

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
May 21, 2024

Present: Jessica Moser, Chair; Thomas Kalamas, Vice-Chair; Vincent Nortz; Josh Leviker; and Barry Lyndaker.

Legislator Moser called the meeting to order at 1:27 p.m.

Legislator Moser moved to approve the April 16, 2024, committee meeting minutes as recorded, seconded by Legislator Nortz, and carried.

Jail Medical – Sheriff Carpinelli

Sheriff Carpinelli started by stating that Lewis County was the last in the state to implement the MAT program due to the cost to the taxpayers. He is looking at some better cost solutions to running this program. One of the ways he would like to do that is by adding a second jail nurse. It is a huge burden on our current jail nurse even with the hospital stepping up to help us out. Chairman Dolhof asked what the cost is currently on this program. Sheriff Carpinelli stated it was approximately \$340,000.00 a year. Chairman Dolhof asked about how much it would cost to add a second jail nurse. Sheriff Carpinelli did not have those numbers with him today but will get them to the Legislators. County Manager Ryan Piche asked about how it's working having the hospital provide us with help. Sheriff Carpinelli said that it has been working ok. It requires a lot of preplanning. Further discussion was had on whether the second jail nurse will remedy the problem of having to rely so heavily on the pool of nurses from the hospital. Sheriff Carpinelli stated that he is trying to create a schedule that would entice a second jail nurse to apply by giving them every third weekend off and some other things. He is concerned that if we continue to overload our current nurse, we are going to lose her. Further discussion was had between the Legislators and the Sheriff as well as Community Services Director Pat Fralick. Pat explained that the nurses are "On Call" all the time. The hospital is not obligated to provide us with services. The only person we can call in at any time is the current Jail Nurse because she is employed by us. The Sheriff pointed out that if we hired another employee, he would have the authority to make their schedule which would help with requiring certain hours of this employee.

The following dockets were reviewed:

1. Authorizing agreements between Lewis County Public Health Agency and Professionals providing related services for Pre-K Special Education Children with hourly compensation rates set by NYSED and adopted by this Board.

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2. Authorizing a Three-Year agreement with NeoGov for its PowerDMS software program and services for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$35,639.00 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

 AYE 5 NAY 0

3. Authorizing lease agreement between the County of Lewis and Children's Home of Jefferson County for use of space at the Human Services Building two days per week to provide Counseling & Therapy professional services for the benefit of Lewis County residents at a monthly lease amount of \$750.00.

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Sheriff Carpinelli brought Corporal Keith Roy to explain the NeoGov software resolution that the Legislators will be voting on. He explained that the software will be used for tracking of trainings, policies and scheduling for all three units in the Sheriff's office. It will allow them to use more reliable manners to contact employees. The software piggybacks off the software currently used by HR. The Legislators had no additional questions.

There being no other business to come before the committee, Legislator Moser moved to adjourn at 1:50 p.m., seconded by Legislator Lyndaker, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Lawton, Deputy Clerk of the Board