

**HEALTH & EDUCATION
STAMMEL, CLARK, MARTINI, SHANNON, LAPIN
September 9, 2019**

Also Present: Deputy Treasurer Andrew Crisman (throughout)

Absent: Representative Stammel

COMMUNITY SERVICES- MARTHA QUACKENBUSH

Martha Quackenbush distributed copies and reviewed the revenue report through August 2019.

Martha Quackenbush requested the following budget transfer:

Transfer from:	Training	4315-4045-A	\$500
Transfer to:	Mileage	4315-4005-A	\$500

This is for the Single Point of Access (SPOA) program.

Representative Martini moved to transfer the funds. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,597. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

IT- BRIAN POKORNY

Brian Pokorny, Director of IT, discussed information regarding phone system upgrades at 242 Main Street, Oneonta, and other County-owned properties, including but not limited to the following: the phone systems are outdated and vulnerable to failure, the project has an approximate cost of \$250,000 over the next 5 years, funding sources for the project include Community Services, Central Telephone, and later, IT.

Representative Martini moved to purchase the new phone system for 242 Main Street, Oneonta, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000. Seconded. Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,597. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES- MARTHA QUACKENBUSH

Martha Quackenbush and the Committee discussed position changes in the Community Services department in the Mental Health Clinic and Addiction Recovery Services.

Martha Quackenbush requested approval to create an Account Clerk position in the Mental Health Clinic. Representative Martini moved to create the

position. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,597. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Martha Quackenbush requested approval to abolish an Account Clerk in Addiction Recovery Services. Representative Martini moved to abolish the position. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,597. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Martha Quackenbush requested approval to create, fund, and fill an Account Clerk Typist position in Addiction Recovery Services. Representative Martini moved to create, fund, and fill the position. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,597. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Martha Quackenbush requested approval to abolish an Account Clerk Typist in the Mental Health Clinic. Representative Martini moved to abolish the position. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,597. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Martha Quackenbush requested approval to accept the consulting contract with Bassett Medical Center to provide Wellness Recovery Action Planning for up to ten 2.5 hour sessions not to exceed \$1,200. Representative Martini moved to accept the contract. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,597. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Martha Quackenbush requested approval of the following conference expenditures for the System of Care program in 2020, using 2018-2019 funds, which need to be expended by September 30, 2019:

-The Children's Mental Health Research and Policy Conference, March 15-18, 2020 in Tampa, FL, registration for one staff member in the amount of \$545

-The Training Institute, July 1-3, 2020 Orlando, registration for one staff member, \$885

Representative Martini moved to approve the conference expenditures. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,597. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

OFFICE FOR THE AGING- TAMIE MACDONALD

Tamie MacDonald requested approval of overnight travel for a staff member to the Association on Aging in NY Leadership Institute on October 29-31, 2019 in Saratoga Springs, NY, in an amount not to exceed \$450.

Representative Martini moved to approve the overnight travel expense. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,249. Absent: 871- Stammel, Lapin. Motion carried.

Representative Lapin briefly exited and re-entered the meeting during the above discussion.

Tamie MacDonald requested approval for 5 staff members to attend the Adult Abuse Training Institute on October 29-31, in Albany, NY, in an amount not to exceed \$1,400. Representative Martini moved to approve the expenses. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,597. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Tamie MacDonald gave the following updates on the upcoming Senior Resource Fair and Public Hearing, including but not limited to:

- the Senior Resource Fair and Public Hearing is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2019 from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Oneonta Foxcare Center

- interested individuals will be able to find more information about:

- Long Term Services and Supports
- Home Care Services and Caregiver Supports
- Alzheimer's and other Dementia
- Medicare & Medicaid Insurance Information
- Veteran Services

- a Public Hearing is scheduled for after lunch as an opportunity for individuals to provide feedback, suggestions, and comments about services that would be helpful to support aging adults in our community

- please RSVP for lunch by September 13 by calling (607) 547-4232 (60+ Suggested Contribution - \$3.50, Under 60 - \$8.60)

- for more information, call (607) 547-4232

Tamie MacDonald noted she may need to re-fill a HEAP Examiner position next month.

Tamie MacDonald and the Committee discussed the department working with a NYS grant and Otsego Rural Housing Assistance (ORHA) to help build and install ramps for individuals over the age of 50 who need assistance. However, Ms. MacDonald said that she is still waiting on official notice of the full amount of the grant award. Representative Clark recommended contracting with ORHA for only the first half of the funding pending the grant notice. Representative

Martini moved to contract with ORHA in the amount of \$11, 514 to build/install ramps. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,597. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Tamie MacDonald and the Committee discussed the proposed 2020 budget. The Committee discussed specific budget items. Ms. MacDonald said she added two new, part-time Motor Vehicle Operator positions. Ms. MacDonald estimated the department will need an additional \$50,000 for Personal Services in 2020.

Representative Clark requested more information be sent to the Board of Representatives about Tai-Chi classes. Ms. MacDonald said she will send more info and that interested individuals can find more information about classes by calling (607) 547-4232.

DEPARTEMTN OF HEALTH – HEIDI BOND AND CHERYL STRONG

Heidi Bond distributed copies of updates on department programs.

Heidi Bond and the Committee discussed the proposed 2020 budget and specific budget items.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (CCE)- DON SMYERS AND JIM BARBER

Don Smyers, Executive Director of CCE Schoharie- Otsego, emailed the Committee prior to the meeting a copy of a draft resolution declaring October 6-12, 2019 as Cornell Cooperative Extension National 4-H week in Otsego County. Representative Martini moved to support the resolution. Seconded, Shannon. Total: 2,120. Ayes: 1,597. Absent: 523- Stammel. Motion carried.

Don Smyers distributed copies of the proposed 2020 budget, which were the same as copies distributed last month.

Don Smyers, Jim Barber, Ag Implementation Specialist, and the Committee discussed the following, including but not limited to:

- specific budget items including program expenses and administration expenses

- national Ag census trends suggest the total number of farms in the country are going down

-comparisons with Schoharie County such as Otsego County has double the farms and double the farmland, yet Otsego County appropriates a smaller amount to CCE than Schoharie County

-Mr. Smyers said the Otsego County appropriation covers about 10% of the total program share

-the number of services accessed by farmers can be difficult to quantify, for example, newer farmers who are first getting started may seek a lot of guidance from CCE, whereas farmers who have been in business for many years may not need CCE services, and farms that are transitioning from dairy to beef may also utilize the programs and it can be difficult to predict who/the number of farmers will utilize services, yet it is important to have the services and information available when farmers need it

-factors such as recession and extreme weather events have caused counties to be conservative in their allocations to CCE, over time CCE has depleted their reserve funds

Jim Barber gave a report featuring program updates, including but not limited to:

-Mr. Barber has spent time working on the Source Otsego app, which has changed into using the What's Good website, including coordinating drop off/ pickup sites, and the program is planned to be piloted through the holidays

-Mr. Barber passed around for review a draft copy of the Guide to Farming in Otsego County, planned to be made available in both booklet and electronic form, including quick reference tables; the electronic version will be hyperlinked to external agencies and references

-Mr. Barber worked on NYS Grown and Certified Food Safety grants and successfully aided two farms in receiving grants totaling approximately \$95,000, and is waiting to hear from NYS Department of Ag and Markets whether an additional grant in the amount of \$40,000 will be received by a third farm

Don Smyers and Jim Barber exited.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee set their next meeting date for Monday, October 7, 2019 at 9:00am at the Meadows.