

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2023

The Personnel Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: G. Baldwin, E. Micha, J. Shaw, M. Whalen, B. Weslar voting representative for S. Ryan

Members Absent:

Others Present: J. Scott, A. Martin, C. Hall, M. McDonald B. Weslar, Legislature, M. Ponticiello, Executive; J. St. Amour, OMB, C. Cortright, K. White, J. Sullivan, T. Survilla, DSS C. Fedor, Health; N. Williams, K. Saunders, J. Marsh, Mental Health, C Segrue, Personnel, M. Turbush, B. Schrama, T. Eaton, OFA, B. Lucas, Planning, B. Gowe, Parks, K. Hawk, E. Kerr, WPRNC, J. Haas, R. O'Donnel, Land Bank, Vincent Gialanella, Resident.

The Personnel Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:03 PM. Mr. Weslar made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Whalen.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MEDICAID TECHNOLOGIES ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENTS WITH VEN TEK INC. AND WELLSKY HUMAN & SOCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR 2024

In response to a question from the Committee, Mr. White stated that the funds in this resolution will be used for things such as admin costs and building maintenance. These agreements are 100% State funded.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF TITLE III-B SUPPORTIVE SERVICES GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-B SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE TITLE III-C-2 HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF III-C-2 HOME DELIVERED MEALS GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISION OF TITLE III-C-1 CONGREGATE MEAL GRANT FOR THE OFFICE FOR AGING AND ADOPTING A REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#31 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 2023-2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#33 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE LAND BANK PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOME COUNTY LAND BANK TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2024

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Haas stated that the Land Bank is working with the New York Land Bank Association to suggest changes to State law to address the U.S. Supreme Court decision that impacted the tax foreclosure process. The decision has created an issue for Land Banks that often rely on the tax foreclosure process to obtain properties for rehabilitation and demolition. Mr. Martin added that if a property is condemned and determined to be a danger to the community then demolition can likely go forward. Ms. Haas stated that the Land Bank currently has a number of properties already in the rehab “pipeline” so they will not have a lack of projects to tackle while the Supreme Court decision is implemented. Ms. Haas and Mr. Martin further stated that vacant lots created by the demolition of foreclosed properties are disposed of in various ways including selling to neighboring property owners, reuse as community gardens or maintained by a municipality as green space.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#52 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR A WAGE REOPENER AND EXTENDING A LABOR AGREEMENT WITH CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA) LIBRARY UNIT 6150-01, LOCAL 804 FOR 2022-2025

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#56 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUESTS FOR THE BROOME COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Micha seconded by Mr. Shaw. The meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM.