

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
1:30 P.M.

PRESENT: D. Pangrazio, W. Wadsworth, D. LeFeber, D. Mahus, M. Falk, I. Coyle, A. Ellis, B. Mann, S. Hillier

ABSENT: D. Fanaro, M. Schuster, D. Babbitt Henry

PRESENT AFTER MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Ways & Means Chair Dan Pangrazio asked Geneseo Supervisor Will Wadsworth to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONNEL ISSUES

1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ

AMENDING THE 2021 LIVINGSTON COUNTY SALARY SCHEDULE: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REFERRING THIS MATTER TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Livingston County Salary Schedule is amended as follows:

Health Department:

- Create three (3) full-time Public Health Assistant positions at Wage Grade 12, CSEA Contract effective September 8, 2021.

For: To assist with the Public Health Corp Fellows Program that is funded by CDC and pass through New York State Department of Health to help rebuild the public health workforce.

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the positions for approval and gave an overview of the Public Health Fellowship Corp grant pending approval tomorrow. There are several planned retirements lined up, which will be good for attrition when the grant ends. These positions can work anywhere but a clinic setting with the exception of vaccination clinics.

Motion: Mr. Wadsworth moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

- Create one (1) full-time Public Health Specialist position at Wage Grade 15 CSEA Contract, effective September 8, 2021.

For: To assist the ELC School Reopening Grant and allows more flexibility in utilizing this position.

Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the position duties in assisting school upon reopening and the mandate that became effective last week. Staff testing started this weekend.

Motion: Mr. Wadsworth moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

Ms. Rodriguez reported that they will begin offering vaccine booster clinics for Supervisors and all County staff starting September 20 unless you are J&J vaccinated.

2. CENTER FOR NURSING & REHABILITATION – STEPHEN WOODRUFF

APPOINTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICES FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENTER FOR NURSING AND REHABILITATION – DOUGLAS SOMMERFELDT

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Department Head Salary Schedule is amended as follows:

Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation

• Appoint Douglas Sommerfeldt of 5482 Holley Byron Road, Holley, New York to the position of full-time Director of Social Work Services at an annual salary of \$76,000.00 effective September 13, 2021.

Mr. Woodruff reviewed the appointment recommendation and explained that the previous employee salary.

Motion: Mr. LeFeber moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

APPOINTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING FOR THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY CENTER FOR NURSING AND REHABILITATION – SHELLY HENDRICKSON

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Department Head Salary Schedule is amended as follows:

Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation

• Appoint Shelly Hendrickson of 15 North Hornell Street, Canisteo New York to the position of full-time

Assistant Director of Nursing at an annual salary of \$90,000.00 effective September 13, 2021.

Director's Comments:

The vacancy was advertised on Indeed, Facebook, Department of Labor Jobs Website, and The Penny Saver. The approved range was originally \$75,000-\$85,000. The CNR Director, Deputy Director, and Director of Nursing interviewed on September 3, 2021. County Administrator supported Department's recommendation of slight (\$5,000) salary increase to the top end of the range for the selected candidate.

Mr. Woodruff reviewed the candidate work experience and the recommended salary rate for appointment.

Motion: Mr. Mahus moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY LAND BANK – JOE GUNTHER

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF COUNTY PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY TAX DEED

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston acquired title to the following parcel of land, and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors' Ways and Means Committee has approved the sale of said parcel, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following conveyance be approved:

Tax Map No.	Address	Former Owner	Current Purchaser	Village/Town	Price
106.14-2-27	24 Stanley Street	Axel Guadelupe	Livingston County Land Bank Corp.	Mt. Morris	\$4,355.12
203.10-2-55	32 Jefferson Street	Scott and Christine Bindley	Livingston County Land Bank Corp.	Dansville	\$3,730.19

And, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute the quit-claim deed of conveyance and any and all related documents to complete the aforesaid conveyances.

Mr. Gunther reviewed the three properties discussed previously and reported that the Land Bank desires to acquire two of those properties.

Motion: Mr. Mahus moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

COUNTY TREASURER – AMY DAVIES

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. Court decision on Order to Show Cause – Robert Sinclair Jr. Property – 35 Bank St. Dansville, NY There was discussion on taxes paid on a Caledonia property. Ms. Davies updated the Committee on the order to show cause for the Dansville property. Ms. Mann reported on the virtual meeting she and Deputy County Attorney John Lockhart attended on this matter. Ms. Mann and Mr. Lockhart both felt that the Phillips Lytle attorney presented well for the County. Judge Moran went along with the past history for what we have seen in in other foreclosures by allowing the current homeowner to pay the taxes Judge Moran did require that all taxes are paid so property is current and up to date so they will be paying four years of taxes in an amount of ~\$12,000. They will also need to make the County whole, which is ~\$3,300 our attorneys had filed for attorney fees and the Judge will write up that the homeowner has thirty days make payment at the Treasurer's Office.

Ms. Davies reported that the Covid hardship extension is until 1/15/22 to pay. Phillips Lytle has recommended that we wait and add those parcels to next years' auction if not paid by the deadline. There are currently 30 parcels for the October auction.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – IAN COYLE

Action Item(s) To Be Reported

1. APPROVING ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS #9A-SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Board of Supervisors approves the Abstract of Claims #9A dated September 8, 2021 in the total amount of \$2,167,703.06.

Motion: Mr. Wadsworth moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

2. AMENDING 2021 LIVINGSTON COUNTY BUDGET-HIGHWAY(5) & OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/PLANNING

RESOLVED, that the Livingston County Treasurer is authorized and directed to make the requested Budget Amendments per the Budget Amendment entries that have been approved by the Livingston County Administrator.

Mr. Coyle reviewed the amendments for approval.

Motion: Mr. LeFeber moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

3. RATIFYING TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S COALITION AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement between the Livingston County Deputy Sheriff's Coalition and Livingston County will expire on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the negotiating teams for the parties have reached a tentative agreement for a new collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Deputy Sheriff's Coalition ratified the agreement July 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee recommended the ratification of this agreement by the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the tentative agreement is hereby ratified; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator are hereby authorized to execute a collective bargaining agreement consistent with the terms of the tentative agreement commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2022.

Mr. Coyle reviewed the contract framework parameters for the new agreement.

Motion: Mr. Mahus moved and Mr. Wadsworth seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

4. RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL AND COMMISSIONER ZUCKER TO MODIFY THE PROPOSED COVID-19 MANDATE FOR ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul announced, in her first day in office, that she would be implementing a mandate that all healthcare workers in New York State be vaccinated against COVID-19 by September 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, many nursing homes and hospitals across the Finger Lakes region have indicated that significant numbers of their staff have threatened to resign effective September 26, 2021 rather than receive the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, our nursing homes and hospitals are already experiencing staff shortages caused by complex and diverse factors; and

WHEREAS, while well-intentioned, the vaccine mandate proposed by Governor Hochul and Commissioner Zucker runs the risk of effecting the mass resignation of unvaccinated healthcare workers throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, both hospitals and nursing homes have indicated they would be forced to shutter beds and reduce capacity if the threatened resignations come to fruition; and

WHEREAS, as the Delta variant of COVID-19 increases its spread through our communities and college and K through 12 schools resume classes, our community cannot risk losing critical healthcare workers and acute and long-term care capacity; and

WHEREAS, allowing for a twice a week, or more frequent, testing alternative to the proposed vaccine mandate would protect patient safety, respect the personal rights of healthcare workers, and ensure that our medical system is as prepared as possible for the anticipated increase in COVID-19 cases heading into the fall and winter; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors encourages all eligible New Yorkers to get vaccinated against COVID-19; and may it be further

RESOLVED, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors hereby calls on Governor Hochul and Department of Health Commissioner Zucker to modify their proposed healthcare worker COVID-19 vaccine mandate to allow for a testing option for those workers who do not wish to receive the vaccine at this time; and may it be further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Department of Health Commissioner Howard Zucker, State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay, and Senate Minority Leader Rob Ort. Mr. Coyle reviewed the two mandates affecting nursing home staffing. Ten counties in the region have sent a letter to the Governor for relief or reprieve on the mandate. We are already in a precarious position with staff at the facility. Mr. Coyle explained that he is reviewing an impact report from Mr. Woodruff. We are looking at a proposal for those individuals after 9/27 for people that may have a second look at getting vaccinated in order to return to work more quickly. There was discussion on the lack of any legal challenges from statewide unions affected on the legality of this mandate. There was discussion on the counties that run hospitals, nursing homes and hospice. Mr. Coyle has reached out to NYSAC on whether there are any coordinated efforts being done to address this matter.

Motion: Mr. LeFeber moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to approve the foregoing resolution Carried.

Pre-approved Informational Item(s) To Be Reported

1. Education to Employment - Virtually Connecting Industry to Classrooms Approval Consideration-Mr. Coyle reviewed the education/work program presented to Human Services by the Chamber seeking funding support from the County for the Nepris program. Mr. Coyle explained that the program would also include the private schools in the County. Mr. Coyle explained that we have funded similar educational programs annually. This is an allowable use of ARPA funds. There have been questions raised on the length of time for the contract and Mr. Coyle reviewed a possible two year funding support scenario for review before committing to a five year funding contract. Mr. Pangrazio suggested a three year program to allow the program a chance to show progress before extending to the full five years. The Committee members present support a contract for the Nepris Program requiring the inclusion of regular updates to the Committee. Mr. Falk expressed his regret that HFL Central School District is not included in the program as they fall under Monroe County Boces.

Motion: Mr. Wadsworth moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to approve researching further on supporting program funding for three years..... Carried.

- 2. Budget 2022-Department Head meetings are going well. Next up will be revenue forecast and the benefit cost forecast. There will be a first draft at the next W&M meeting for review.
- 3. ARP-August 31 was the deadline. We have a total of \$12.6 Million and have already received \$6.1 Million already. Our first submittal was for \$12.7 Million, for 2020 revenue loss, boosted significantly by the nursing home. Mr. Coyle reviewed the submittal criteria. There is a call with Bonadio tomorrow.
- 4. Shared Services panel meeting tomorrow. Many counties are abandoning their efforts with shared services. This may benefit us because there are a lot less counties seeking a share of the program.
- 5. Tish’s last day is tomorrow and she will be recognized at that meeting. We have received 13 applications.
- 6. The last two interviews for the OEM Director are today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wadsworth moved and Mr. Mahus seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES – BILL FULLER

Informational Item(s) Written Only

- 1. School Tax processing is complete. Districts are picking up their tax rolls and mailing tax bills.
- 2. Mid-September, notification via postcard mailing to property owners within the various Livingston County Water and Sewer Districts notifying of the public hearing in October to hear objections to the special assessment roll.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele R. Rees, IIMC-CMC
Clerk of the Board