

Minutes

Human Services Committee

April 18, 2018, 5:15 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Wilfong, O'Connell, Pavlock

Member Absent: Rankin, Whitford

Others: Tampo, Ames, Abdella, Boria, Schuyler, Dennison, Sundquist, Melquist, Lis, Wendel, Chagnon, Niebel

Vice Chair Wilfong called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (3/21/18)

MOVED by Legislator Pavlock, SECONDED by Legislator O'Connell.

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

Tabled Resolution- To Approve New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Agreement for Septic System Replacement Program

Mrs. Schuyler: Good evening. For those of you that have never met, Bill Boria is our Senior Water Resource Specialist. He is one of our experts in environmental health. I believe in having the people that know the material, be the ones that tell you what is going on. So that's why Bill is here, as our expert on this topic.

Mr. Boria: Nice to meet you all. What we want to do is just make it a little more flexible, a bit more general. First of all, this is a grant from the Governor's office through New York State DEC and the Environmental Facilities Corporation to address failing and short circuiting septic systems and certain priority water bodies throughout the state. We have got one priority water body that this is for, it's actually Findley Lake. It met certain criteria according to the State so

they have provided this grant opportunity for us. The original resolution, in the second “Where As” says up to \$150,000 in grant funds to be issued to property owners for septic system projects. We would just like to modify that to say “up to \$150,000 in grant funds for addressing failing and short circuiting septic systems. So it’s just replacing that one phrase with this one. That gives us a little more flexibility for future projects, hopefully.

Vice Chair Wilfong: For addressing failing and short circuiting septic systems?

Mrs. Lis: We did send a copy around but I don’t know what became of that.

Vice Chair Wilfong: That’s fine. I see that the original one is in the packet. So this has been tabled, so we need to pull it off the table if I’m not mistaken. I would entertain a motion to bring this off the table.

Legislator O’Connell: I’ll make a motion.

Legislator Pavlock: I’ll second that.

Vice Chair Wilfong: All in favor, say aye? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried to Bring off the Table

Vice Chair Wilfong: Can I have a motion to amend?

Legislator Pavlock: I’ll make a motion to amend as stated.

Legislator O’Connell: Second.

Vice Chair Wilfong: I would like to vote on the amended resolution. All in favor, aye? Opposed?

Unanimously Carried as Amended

Vice Chair Wilfong: Thank you for getting that loan for us.

Legislator Pavlock: Hopefully you can put that to good use.

Legislator O’Connell: Is there a maximum on an individual property loan?

Mr. Boria: Yes, it’s up to \$10,000 per system. This should be a multi-year program and this would be for year one. There are also other lakes that are petitioning to get on the State’s priority water body list.

Vice Chair Wilfong: Is that a first come first serve type of thing?

Mr. Boria: No, it's something that the State had certain criteria that they looked at and they chose these 32-35 water ways.

Mrs. Schuyler: It's kind of a good and bad thing. It's great that you get money but that means you were bad enough to get the money.

Mr. Boria: Findley Lake happens to be in an area that is called a principle ground water aquifer that is considered to be sensitive to pollution. The whole lake is surrounded by, basically, sand and gravel. That makes it prone to more contamination and that's how it ranked high for our County.

Vice Chair Wilfong: Great, thank you. Any more questions?

Proposed Resolution- Accept Family Planning Grant Funding

Ms. Lis: Well, originally the plan was that the State set RFP's for family planning and we were supposedly going to get a half a million dollars for that. Somehow the process fell apart and what the state decided to do instead is extend that the same rate that we had previously for two more years. The previous rate was \$571,094. We had previously budgeted for the \$500,000 and now we are bringing it back up to the \$571,094.

Vice Chair Wilfong: Any questions for the ladies?

Mr. O'Connell: So it was more than you expected.

Ms. Lis: Yes.

Vice Chair Wilfong: All in favor of this resolution please say aye. Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution- Authorize Acceptance of Funds from the Health Foundation for WCNY
And P2 Collaborative of WNY for the Aging Master Program

Mr. Melquist: I don't think that I've met any of you, I'm Josh Melquist. I'm the Fiscal Supervisor for the Office for the Aging.

Vice Chair Wilfong: Oh, OK. Nice to meet you, Josh.

Mr. Melquist: We received a grant in 2017 kind of as a pilot program for the aging mastery program, which is just essentially promotion for successful aging. They chose a few counties in New York State to implement this and see if it worked and see if it was good to move forward. They were happy with the results so they made it more wide spread and they also upped our funding. We planned to have \$5,100 in this year's budget and they upped it to \$15,000 for this year and then the same amount for next year. Also, last year we received the money directly from the state and this year we are going to receive it from the P2 Collaborative, so they are kind

of doing the administration in between. We do everything online and they distribute the funds. This resolution is just to accept those funds basically from the P2 Collaborative. There are two things that I have to note in this resolution. We thought it would be better to word the fourth "Where As" clause as "Where As, Some Funds" instead of such. The total towards the bottom, under increase appropriation accounts, should be \$9,900 instead of \$15,000.

Vice Chair Wilfong: Can we just treat those as a typo?

Clerk Tampio: I believe you can treat those as a typo because it's obvious that the total is different when you add the numbers.

Vice Chair Wilfong: Any questions? Once again we are accepting money which is a good thing. All in favor of accepting this please say aye. Opposed?

Unanimously Carried

Other-

Vice Chair Wilfong: Is anyone here to speak under other?

Mrs. Schuyler: Hello, again. Before you this month, not in your committee but part of the full Legislature, you'll note that there is a Local Law that is being proposed regarding the Coroners program and moving that program from the Legislative branch to the Executive branch. I'm really not here to speak on that as much but also in those packets will be the appointments of two Coroners. One of them is here tonight, this is Desiree Sundquist. She is one of those who are up for appointment this month at the full meeting. If the Legislature so chooses to vote to move the Coroners program from under the direct supervision of the Legislature to Health and Human Services then that Coroners program will then come under the purvey of this committee so I just wanted to lay a little ground work just in case that is the way that the Legislature chooses to vote next week and introduce Desiree to you. Dan Tyler is the other applicant. Both of our applicants are very highly qualified, both are nurses at the emergency room at WCA UPMC Chautauqua.

Vice Chair Wilfong: So they are from the South County?

Mrs. Schuyler: Yes. Desiree is also certified as a SANE nurse, a sexual abuse forensic investigations nurse. So she has advanced training in forensic investigating as well as in death and dying. Dan Tyler has been a nurse and supervisor for many years and he is also a deacon in his church so he has had skill when it comes to dealing with bereavement and grieving families. I do think that all of us nurses have had to deal with the death and dying in families so it's something that most of us have in us anyways. I just wanted to lay that groundwork and introduce Desiree to the Committee.

Vice Chair Wilfong: Alright. Well, we thank you for coming Desiree. Is there anyone else that would like to speak?

Legislator Pavlock: I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Legislator O'Connell: I'll second that.

Unanimously Carried (5:28 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
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