

**Herkimer County Legislature  
Committee on Human Resources and Ways & Means  
Committee Meeting  
Friday, May 1, 2020  
Via Teleconference  
Follows Natural Resources**

**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, Director of Health Services  
Timothy Seymour, Commissioner of Social Services  
Kristen Snyder-Branner, Director of Community Services  
Kathy Fox, Director of Office for the Aging  
**(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. Shaw called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Items discussed:**

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

1. Approve Annual Report in DSS
2. Other

**HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:**

3. Approve reimbursement for professional liability insurance in Mental Health
4. Accept awards in DSS, award contract, amend 2020 budget and authorize Chairman to sign contract in connection with Family First Prevention Act (FFPA) in DSS
5. Accept Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) – for home delivered and congregate

- meals funding in OFA and create accounts
6. Authorize contract with VNA Homecare Options for provision of Home Delivered Meals
  7. Approve additional funding for Early Intervention and amend budget
  8. Accept additional funding for COVID-19 in Public Health and amend budget
  9. Other

**Committee Vote Record:**

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

Mr. Shaw stated “Number one on the agenda is approve Annual Report in DSS. Do I have a motion?”

Item #1 – On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Malta for Human Resources, Item #1 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution. Unanimous.

Item #2 – N/A

**HUMAN RESOURCES AND WAYS & MEANS:**

Mr. Shaw stated “Number 3, approve reimbursement for professional liability insurance in Mental Health.”

Diane Ward asked “Did you want me to speak about that?”

Mr. Shaw said yes.

Diane Ward stated “This is to reimburse a portion of Dr. Patil’s Liability Insurance in consideration of his services to the inmates at the jail. This is something we’ve done every year and it is approved in our 2020 budget.”

Item #3 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Smith for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Johnson for Ways & Means, Item #3 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution.

Mr. Shaw stated “Number 4, accept awards in DSS, awards a contract, amends the 2020 budget and authorizes the Chairman to sign a contract in connection with Family First Prevention Act. Tim, can you comment on this?”

Tim Seymour stated “I can briefly tell you that this Redlich Horowitz Corporation is a group that we’ve been working with. They are under contract the Office of Children and Family Services to work with counties that are interested in preparing for the Family First Preventive Act. We’ve got about a year in of work with them and this opportunity came up so we applied for some money. \$10,000 for therapeutic services and \$2,000 for Foster Parent Certification so the request is to accept both awards, the \$2,000 and the \$10,000 and the \$10,000 services will be delivered by ICAN through their SPIN services.”

Mr. Shaw asked for a motion

Item #4 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Malta for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Stephens for Ways & Means, Item #4 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution.

Mr. Shaw stated “Number 5, accept Families First Coronavirus Response Act for home delivered and congregate meals funding in OFA and create accounts. Do you want to speak to that Kathy?”

Kathy Fox stated “Sure. This is funding from the Federal Government for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and it’s for home delivered and congregate meals. One for the home delivered is \$32,800 and the other one is \$60,953 which we can use for congregate meals. So this will help pay for those extra meals that we have been delivering every day. A while back we started doing a cold meal in addition to the hot meal so this money will be used to pay for that.”

Item #5 – On motion of Mr. Schrader, seconded by Mr. Gaworecki for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Shaw for Ways & Means, Item #5 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution.

Mr. Shaw stated “Number 6 is authorize a contract with VNA Homecare Options for provision of Home Delivered Meals. Kathy, do you want to explain any of that?”

Kathy Fox stated “Sure. This is just an amendment to a contract that we currently have. They wanted to add a termination without cause clause and I did talk to Lorraine about this and she said it was fine. She didn’t see any issues with it. I’m not sure why they are asking for the termination without cause clause but usually if they are doing it they are doing it to all of their contracts and they do have to give us notice. I don’t have an issue with it.”

Item #6 – On motion of Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Smith for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Shaw for Ways & Means, Item #6 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution.

Mr. Shaw stated “Number seven, approve additional funding for Early Intervention and amend budget.”

Item #7 – On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Schrader for Human Resources and on motion of Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Smith for Ways & Means, Item #7 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution.

Mr. Shaw stated “Number eight is accept additional funding for COVID-19 in Public Health and amend budget.”

Item #8 – On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Malta for Human Resources, Item #8 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution.

Mr. Shaw “Diane, do you have anything to say on that one?”

Diane Ward stated “Just that it’s continuing to support our salaries for our response to this event.”

Mr. Russell asked for a motion.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Shaw for Ways & Means, Item #8 was voted on, approved and moved for Resolution.

Mr. Shaw asked if there was anything under other. With no response he asked for a motion to adjourn.

At 10:14 a.m., on motion of Mr. Manno, seconded by Mr. Schrader, the Human Resources Committee adjourned.

The Ways & Means Committee continued.