

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL
SEEBER
MAGOWAN
MCDEVITT
BRUNO

OTHERS PRESENT:

CHRISTIAN HANCHETT, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RYAN DICKEY, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER
HOGAN

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER

GERACI

MERLINO

STROUGH

TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the December 12, 2022 meeting of the Human Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Mr. Driscoll called the meeting of the Human Services Committee to order at 10:03 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Ms. Seeber and carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier and Ms. Hogan absent*) with Mr. Magowan abstaining, to approve the minutes of the previous Human Services Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Department of Social Services (*DSS*) agenda were distributed to those in attendance; a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.

Commencing the agenda review, privilege of the floor was extended for public comment:

Ms. Seeber spoke with regard to a proposal from The Salvation Army to address Code Blue homeless shelter reviewed at the December 6, 2022 ARPA Advisory Committee meeting. She requested Supervisor Driscoll and Christian Hanchett, *Commissioner, Department of Social Services*, provide updates to all members of the Board of Supervisors throughout the upcoming year with regard to the efforts taking place for Code Blue through the Department of Social Services to prevent confusion with the efforts brought forth to the ARPA Advisory Committee. A brief discussion ensued.

The Committee reviewed the Action Agenda/New Business Items portion of the Department of Social Services agenda which included the following requests:

1. To fill the vacant position of Caseworker #41, *Grade 16, Base Annual Salary \$54,061*, due to creation.
2. To fill the vacant position of Caseworker #42, *Grade 16, Base Annual Salary \$54,061*, due to creation.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Magowan to approve the requests as presented; following discussion, Mr. Driscoll called the question and the motion carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier and Ms. Hogan absent*) with Ms. Seeber voting in opposition, to approve the requests as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *Copies of the Notice of Intent to fill Vacant Position forms are on file with the minutes.*

3. To fill the vacant position of Principal Social Welfare Examiner #4, *Grade 15, Base Annual Salary \$52,674*, due to creation.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Magowan to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Driscoll called the question and the motion carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier and Ms. Hogan absent*), with Ms. Seeber voting in opposition, to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

4. To fill the vacant position of Senior Social Services (Fraud) Investigator #1, *Grade 13, Base Annual Salary \$50,300.*

Motion was made by Mr. Magowan and seconded by Ms. Seeber to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Driscoll called the question and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier and Ms. Hogan absent*), to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

5. To fill the vacant position of Social Welfare Examiner #TBD, *Grade 8, Base Annual Salary \$44,729, due to promotion.*

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Magowan to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Driscoll called the question and the motion carried by a majority vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier and Ms. Hogan absent*), with Ms. Seeber abstaining, to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

6. To fill the vacant position of Supervising Support Investigator #2, *Grade 15, Base Annual Salary \$52,674, due to retirement.*

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Bruno to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Mr. Driscoll called the question and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier and Ms. Hogan absent*) to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position form is on file with the minutes.*

Discussion ensued with regard to the drafting of a letter the Chair of the Human Services Committee and Chair of the Board of Supervisors addressed to State representatives with regard to unfunded State mandates. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Ms. Seeber to authorize the letter, as suggested. Upon further discussion, Mr. Bruno amended his motion to include that a copy of the letter be sent to the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and include a request for reimbursement to the County when fraudulent services were identified. Mr. Driscoll called the question and the motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Mrs. Frasier and Ms. Hogan absent*).

Mr. Driscoll extended privilege of the floor for public comment:

Ms. Braymer apprised on Friday she had met with Glens Falls City School District representatives, Christina Mastrianni, *Deputy Commissioner, Department of Social Services*, Robert Iusi, *Director, Probation*, and staff, along with representatives from Senator Daniel Stec's Office, Assemblyman Matthew Simpson's Office and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner's Office regarding student attendance issues and the need for family intervention preventative services.

There being no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Magowan, Mr. Driscoll declared the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board