

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL
BRUNO
PATCHETT
TURNER
WILD
STRAINER
RUNYON

OTHERS PRESENT:

DENISE DiRESTA, DIRECTOR, VETERANS' SERVICES
AMY McBYRNE, DIRECTOR, COUNTRYSIDE ADULT HOME
REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES:
CHRISTINA MASTRIANNI, COMMISSIONER
JULIE MONTERO, FISCAL MANAGER
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RYAN DICKEY, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS ETU
GILLIGAN
MERLINO
STRAINER
TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
CHRISTINE NORTON, COUNTY TREASURER
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 23, 2024 meeting of the Human Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:

Warren County website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - Part 1 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHYSon7Rnb4>
Part 2 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9i6bBzDLmkY>

Mr. Driscoll called the meeting of the Human Services Committee to order at 10:52 a.m.

Copies of the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Countryside Adult Home agendas were distributed; copies of the agendas are on file with the minutes.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Denise DiResta, *Director, Veterans' Services*, who welcomed the new supervisors. She provided a brief overview of the services her Department offered.

Review of the Countryside Adult Home agenda commenced with a request to amend the County Budget in the amount of \$10,706.50 to reflect receipt of the EQUAL award received from the New York State Department of Health.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Wild and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Runyon and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor and public comments were called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Review of the DSS agenda commenced with the following requests:

1. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$340,798 to reflect receipt of funds from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to fund Code Blue services.

2. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$60,000 to reflect receipt of funds from New York State Office of Children and Family to improve response to families and infants affected by substance use disorders.
3. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$30,000 to reflect receipt of funds from New York State Office of Children and Family Services to provide Safe Harbor services and programs in response to child trafficking and exploitation.
4. To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$25,000 to reflect receipt of funds from New York State Office of Children and Family Services for non-residential domestic violence services.

Motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Ms. Runyon and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and refer same to the Finance & Budget Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

5. To authorize renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Social Services and Warren County Sheriff's Office for security services for the Warren County Human Services Building in an amount not to exceed \$119,883 for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.
6. To authorize renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between Warren County Department of Social Services and Warren County Information Technology Department for computer support services in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and terminating December 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Ms. Runyon and carried unanimously to approve the requests as outlined above and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the February 16th Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

7. To amend the Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to increase the hours of the Assistant Social Services Attorney PT #1 from 20 hours/week, *Annual Salary \$39,826*, to 32 hours/week, *Annual Salary \$63,725*.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and refer same to the Personnel, Administration & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

The Discussion Item portion of the agenda included the following items:

1. Commissioner's report of activities and updates was provided by email.
2. Revenue, Expenditures and Overtime Reports were reviewed.

Privilege of the floor and public comment was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

An executive session was requested; Ryan Dickey, *Second Assistant County Attorney*, indicated the purpose of the executive session was to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation, pursuant to Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officer's Law.

Motion was made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Bruno and carried unanimously to enter into executive session for the purpose outlined above.

Executive session was held from 11:09 a.m. until 11:17 a.m.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Driscoll noted that no action had been taken during the executive session.

Privilege of the floor was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

As there was no further business to come before the Human Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Wild, seconded by Mr. Strainer and carried unanimously, Mr. Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

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