

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

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Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 @ 1:00 PM

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Absent:

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Department Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision	Action
1:00 PM WCCH w/J. McTernan			
<p>1. COVID-19 Update: (at the request of Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade)</p> <p>I would like to thank the Board of Managers and Board of Supervisors for your support during this challenging time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced visitor restrictions and employee screening procedures remain in place. • A universal masking policy for the entire health system has been put into place. • Patient volumes remain light with expected peak in WNY within the next 30 days. • Outpatient Clinics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remain only performing needed visits. ○ Continue to use telemedicine resources. ○ Preparing O'Dell center to be an outpatient testing and treatment center for COVID-19 symptoms in partnership with the Wyoming County Health Department • Command Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The hospital command center remains active operating Monday – Friday from 9am to 4pm and is located in the first floor conference room ○ Daily hospital leadership briefing calls at 8am seven days a week continue. ○ WCCHS continues to attend the daily County 2pm EOC Briefings • NYS Response & Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have worked with HANYS and WNYHA who has had successfully lobbied the Governor's Office regarding the executive order around ventilators. ○ Plan that was presented has been put in place & we meet the 50% surge requirement ○ There has been an increase of cases in the county as well as the WNY region with an emphasis on Erie County. ○ We have set up a COVID 19 section for online training on the intranet for Medical and Hospital Staff ○ The Medical Staff has put in place a contingency staffing plan. ○ We have brought on a three month contract for Intensivists to support the hospitalists in the higher acuity patients that we expect to care for. ○ We have inpatient consult coverage for Cardiology, Pulmonary, Neurology, and Nephrology. • Supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Availability of supplies and equipment remain our current objective and organizational priority. ○ There are shortages and difficulty obtaining supplies but we have been working with the county EOC on coordinated procurement of PPE with positive results. 		<p>Motion:</p> <p>Ayes:</p> <p>Noes:</p> <p>Absent:</p>	<p>Carried:</p> <p>Defeated:</p> <p>Referred to:</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We continue to work on procuring additional ventilators and supporting supplies to support the impending surge. ○ Reviewing new products and tests as they come to market. ● Ethics Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has been meeting and discussing needed topics. ● Skilled Nursing Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To date we have 5 positive cases and three deaths in the SNF. One Resident that tested positive has recovered. ○ We continue working with both the Wyoming County Department of Health and NYS DOH regional epidemiologist to ensure the highest level of protection is provided to our residents and staff. ○ We have fully implemented the approved NYS DOH plan and will continue to monitor the situation. ○ Care in nursing homes continues to be a state and national focus as this population is extremely vulnerable to this disease. ● Morgue and Autopsy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Autopsies remain to be considered on a case by case basis and only after direct communication between the requesting physician and the pathologist. ○ The hospital with the county to provide excess morgue capacity. ● Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The current response continues to place a significant strain on the fiscal health of the system. ○ We continue tracking all labor and disaster related expense to attempt for federal reimbursement and are reviewing options with the county and state for FEMA programs and other relief packages. ○ We continue to work with HANYS, WNYHA, and Senator Gallivan’s office to find some relief. ○ We are building a 26 week cash flow projection adjusting for the pandemic and estimated return to operations. ○ When we emerge from the pandemic we need to review and restructure our care delivery model to ensure a sustainable model of care. We will have difficult but necessary decisions to make. ○ We are in the process of operational planning for return to normal operations. 			

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Board of Supervisors:			
1. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation for Board of Supervisors' Vice Chair, B. Ryan. 	@ Supervisor Brunner	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

Supervisor Kehl, T/Attica, Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that at this point he would recommend \$5,000.00 for now. Can re-evaluate this summer.

Supervisor Roche, T/Eagle questioned where the money would come from.

Amend Salary Schedule I to reduce Stipend to Bd. of Supv. Chairman (WCCH) by \$5,000.00.

Supervisors Brunner, T/Java and King, T/Pike suggested a discontinuation of the stipend.

Supervisor Berwanger, T/Arcade stated that it's not a good idea to fool around with salary structures during a State of Emergency. More and more county residents are finding themselves unemployed and the Board of Supervisors are voting on salary increases.

Supervisor King, T/Pike explained they're not asking for more money only restructuring what is already there.

Supervisor Roche, T/Eagle brought up the Jail Administrator's proposed salary review Supervisors had several weeks ago and added that he struggles with giving raises after salaries are set in the budget.

Supervisor Becker, T/Sheldon stated, this has been discussed long before COVID-19 came about. "One outweighs the other; it's a wash."

Supervisor Leuer, T/Middlebury offered that he understands what the Supervisors are trying to do but this may not be the right time.

Supervisor Brunner, T/Java requested adjustment of job and duties

The Compensation Committee was given a copy of the job and duties of the Vice Chairwoman.

Supervisor Granger, T/Gainesville offered his appreciation for all that Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw has been doing but wonders if what is being proposed will change from Chairman to Chairman. That question could not be answered... He added that he was surprised to learn Committee Chairs don't receive extra compensation. Maybe this should be reviewed for implementation 2021.

Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw offered that this discussion is very uncomfortable for her at this juncture. Can share with the other Supervisors her additional duties as they were shared with the Compensation Committee.

Supervisor Brick, T/Perry suggested all Committee Chairs should share their duties as a comparison.

**Note that there is currently no additional compensation to serve in the capacity of Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors or as a Standing Committee Chair...*

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Review the balance of the \$20K <i>Stipend to Bd. of Supv. Chairman (WCCH)</i> per salary schedule "I" with the intent to suspend the stipend until further review of the duties of the Chairman, Vice-Chairwoman and Committee Chairs by the Compensation Committee. Clerk Ketchum is to provide a year to date balance of what Chairman Davis has received through date of pay May 29, 2020 and obtain a written opinion of the county attorney regarding the ability of the Board to modify the stipend mid-year.	@ Supervisor Brunner	Motion: Brunner Ayes: 16 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: FINANCE
<p><i>Supervisor Brunner, T/Java wondered what they can do to assist with the reopening of the county.</i></p> <p><i>Chairman Davis, T/Covington stated that the plan to reopen the county comes from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).</i></p> <p><i>Supervisor Grant, T/Bennington questioned staffing in the Fire and Building Codes/Zoning Departments. Wondered who was on furlough?</i></p> <p><i>Supervisor King, T/Pike stated that an e-mail she received from Alyssa explained that the public window has been closed. Zoning applications are being received on-line and through the US Mail.</i></p> <p><i>Supervisor May, T/Orangeville questioned the Governor's latest Executive Order about supplying employees with face masks (personal protective equipment). She questioned where the county would be getting them from.</i></p> <p><i>Chairman Davis, T/Covington stated that the county will not be supplying private employers with face masks. However, they should be able to purchase face masks through American Classic Outfitters as they are advertising they have masks for sale.</i></p> <p><i>Supervisor Ryan, T/Warsaw read the Executive Order 202.16.</i></p>			
Coming Events:			
1. 04/14/20 (to be determined): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grandview Terrace w/Mary Nicholls (Community Manager). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet & Greet ○ Explanation of programs and organization 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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Board of Supervisors:			
Public Works Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve presentation of omitted resolution for Annual Highway Materials Bids. The resolution will be presented at the end of the Public Works Committee consent agenda... 	The coin toss was completed during committee but the Clerk and Dep. Clerk's notes both reflect a motion was never made to refer the resolution to the full Board.	Motion: Brick Ayes: 16 Noes: Absent:	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: APPROVED

Signature of Committee Chairman: p/J. Davis (C. Ketchum).

Next meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, May 12, 2020 @ 1:00 PM.**