

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
November 16, 2009

PRESENT:

Elizabeth Young
Lynda Scheer
Roy Brown
Bart Delaney, Jr.
William Hughes, Jr.
Raymond Staats
Edward Cross

ABSENT:

Jesse DeGrootd-notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Alberta Cox, Deputy Clerk
Kary Jablonka
Paul Mossman
Jessica Shufelt
Robin Andrews
Sheriff Harrison
Inv. Skype
John Rivero

PRESS: 1

Chairwoman called meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Youth Bureau: - J. Shufelt

Transfer of Funds: Request authorization to transfer monies from .4 to .4 account in the amount of \$385.00. Motion to approve transfer by Scheer, seconded by Brown, motion carried.

Youth Bureau Information/Update: Unexpended funds to be reduced

2010 Application Process will be computer oriented and her Department will be inputting all of the application information. Spoke briefly on the reallocation of 2009 Funds.

On the Youth Award Ceremony, a date has not been picked yet, but looking to have it around March of next year; the Elks' Club is interested in helping. More information will be coming.

Supervisor Scheer asked if the Recognition of Scholarships by the Board of Supervisor will be done again next year. J. Shuflet stated that she will look into doing it again.

Office for the Aging: K. Jablonka:

Program Update:

HEAP, is open for applications and as of now up and running with 20% over last year already. Well over 1000 application had been received. Also the WRAP (small home repair) program has been very busy. Program Management continuing to move along, and will be back looking for volunteers to help out.

Resolution Requesting that Case Manager for the Elderly position that was approved 8/17/09 be resubmitted to the Budget & Salary Committee, as this position is very important to the continuation of the Department's working with the Elderly. Motion to bring back to Budget & Salary was made by L. Scheer, seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried. It was requested that the clerk remind the committee, by E-mail, of the Budget & Salary Committee meeting. It was recommended that any position that did not make it through Budget & Salary, there should be notification to the Department Head of such result.

Resolution Requests: Authorization to create and fill one temporary, full-time Clerk-Typist position, Grade 10, 2009 Step 1 salary \$25,212. Motion to approve by B. Delaney Jr., seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Committee.

Resolution Requests: Authorization to contract with Renaissance Nursing Services for Adult Day Services not to exceed \$30,000. Motion to approve by L. Scheer, seconded by B. Delaney Jr., motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Resolution Requests: Authorization to hire two (2) temporary laborer positions at a salary of \$10.00/hour with no benefits. Motion to approve by W. Hughes Jr., seconded by B. Delaney Jr. motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Committee.

DSS: P. Mossman:

Commissioner Mossman spoke on the Welfare Fraud Initiative program established in April. Introduced Sheriff Harrison, Inv. Skype and Inv. Rivero who is the Officer working at DSS. Gave a brief update on the accomplishments so far; paperwork on 64 cases, 11 arrests, and a “realized saving” for the county of \$117,184.00. The Sheriff stated the arrests come only from those who absolutely have abused the system.

The Commissioner updated the committee on the ADA Compliance Subcommittee, stating that they met on Nov. 6th and it proved to be a very productive meeting, Made ground work on Policy updating, the Website and accessibility to the disabled.

Supervisors Scheer and Delaney Jr. stated that this may be a good pilot for the County Website. The Commissioner handed out a (DRAFT) Petty Cash Account Policy for the Committee to review. Supervisor Brown stated that at some time all policies will be reviewed to get one umbrella County Policy.

Resolution Request to increase the petty cash account from \$700 to \$850 from the County Treasurer’s A-200 account. Motion to approve by B. Delaney Jr. seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

Discussion on the DSS Lobby revamped the lobby and made a children’s area. Plans to set up a Television to use for educational videos, updated programming, etc.

Nassau County had developed a Visitor Tracking System and will have a Tele-a-conference Presentation on November 17th. This system may be very helpful to DSS.

Edith Casey Christmas Stocking Fund is up and running. Have secured a place for the store on Warren Street. Hope to get it ready for the Winter Walk. Starting early registration in December. Having student interns to take registrations. Getting Volunteers from the DSS staff to help also. The Commissioner stated the new Group home in Taghkanic is open and already getting referrals.

Motion to go into EXECUTIVE session at 3:00pm by W. Hughes Jr., seconded by B. Delaney Jr. motion carried.

Reason: Personnel

Motion to return to REGULAR session at 3:25pm by R. Staats seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill the following vacant, budgeted positions effective December 10, 2009, pending Budget and Salary Review Committee approval:

One (1) Account Clerk, GR10B, 2009 Step 1 Salary \$26,466 (vacancy due to internal appointment to another position). Motion to approve by R. Brown, seconded by W. Hughes Jr. motion carried

One (1) Caseworker, FP15, 2009 Step 1 Salary \$37,814 (vacancy due to transfer to another Social Services district) Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by B. Delaney Jr. motion carried.

With no other business, motion to adjourn at 3:27 pm by W. Hughes Jr., seconded by R. Staats, motion carried.