

Social Programs Committee Minutes

October 13, 2009 – 3:15 p.m.

Present: Chairman Sausville; Supervisors Jenkins, Raymond, Southworth, Veitch and Wormuth; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Tina Potter, Social Services; Margot Ammon, Helen Cranshaw, League of Women Voters; Press.

Chairman Sausville called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Veitch the minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Sausville said that President Obama has pledged to give every needy child \$200 for school supplies for back to school. The funds will be passed to the County in the amount of \$784,800.

Ms. Potter said requested an amendment to the budget in the amount of \$784,800. This amendment will provide \$200 to needy children between the ages of 3-17, to be used to purchase school supplies.

Mrs. Wormuth asked how the funds would be distributed? Ms. Potter said they would be distributed through the electronic benefit card.

Mr. Sausville said there are approximately 3,684 households in Saratoga County that would be eligible for the benefit.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth to approve a Back to School amendment to the 2009 budget to accept \$784,800 in federal money to be distributed to families with eligible school age children in Saratoga County for school supplies. Unanimous.

Mrs. Cross requested a resolution to enter into a contract with the City of Mechanicville, to give them \$17,000 for the purchase of a generator for the Senior Center.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a resolution to enter into a contract with the City of Mechanicville to give them \$17,000 for the purchase of a generator for the Mechanicville Senior Center. Unanimous.

Mrs. Cross said there is a Caregiver Symposium scheduled for November 4th at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs. This program is being partnered with NY Connect through the Office for the Aging and is open to all caregivers. Handouts were distributed

to all committee members for their review. Mrs. Cross said she would provide more brochures to all supervisors in their mailboxes for distribution in their town hall.

Mr. Sausville said this is not limited to professional caregivers, but to anyone who provides care to someone, i.e. parent, children, friends etc.

On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Veitch the meeting was adjourned.