

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
of the ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

DATE: August 16, 2000

TIME: 6:00pm

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Alice Tipp, Joan Feldmann, Kevin Hunt and Robert Wilkins

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Glenn Noonan, Jeanette Provenzano and Barbara Santoro

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathryn Puglisi, Office for the Aging
Donna Hildebrandt, Office for the Aging
Terry Breitenstein, Veterans Agency
Ellen Greczynski, Office for the Aging

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

KATHRYN PUGLISI - Office for the Aging

Alice introduced Donna to the committee and informed them that she would be explaining the office budget. Copies of the budget were provided to each committee member. The state is mandating upgrading the computer equipment and chairs for the office are needed. Discussion followed regarding RSVP and Title V. Additional money has been added to the Ombudsmen program and the Weatherization program. In regard to the revenue page, Kathy advised that the will be receiving money from the Junior League that will be applied toward the Blizzard Boxes and possibly breakfast Blizzard Boxes. Hopefully they will begin going out by the beginning of November. Donna then discussed the County expenses plus the revenues showing the County share is 21% and the State is 79% bringing the county budget down about \$3,000.

Kathy announced that Live, Laugh and Learn was held that day. About 140 people attended. Next year we will advertise in a better way, she added.

Kathy informed the committee that the small van is at UCRT. It will be ready in about 30 days. They are going to PA to check on a new Care-A-Van on Tuesday, August 23rd. Presently they have \$100,000 from the State, \$30,000 from the County and the hospital will pay the balance. It should be on the road by March 2001.

The 25th Anniversary celebration is on September 19th, Kathy stated. We have more people interested than we had thought. Also, the Annual Hearing will be the 1st week in October.

Kathy and Donna were excused at 6:30pm.

TERRY BREITENSTEIN - Veterans Agency

Terry and Alice presented a Resolution to accept grant money from the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs, in the amount of \$10,000. The money will be used for a new IKON copy machine and counselor training. Bob made the 1st motion to accept seconded by Kevin. All others were in favor.

Terry then passed out copies of his office's budget and explained the pages. Discussion followed regarding the budget. Snow tires are needed for the vans and the Indigent Burial fund needs to be raised \$6,000. This will mean allowance for 3 more burials, Terry said. Bob asked Terry how many burials they have had this year. Twenty, Terry responded.

Terry informed the committee that they may need to contract with another Ambulette Service. They are having problems with the insurance certificate and the van cannot be used until it is straightened out.

Discussion followed regarding the vans for the Veterans Agency.

Alice asked Terry how much higher the new contract is. \$10,500, Terry said.

Joan asked how the new Doctor at the clinic is doing. Terry said that Dr. Patel is a very nice man with excellent credentials, however, he is limited with writing narcotic prescriptions which has caused some complaints.

Alice asked if there was anything further. There was not.

Joan made the 1st motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Tipp, Chairman
Community Services Committee