

Social Programs Committee Minutes
October 8, 2013 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Collyer, M. Johnson, Hargrave, Lucia, Yepsen, and Sausville; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Tina Potter, Social Services; Steven Bayle, Probation.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Collyer the minutes of the August 13, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Scaccia said in August she came before the committee to speak about the STEM Grant that was received and began on July 1, 2013. The grant provides education to job seekers on opportunities using careers in science, technology, engineering and math. At that time, no budget amendment was done; therefore, Mrs. Scaccia is requesting an increase in the budget for STEM by \$84,000. By doing that, the tuition line would be increased by \$50,200 and the job training line by \$33,800.

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve additional funding through a STEM Contract in the amount of \$84,000. Unanimous.

Mrs. Potter gave an update on the HEAP Program, stating that the HEAP program will open on November 18, 2013 with the benefit amounts remaining the same as last year for oil, kerosene and propane at \$600; wood, pellets or coal \$500; electric heat or utilities \$400. The income guidelines have increased slightly, and SNAP recipients will automatically receive the HEAP grant. The early mail out process has already begun to take place which will begin prior to the opening of the HEAP program. Applications were sent out on August 25, 2013 with approximately 1,565 sent to the most vulnerable households. She said other populations may walk in, mail in, fax in or apply on line. Mrs. Potter said the heating repair and replacement component has been suspended for this year.

On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Hargrave, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom