

Herkimer County Legislature
Committee on Human Resources and Ways & Means
Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2020
Via Teleconference
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Persons Attending:

Frederick J. Shaw, Jr. (Chairman, Human Resources/W&M committee member)
Raymond Smith (committee member, both)
Peter F. Manno (Human Resources committee member)
Gregory Malta, Sr. (Human Resources committee member)
Mark Gaworecki (Human Resources committee member)
Robert J. Schrader (Human Resources committee member)
Patrick E. Russell (Chairman, Ways & Means)
Kurt J. Ackerman (Ways & Means committee member)
Raymond Johnson (Ways & Means committee member)
John P Stephens (Ways & Means committee member)
Vincent J. Bono (Chairman of the Legislature)
James W. Wallace, Jr., County Administrator
Brandy Serow, Sec. to County Administrator
Lorraine Lewandrowski, County Attorney
Sheri Ferdula, Budget Officer
Steve Billings, Personnel Officer
Diane Ward, Deputy Director of Public Health
Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services

(Non Committee Members Signed In)

Legislator Bob D. Hollum
Legislator William E. Keeler, Sr.
Legislator John L. Brezinski
Legislator Ray Donley
Legislator Peter J. Campione
Legislator William Weakley

Absent:

N/A

Mr. Bono stated "Next, Human Resources and Ways and Means. Mr. Shaw, call your meeting to order."

Mr. Shaw called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Items discussed:

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

1. Approval to renew contract with NYS Department of Health for Immunization Action Plan, authorize Chairman to E-sign, and amend 2020 budget in Public Health
2. Suspend the Preventive Services agreement between DSS and Probation and enter into agreement with ICAN for second full time preventive services worker
3. Other

Committee Vote Record:

HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:

Mr. Shaw stated "First on the agenda is approval to renew contract with NYS Department of Health for Immunization Action Plan, authorize Chairman to E-sign, and amend 2020 budget in Public Health. Diane, do you have anything you would like to say on that?"

Diane stated "No. It's our normal Immunization Action Contract"

Mr. Bono requested a motion from both committees

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Schrader for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Bono, seconded by Mr. Johnson for Ways & Means, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Mr. Shaw stated "Number 2, Suspend the Preventive Services agreement between DSS and Probation and enter into an agreement with ICAN for second full time preventive services worker. Tim, do you have a comment?"

Tim Seymour stated "As you recall the summer of 2019 there was request for a contract with Probation to include one full time Probation Officer and one part time supervisor and also at that time you authorized me to enter into an agreement with ICAN for our first Preventative Case Worker. I have since had contact with the Probation Director who has requested all of his officers to return to Probation so as a result to that I am bringing this back to you to ask that the contract be suspended and to add an additional case worker from ICAN at a cost of \$69,564 that's reimbursable at 62% at a minimum."

Mr. Shaw thanked time and asked if there was any further discussion.

Mr. Russell asked Tim "Is this extra money we are paying or not?"

Tim Seymour responded "It's actually, we are paying Probation approximately \$200,000. Now, I'm probably reducing my cost overall."

Jim Wallace stated "Mr. Russell, real quick, with working with Tim and Garry, this is a savings of about \$30,000 to \$40,000 of the overall budget for the county."

Mr. Ackerman asked "Tim's cost is going to be higher?"

Mr. Wallace stated "When you look at both there is a reduction in Tim's budget and there is an addition in Probation's budget of about \$70,000, however, the overall is a savings to the county budget of tax dollars of \$30,000 to \$40,000 because of the reimbursements."

Item #2 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Malta for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Smith for Ways & Means, Item #2 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #3 – N/A.

At 10:21 a.m., on motion of Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Manno, the Human Resources Committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.