

**MINUTES  
WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 23, 2004  
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order by Hon. David A Pappert Chairman, Ways & Means Committee at 6:00 PM.

**Present for 6:00 Special Ways & Means Committee Meeting to Review Health Insurance Consultant RFP:** Fearon, Sedor, Geer, Pappert, Marshall, Petrus, Tortorici, Farrell, Lepak, Edwards, O'Conner, Steve Locey, Mike Felice, Tom Flynn, Mayor Lattimore and Lee Brew.

**Marsh** – Representatives , Michael Felice and Tom Flynn discussed their RFP.

An audit of current Health Plan, audit of Benefits, access to Marsh Attorneys and RFP to go out to other venders. Meeting with Unions, negotiations with vendors.

Mercer – Data available

County is self insured.

**Time Line:**

Obtain data on payments

Obtain Planning and Economic Development Committee. Benchmark Plan – against other plans in area. April to June,

Analyze data and come up with recommendation.

Marsh would like to meet quarterly with Healthcare Providers.

Administrative Fee is negotiable with Blue Cross.

Fee for services \$35,000 will reduce it by \$1,000 to \$34,000.

Steve Locey of Locey & Cahill LUC – Do not sell any insurance products.

Benefit Design, Labor Relations, Analyze Contracts Firm would be available for evening labor meetings.

No cost savings sharing with this firm. Audit Claims, examine membership, information. Check on large losses.

Cost                   \$29,100

Full Audit           \$ 7,500

\$36,000 less 2%

**Present for 7:00 Regular Ways & Means Committee Meeting:** Sedor, Geer, Pappert, Marshall, Petrus, Harrison, Dudley, Tortorici, Farrell, Edwards, Dinonno, Duckett, Kozlowski, Daley, Dwyer and Brew.

**MONTHLY UPDATE ON COUNTY FINANCES:** Hon. David A. Farrell

Bills from now on for Town Health Insurance will be based on actual numbers not estimates.

The Treasurer's office has previously offered the Towns 3 years to pay back monies owed without interest.

The Treasurer will obtain true amount of back billing then meet with Ways & Means.

Co-ordination of Purchasing and Sales Contract with Steven Hollander for the Sterling Property. Mr. Hollander can not get the funding for 100% of the sale price. County must refund the \$100,000.00 deposit.

Committee approved by voice vote.

**REVIEW APPOINTMENTS:** Senior Citizens Advisory Board – Bert Court, Mary Hart and Donald Richardson

The Committee discussed Health Insurance Consultant RFP. Mr. Dudley is in favor of Lacey & Cahill, Mr. Fearon votes for Lacey & Cahill, all others were in favor of Lacey & Cahill. Mr. Farrell believes that the cost should come out of Casualty & Liability and Contingency or take it all out of Casualty & Liability. The Chairman and the County Attorney will decide the best way to pay.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**WAYS & MEANS Resolutions 12 – 13B were approved by voice vote. Resolution 13B, all were in favor but Leg. Dudley voted nay.**

- 12.** Auth. the issuance of a request for proposals with regard to County Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage.
- 13.** Auth. the Clerk of the Cayuga County Legislature to advertise and receive sealed bids for the purchase of flowers and shrubs for County Owned Facilities.
- 13A.** Retaining a consulting firm to provide an Assessment of Cayuga County's Health Insurance Benefits.
- 13B.** Amending Hiring Restrictions.

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Resolutions #14 – 35C were approved by voice vote, with the acceptance of resolution #35B was pulled.**

- 14.** Health Department/Optimum Partners & United Way of Cayuga County/Community Health Assessment: Authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Contract with Optimum Partners and United Way of Cayuga County to Prepare our Mandated Community Health Assessment.
- 15.** Health Department/Renew Contract with Northbrook Heights/Provide Aide Service: To Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Enter into a Contract with Northbrook Heights Home for Adults to Provide Aide Services.
- 16.** Health Services/Unity House/Congregate Care: To Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to enter into a contract with Unity House for the Provision of Congregate Care.
- 17.** Human Services Department/Huntington Family Center/Renew Contract: To Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to enter into a contract with Huntington Family Center, Inc. for the Provision of Child Welfare Placement Services.
- 18.** Human Services/Cayuga County Employment & Training/Training & Employment Services: To Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to enter into a contract with Cayuga County Employment & Training Department for Provision of Services.
- 19.** Human Services Department/Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services/Renew Contracts: To Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to enter into a contract with a number of Licensed Home Care Agencies (LHCA) for the provision of Private Duty Nursing Services and Personal Care Services for the 2004 Calendar Year.
- 20.** To award the low bid for the printing of the Office for the Aging Senior Citizen newsletter.
- 21.** Auth. the Chairman of the Legislature and Director of Office for the Aging to sign contracts with Various Subcontractors for Caregiver Respite.
- 22.** To Auth. the Chairman of the Legislature and the Administrator of Cayuga County Nursing Home to enter into an agreement with New York State Association of Homes and Services for the Aging to provide onsite patient review instrument chart reviews and training at a cost of \$1,980.00 Plus reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the consultants.
- 23.** To Auth. the Chairman of the Legislature and the Administrator of Cayuga County Nursing Home to enter into an agreement with Steven Kassel, DPM to provide Podiatric Services at Cayuga County Nursing Home for One Year with Automatic Annual Renewals.
- 24.** Health Department/Home Care for Cortland County, Inc./Renew Contract: To Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to enter into a contract with Home Care of Cortland County, Inc.
- 25.** Health Department/Gavras Center/Renew Contract: to Authorize the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Renew the Contract with the E. John Gavras Center for the Provision of Therapy Services.

## **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES CONT.**

26. Human Services Department/County Attorney's Office/Renew Contract: To Authorize the Chairman of Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Renew the Agreement with the Cayuga County Attorney's Office for Provision of Legal Services.
27. Human Services Department/Cayuga County Sheriff's Department/Renew Contract: To Authorize the Chairman of Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Renew the Contract with the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department to Provide Security and Transportation Services.
28. Human Services Department/Cornell Cooperative Extension/Renew Contract for Provision of Services related to FSNEP: To Authorize the Chairman of Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Renew the Contract for Provision of Needed Services related to the 100% Funded Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP) with Cornell Cooperative Extension for the Period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004.
29. To Auth. the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Renew the Contract with Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. for the Provision of Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services.
30. To Auth. the Chairman of the Legislature and the Director of Health & Human Services to Renew the Contract with Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc. for the Provision of Residential Domestic Violence Services.
31. To Amend Resolution #25-04 LIN\_TECH Rate should be \$20/hr. not \$21/hr. (see attached Resolution #25-04)
32. Auth. the issuance of an RFP to Obtain Rental of Oxygen Concentrator Units at the Nursing Home.
33. Auth. the creation of the title of Human Services Worker and abolishment of the titles of Social Welfare Examiner and Support Investigator.
34. Health & Human Services Department/ Request to Purchase Cars/State Contract: To Authorize the Director of Health & Human Services to purchase three cars for the department.
35. Health Department/Abolish P.T. Medical Social Worker/Create and Fill P.T. Social Work Assistant: To Auth. the Director of Health & Human Services to abolish a P.T. Medical Social Worker and to Auth. the County Legislature to Create a P.T. Social Work Assistant (100% Funded at the CHHA).
- 35A. Health Department/Home Care Agency/Fill RN Position: To Authorize the Director of Health & Human Services to Fill a Registered Professional Nurse Position at the CHHA.
- 35BP. Health Department/Home Care Agency/Fill 2 Part Time RN Positions: To Authorize the Director of Health & Human Services Fill 2 Part Time RN Positions at the CHHA.
- 35C. Health Department/Home Care Agency/Fill Temporary PHN or Temporary RN Position: To Authorize the Director of Health & Human Services Fill Temporary PHN or Temporary RN Position behind a Public Health Nurse on Medical Leave at the CHHA.

## **GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS Resolution #37 was pulled and 37A was added. All were in favor of 37A except Leg. Catto.**

36. Auth. Expenditure for Surrogate Court Document Administrator.
- 37P. Authorization to fill vacant full time Motor Vehicle Cashier on a part-time basis with no fringe benefits.
- 37A. Authorization to promotionally fill vacant Senior Motor Vehicle Cashier.

## **PLANNING**

38. Auth. the Department of Parks and Trails and the Department of Planning and Economic Development to assist the Auburn Little League with regard to proposed improvements at Emerson Park.

## **PUBLIC WORKS Resolutions 39A – 47 were all approved by voice vote, except res. #45 was pulled.**

39. Approving Agreement to transfer responsibility for the Operation and Maintenance of County Sewer District #1 to the Cayuga County Water & Sewer Authority.
- 39A. Resolution to Authorize the Director of Public Works to Advertise for Replacement Pneumatic Roller and Boom Mower.

## **PUBLIC WORKS CONT.**

40. Approving contract with Auburn Telstar Display Fireworks Inc.

41. Adjustment of Fee Schedule and Policy for Emerson Park, 2004.

**Resolution 41 – George Fearon expressed reservations about changing Antique Car Club, Owasco Fire Dept., ect. The Tomato Fest will not be charged in 2004 but will be in 2005. Resolution #41 was approved 4 to 3 Leg. Geer, Harrison, Dudley and Fearon voting aye and Pappert Catto and Sedor voting nay.**

42. Authorizing Cayuga County to accept ownership of Log Cabin at Emerson Park.

43. Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of 2 Replacement Single Axle Dump and Plow Trucks.

44. Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a Replacement Service Pickup Truck.

45P. Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a Replacement Truck Tractor.

46. Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a Replacement 10 Wheel Dump and Plow Truck.

47. Hiring of 1 Part-Time Nature Center Director within the Parks & Trails Department.

**Resolution 47 – Was approved for 20 hrs. per week. Leg. Catto believes that we charge fees at Sterling Property.**

**JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY Resolution #48 was approved with \$1,132 per Coordinator and mileage reimbursement. Resolution #49 was added and was approved by all.**

48. Auth. the filling of (2) Vacant Positions of Deputy Fire Coordinators.

49. Auth. the Sheriff to purchase a new vehicle and related equipment and therefore authorizing the Treasurer to pay the State Contractor: Motors Fleet for the aforesaid purchase for the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office Fleet.

## **ROUTINE RESOLUTIONS**

1. Auth. Payment of February 2004 Audit of Claims

2. Auth. Payment of Utilities.

3. Auth. Payment of all Central Services.

4. Auth. Payment of Claims for the Nursing Home.

5. Auth. Payment of Claims for the Sr. Nutrition Program.

6. Auth. Payment of Claims for Thruway Tolls.

7. Auth. Payment of Claims for Credit Card Charges.

8. Auth. Payment of Legal Notices.

9. Auth. Payment of Various Capital "H" Projects.

10. Auth. Payment of Claims for Various Equipment Leases.

11. Auth. Payment of Parcel Services.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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