

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Chair Dondlinger called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Tim Dondlinger, Jim Batzko, Kathleen Cummings, Joel Gaughan, Jeremy Walz, Steve Whittow, and Ted Wysocki.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer (via phone), Public Health Manager Ben Jones (via phone), Director of Administration Andy Thelke, Budget Manager Bill Duckwitz, Budget Management Specialist Michelle Beasley, Citizens Dan and Peggy Guenther, and Supervisors Larry Nelson, Bill Mitchell, Richard Morris, Duane Paulson, Paul Decker, and Darlene Johnson.

Ordinance 175-O-015: Modify The 2020 Department Of Health And Human Services, Public Health Division, Budget And Accept Federal CARES Act Funding For Public Health Response

Jones and Setzer discussed this ordinance as outlined which authorizes the department to accept \$3,404,721 million of federal CARES Act funding through the state to increase investigation and monitoring of COVID-19 cases. This ordinance also modifies the Public Health Division budget, increasing personnel costs by \$987,452, operating expenses by \$2,364,269, interdepartmental charges by \$53,000, and general government revenues by \$3,404,721. Personnel costs consist of limited-term employees (temporary extra help). Operating expenses include \$2,264,269 for contracted third-party staffing and \$100,000 for related costs (e.g., computers). Interdepartmental charges consist of End User Technology Fund charges for software licensing costs. This ordinance results in no additional direct tax levy impact.

The majority of this grant allocation will fund staffing resources dedicated to pandemic investigation and monitoring efforts. It will involve a combination of county-employed limited-term (LTE) employees (personnel costs) and contracted staff provided through third-party entities (operating expenses). There will need to be a substantial increase in investigating/monitoring capacity, and it is impossible at this time to predict how much of which category will be needed to fulfill this enhanced effort to facilitate a safe re-opening of the local economy. Management from the departments of Health and Human Services and Administration will monitor the implementation and potentially request fund transfers to re-allocate resources between the affected appropriations, as needed.

Staff continues to monitor and document COVID-19 related costs to help ensure maximum reimbursement for its efforts. County management will submit future proposed ordinances outlining these revenue sources when they have been accounted for.

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 175-O-015. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve Minutes of May 14

MOTION: Gaughan moved, second by Batzko to approve the minutes of May 14. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment

P. Guenther questioned why the Health & Human Services Department is receiving so much money and gaining power when the COVID-19 cases are decreasing

Executive Committee Report of May 18 and June 15

Dondlinger said the committee, at their May 18 meeting, defeated three resolutions and approved two appointments and one ordinance. They agreed to extend the contract with Conley Media LLC to May 21, 2021. Peter Wolff was elected secretary of the committee and they heard committee reports. At the June 15 meeting, the committee heard a presentation on County Board survey results and the County Board Office Strategic Plan Environmental Scan, approved 19 appointments, heard a grievance appeal for a previous Waukesha County employee, and heard committee reports.

Future Meeting Date

- July 16

Legislative Update

Spaeth said the Governor announced \$200 million in CARES Act funds will be made available to local governments as grants to reimburse their unbudgeted expenditures incurred from COVID-19. Waukesha County is eligible to receive \$6.6 million.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Walz to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Walz

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Secretary