approval for the following budget transfers:

Transfer from:	Medical Expenses	4250-4895-A	\$50
Transfer to:	Lodging, Meals, Tolls, Etc.	4250-4010-A	\$50
Transfer from:	Consulting	4250-4880-A	\$500
Transfer to:	Mileage	4250-4005-A	\$500

No action was taken.

Sue Matt updated the Committee regarding providing funding for paving the parking lot behind 242 Main Street, Oneonta. Ms. Matt has been collaborating with Building Services to get estimates for paving not to exceed \$10,000. Ms. Matt noted some of the funds she has available for 242 Main Street projects need to be spent by the end of the year. Additionally, the Committee continued the discussion regarding planning office space.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING- TAMIE MACDONALD

Tamie MacDonald reviewed the quarterly budget.

Tamie MacDonald updated the Committee regarding the federal Administration for Community Living (ACL)- Veteran Directed Care program, including the following, but not limited to: the program typically reimburses fees for care about 6 months after however reimbursement payments have not been

timely, \$30,000 in back reimbursements from the federal program owed since 2016, and so the program is frozen; discussion about whether to include it in the 2020 budget.

Tamie MacDonald discussed the senior meals programs. Ms. MacDonald said there has been a decrease in attendance at congregate meal locations and an increase in the number of participants in the delivered meals program. Ms. MacDonald discussed ways to maintain high quality and best value for meals.

Tamie MacDonald requested to fill 2 temporary, part-time, federally reimbursable HEAP TE positions for 2019-2020:

- Senior Aging Services Aide
- HEAP Examiner

Representative Martini moved to fill the 2 positions. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,566. Absent: 554- Clark. Motion carried.

Tamie MacDonald requested approval for overnight travel to HIIICAP Coordinator Training:

- 2 nights—September 11 & 12, not to exceed \$400
- included in 2019 budget, 100% funded by HIIICAP grant

Representative Martini moved to approve the overnight travel. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,566. Absent: 554- Clark. Motion carried.

Tamie MacDonald updated the Committee on continued budget planning, work on the Community Survey, a Public Hearing is scheduled for September, conducting needs planning meetings with staff, and work on NYS 4-year plan.

Tamie MacDonald noted two upcoming events:

- Senior Picnic-- Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Glimmerglass State Park (Please make reservations by July 10, 2019)
- Senior Resource Fair & Public Hearing—Friday, September 20, 2019 at Oneonta Foxcare Center

OTHER- CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

The Committee discussed the reports provided by CCE, the current contract and appropriation, and the emergency allocation request.

Representative Martini, in an effort not to disrupt services to farmers given the challenges they are facing, moved to approve an emergency mid-year allocation, not to set a precedent, to Cornell Cooperative Extension to fund Otsego County's continued participation in CNY Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Team from August 1, 2019-December 31, 2019, in the amount of \$17,000 from Contingent 1990-4800-A. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,566. Absent: 554- Clark. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee adjourned until Monday, August 12, 2019 at 9:00am at the Meadows.