

Social Programs Committee Minutes
January 10, 2017 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dick Lucia; Supervisors Phil Barrett, John Collyer, Dan Lewza, Peter Martin, Jean Raymond and Kevin Tollisen; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Steve Bayle, Probation; Tina Potter, Pat Maxwell, Department of Social Services; J. Wes Carr, Youth Bureau.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, the minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting were approved. Mr. Lewza abstained from voting. **Motion passed.**

Mr. Lucia announced the appointment of Supervisor Tollisen as the Committee Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mrs. Raymond, to authorize a 1-year renewal agreement with James McGuiness and Associates, Inc. for preschool special education software program support and service at a cost of \$27,500 per year. Unanimous.

Mr. Carr said that the software was purchased in 2013. In 2017 the total cost for the special education program will be approximately \$11M. The software is used for data entry and reimbursement claims. It allows the department to develop an annual cost report required by the State, identify and rectify any issues with automated voucher listing. Since using McGuiness the department has realized a net of \$47,645 return on investment. Funding is available in the 2017 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Lewza, to authorize an amended lease agreement with the Capital District Youth Center, Inc. for the term of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 with an option for a one year renewal at NYS Division for Youth set rates. Unanimous.

Mrs. Potter said that in 1997 four counties, Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and Saratoga entered into a 20-year intermunicipal agreement to construct a secure detention facility in Albany. In 2017 the bond will be paid off and ownership will be conveyed to Albany County. This agreement will run from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and will ensure placement for children that need secure detention. Per Diem rates are set by the Office of Children and Family Services and funds are available in the 2017 budget. The rates have reduced by approximately 9% from last year.

Mr. Lucia said that beginning next month, the meetings will be held on the 1st Monday of the month.

On a motion made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Martin, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board