

**STEBEN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Special Meeting**

*Monday, September 24, 2018*

*9:45 a.m.*

*Legislative Committee Room  
Steuben County Office Building  
Bath, NY*

**\*\*MINUTES\*\***

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Carol A. Ferratella, Chair Steven P. Maio	Hilda T. Lando, Vice Chair	K. Michael Hanna
<b>STAFF:</b>	Jack K. Wheeler Alan Reed Brooks Baker	Mitchell Alger Bill Caudill	Cheryl Crocker Shawn Sauro
<b>LEGISLATORS:</b>	Joseph J. Hauryski John V. Malter Frederick G. Potter Brian C. Schu	Kelly H. Fitzpatrick Aaron I. Mullen Gary B. Roush Gary D. Swackhamer	Robin K. Lattimer Robert V. Nichols Thomas J. Ryan Scott J. Van Etten
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Randolph J. Weaver		
<b>OTHERS:</b>	Mary Perham Cody Carlson, WENY		

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Ferratella called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

**II. GENERAL BUSINESS**

A. **Raise the Age** – Mr. Wheeler stated he has been working with all of our providers; Department of Social Services, Law, Probation, etc. on our options for detention. We have also been working with the other 10 counties in the Finger Lakes Region. He stated they recently received an email from the State who has indicated that the Office of Children and Family Services thinks we should put this on hold as there will not be many children that would need this. We have asked them to put that in writing. Mr. Wheeler stated we think the next step in exploring our options is to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the 11-county region to create an LDC (Local Development Corporation). John Treahy is already contracting with us to put together a plan and the costs for creating an LDC are already built into that. If we do not need a detention facility, then we will not need the LDC. This just provides us with another avenue to explore. There is a detention facility need in our 11-county area. Under Raise the Age, this a county responsibility. Mr. Reed commented the Inter-Municipal Agreement with the 11 counties provides us with a record to show that we are trying to meet the requirements.

Mr. Maio commented the closest facility would be Albany or downstate. Mr. Wheeler replied we received a draft inter-municipal agreement from Albany with no price per bed. Monroe County has the capacity and they are willing to house out-of-county children, but they cannot commit to anything at this point. Mr. Maio commented he can see this creating an issue with due process. Mr. Wheeler commented the Office of Children and Family Services will also have issues about separating families. We need to cover all of our bases. He stated that Camp Monterey is back on the table for discussion. Mr. Maio asked what changed with Camp Monterey? Mr. Wheeler replied the potential developer decided the venture was not going to be as fruitful as it had originally looked to be.

Mr. Mullen asked how much money are we contributing? Mr. Wheeler replied the cost is \$15,000 from each of the 11 counties. Our estimated cost is closer to \$10,000 and we will also be seeking reimbursement through Raise the Age.

**MOTION: AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE 11 COUNTIES IN THE FINGER LAKES REGION TO CREATE A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION RELATIVE TO THE EXPLORATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT DETENTION FACILITIES AND SERVICES MADE BY MRS. LANDO. SECONDED BY MR. HANNA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0. Resolution Required.**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. MAIO. SECONDED BY MRS. LANDO. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda L. Chapman  
Deputy Clerk  
Steuben County Legislature