

Social Programs Committee Minutes
May 8, 2017 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dick Lucia; Supervisors Phil Barrett, John Collyer, Peter Martin and Kevin Tollisen; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Sandi Cross, Judy Dahoda-Taylor, Office of the Aging; Tina Potter, Social Services.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Martin, the minutes of the March 13, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Martin, to authorize a contract with Northeast Dining and Lodging d/b/a Golden Corral to provide meals for the Home Delivered Meal Program and the Congregate Meal Program at a cost of \$7.15 per meal for the term from June 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020. Unanimous.

Mrs. Cross said that she met with the owner of Northeast Dining and Lodging. He had previously bid on the contract in the amount of \$5.98 per meal however the bid was based on providing 800-1,000 meals per day. The actual meal count per day is approximately 625 and is causing a loss to his business. The prior contract was terminated, the service was put out to bid to seven viable vendors in the area, only one bid response came back which was Northeast Dining and Lodging at the rate of \$7.15 per meal. The rate will be increased annually based on the consumer price index. Mr. Martin asked if the number of meals were to increase, would the County be able to get the price reduced. Mr. Dorsey said that both parties have a 60 day cancellation notice in the agreement and the County would have the option to cancel and re-bid the service. Mr. Martin confirmed with Mrs. Cross that there is no increase on fees for meals served from November 2016 to June 2017. Mr. Tollisen and Mr. Lucia said that they have heard from constituents that the portions and quality of food provided by this vendor is very good.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$73,643 from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to provide shelter to the homeless during inclement winter weather and authorizing a contract with Shelters of Saratoga in the amount of \$66,143 to assist the county in implementing the approved shelter plan. Unanimous.

Mrs. Potter said that this grant will enable the department to comply with new regulation 304 relative to inclement weather plan or Code Blue. The new regulations were put on the local Department of Social Services to shelter the homeless in inclement weather, defined when the temperature goes below 32 degrees. Last year this requirement was under Executive Order 151, this year it was placed into a regulation and the Department of Social Services had to complete and submit a plan to the State in order to apply for the funds. Of the \$73,643 grant funds, \$66,143 will cover the cost of the contract with Shelters of Saratoga and the remaining funds will cover any expenses the Department of Social Services incur relative to compliance with the regulation. Some as individuals cannot be housed at Code Blue either due to overcapacity or

those in need of shelter in outlying areas. This grant covers the timeframe December 16, 2016 through June 16, 2017.

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board