

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: YOUTH PROGRAMS

DATE: APRIL 26, 2006

Committee Members Present:

Supervisors Gabriels  
F. Thomas

Margaret Smith, Director, Youth Bureau  
Joan Sady, Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
Marquel Johnson, Office of Clerk, Board  
of Supervisors

Committee Members Absent:

Supervisors Champagne  
Girard  
Merlino

Katy Goodman, Secretary to the Clerk

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Mr. Gabriels called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.

Mr. Gabriels stated there was not a quorum for the meeting so informational discussion would be held and he would see that any resolutions from the meeting would be brought from the floor at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mrs. Smith, and she distributed copies of her Agenda packet for the meeting, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

Mrs. Smith commenced with review of the Agenda and she outlined requests for approval of resolutions and referrals pursuant to Item No. 2.

The first item she presented was for approval of a referral to the Finance Committee to amend the County budget to increase revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$3903 to accept funds for a tennis grant from the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus and the United States Tennis Association. The item was referred to the Finance Committee.

It was the consensus of those in attendance to approve the aforementioned request, as presented. A copy of a resolution request form for the item is on file with the minutes.

In conjunction with the receipt of the grant funds, Mrs. Smith advised a resolution was necessary to authorize agreements with the City of Glens Falls, the Town of Lake Luzerne and the Town of Warrensburg to expand tennis instruction opportunities using this grant. She briefly outlined how the City and the Towns would use the funds for the committee members' information.

Mr. F. Thomas asked if those were the only three communities that were interested in providing tennis lessons. Mrs. Smith replied that was the case. She confirmed the department could apply for this grant again next year but the same communities would receive 50% less in funding.

Mrs. Smith stated if other towns were interested they could apply on their behalf next year. She advised the department was going to have a set of tennis equipment and a portable net that are for indoor instruction that the towns could borrow.

The next item, Mrs. Smith said was a request for a resolution to extend the termination date of the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Warren County Employment & Training for the Summer Success youth employment workshops to December 31, 2006. In reply to Mr. Gabriels query on the original expiration date of the MOU, Mrs. Smith said it was the end of May because they were only going to do summer workshops. However, she explained when they brought the program on the road they found there was a good demand for the workshops so the term of the MOU is being extended.

It was the consensus of those in attendance to approve the aforementioned request, as presented. A copy of a resolution request form for the item is on file with the minutes.

Concluding the Resolution Requests/Referrals agenda items, Mrs. Smith presented a request to amend the 2006 Resource Allocation Plan to add a new program using State reserve funds for a new or expanded program. She stated the County Youth Board had received only one application for these funds and it was for an arts education mentoring program. Mrs. Smith advised Warren Washington Counties Big Brothers Big Sisters would provide the program through a partnership with the Hyde Collection and it would involve very high risk youth. Thus, she said an agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters would also be done.

Mrs. Smith stated there was a situation with this proposal relative to how the timing of the Youth Board meeting fit with the timing of the Board of Supervisors meeting. She explained it is the Youth Board's function to approve the request and recommend (to this committee) whether or not it should be accepted. However, Mrs. Smith explained the request would not be considered by the Youth Board until its next meeting on Monday, May 1st, so the committee's approval of it today was pending the Youth Board's action. She apprised the funds were unexpended from last year.

It was the consensus of those in attendance to approve the aforementioned request, as presented, pending approval of the County Youth Board. *(Note: Subsequent to the meeting, Mrs. Smith advised the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors that the Youth Board had approved the request and recommended that the committee also approve it. A resolution request was forwarded to the County Attorney to prepare the necessary resolution for the next board meeting.)* A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

(Note: The aforementioned resolution requests were to be brought from the floor of the May 12, 2006 Board of Supervisors meeting.)

Mrs. Smith spoke on Updates & Coming Attractions (Agenda Item No. 3).

Relative to the first Update, Mrs. Smith reported that on April 13th, the Youth Bureau in

conjunction with the Council for Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Incorporated, and with Victims Impact Panel funds sponsored a Methamphetamine/Substance Abuse Workshop. She reported 90 people attended the workshop which included people from Social Services, the Probation Department, treatment facilities and schools. The purpose of the workshop was to raise awareness of those who work with children of the use of Methamphetamine production and abuse, she said. Mrs. Smith noted the program was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) from Albany. In addition, she said (County) Sheriff Investigator Kibby French, and Sergeant Lloyd Swartz of the Glens Falls Police Department also spoke on what they see as the amount of drug and alcohol use by youth in the County.

Dialogue ensued between Mr. Gabriels and Mrs. Smith on the possibility of conducting a similar workshop next year. Mr. Gabriels noted perhaps it could be about another drug. Mrs. Smith advised she had written a grant and was awarded the funds for this program so there were no County funds used. She stated she thought it would be useful if either the (County) Traffic Safety Board or the Victim's Impact Panel would set aside a certain amount of STOP-DWI and Victim Impact Panel funds to provide cross training each year for other agencies and organizations that would be interested in having their own programs about substance abuse. Mrs. Smith said she had suggested this before to John Farrell, the Executive Secretary of the Traffic Safety Board. She explained the Victim Impact Panel's funds come from DWI offenders who as part of their sentences pay fees for their offenses into a fund and participate in panel discussions for others on how drunk driving has affected their lives.

Mr. Gabriels suggested that there be a pending item for the next committee meeting to recommend that Mrs. Smith should write another grant application for Victim Impact Panel funds and to the Traffic Safety Board for STOP-DWI funds. He stated he thought they should strongly encourage those agencies to consider setting aside funds to provide this type of workshop next year. Mr. F. Thomas concurred with the recommendation.

General discussion ensued.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Gabriels adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Goodman, Secretary to the Clerk