

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
December 15, 2020

Present: Legislators Andrea Moroughan, Richard Chartrand, Greg Kulzer, Phil Hathway, and Lisa Virkler.

Others: Legislators Larry Dolhof, Jerry King, Tom Osborne, Ron Burns, and Ian Gilbert; County Manager Ryan Piche; County Atty. Joan McNichol; Treasurer Eric Virkler; and Human Resource Director Caitlyn Smith; and Information technology Director Conner Biolsi.

Committee Chair Legislator Moroughan called the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Legislator Kulzer made a motion to accept the minutes from 11/17/2020 as recorded, seconded by Legislator Chartrand, and carried.

The following dockets were reviewed:

1. Resolution authorizing renewal Agreement between the Lewis County Community Services Department and Rubenzahl, Knudsen & Associates Psychological Services, P.C. for the purpose of conducting psychological examinations of defendants as required pursuant to CPL 730 for a period beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
AYE 5 NAY 0
2. Resolution re-appointing members to the Lewis County Office For Aging Advisory Council effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.
AYE 5 NAY 0
3. Resolution re-appointing member to the Lewis County Health Services Advisory Board effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.
AYE 5 NAY 0
4. Resolution authorizing Agreements between the Lewis County Department of Social Services and the County Law Department for legal services and representation in Family Court matters, Child Support Enforcement Proceedings, and Collection and Recovery matters for a period beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
AYE 5 NAY 0
5. Resolution authorizing renewal Agreements between the Lewis County Department of Social Services and various providers for program services.
AYE 5 NAY 0
6. Resolution authorizing renewal Agreement with Toshiba America Business Solutions, Inc. d/b/a "TBS" for the electronic document management system, "DocuWare" required by the Lewis County Department of Social Services.
AYE 5 NAY 0

Ryan Piche explained that the current response with the pandemic has been great, but we are pushing our limits with county staff members as our numbers have climbed. It has been discussed with Legislator Moroughan and Chairman Dolhof to create 5 temporary Public Health

positions at roughly \$18.00/hour for around 6 months to assist in many ways with the pandemic. If the board is open to the idea there would be a resolution put forward at Thursday's meeting. Caitlyn Smith explained that the titles would be specific for a broad range of pandemic work for Public Health. These positions would be for 6 months but can be extended after that to a maximum of 18 months depending on the need. Ryan pointed out that one of the reasons we are not a yellow or red zone is because we have been able to handle and stay on top of the pandemic here in our county but in order to continue at that level with the increased number of positive cases there needs to be additional help.

Legislator Hathway questioned the specifics and if these individuals would be able to work from home, Ryan stated that most of them would be able to after they are trained by Public Health. Caitlyn explained that the preference is for people with a health & human services background, but they are only required to have a high school diploma. Legislator Chartrand suggested that the JCC Survey members might be good at this type of work, Ryan added that college kids would also be a good option. Legislator Kulzer questioned if they would be able to get benefits, Caitlyn responded that they would not. The Legislators felt that this should move forward to the next Board meeting.

At 2:58 p.m. Legislator Chartrand made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Hathway and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassandra Moser, Clerk of the Board