

# HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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<b>Committee Chair's Agenda</b>			
		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>10:30 AM - Veterans Services w/A. Solina</b>			
1. <u><b>Dwyer Report</b></u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <b><i>Veteran of the Month</i></b> • Gary Huff		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
3. <b><i>Free Haircuts</i></b> • Next Wednesday, 02/04/26 at 10 AM		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b><i>At 10:44 AM Supervisor Becker, T/Sheldon entered the meeting during the below agenda item.</i></b>			
4. <b><i>FYI - New Property Tax Law</i></b> The recently passed legislation concerning property tax exemption for those rated 100% has been blown out of proportion. The only thing this law changed was that it also allowed those in receipt of TDIU (permanently unemployable) to also receive this benefit. The main caveat that was, and still is, on the books is about those being rated 100% permanent and total need to qualify for a specialty housing grant, which is for those with a missing limb or blind in both eyes and they were caused in or by the service. In reality, this change will affect zero veterans in the county to the best of my knowledge. Monroe County, with over 30,000 veterans, predicts this change will impact just four veterans in their county, for example.		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<b>5. Mid-Winter Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dep. Director Butler's first!</li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<i>State Commander and leadership team to be in Bliss on February 9<sup>th</sup>.</i>			
<b>10:45 AM Office for the Aging w/T. Phillips</b>			
<u><a href="#">Wyoming County Office for the Aging Senior Courier; Volume 27, Issue 1; January / February 2026</a></u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>1. OFA Advisory Council Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>EISEP ~ 65 Participants / 53 Active</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PCA I ~33 / PCA II ~ 5</b></li> <li><b>Personal Response buttons 15</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Private Pay ~ 91</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Respite ~ 22 Participants / 15 Active</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Adult Day Care ~ 4</b></li> <li><b>PCA I ~ 1 / PCA II ~ 2</b></li> <li><b>Overnight ~ 1</b></li> <li><b>Personal Response buttons ~ 7</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Unmet Needs ~ 22 Participants / 17 Active</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Adult Day Care ~ 0</b></li> <li><b>PCA I ~ 4 / PCA II ~ 5</b></li> <li><b>Overnight ~ 0</b></li> <li><b>Personal Response buttons ~ 8</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Alzheimer Caregiver services ~ 63 families served.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Adult Day Care ~ 2</b></li> <li><b>PCA I ~ 11 / PCA II ~ 11</b></li> <li><b>Overnight ~ 0</b></li> <li><b>Personal Response buttons ~ 38</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>HDM (Home Delivered Meals) ~ 317 active participants with 279 meals being served today</b></li> </ul>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>153 Freezer/weekend meals</li> <li><b>Congregate Meal Sites ~</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Arcade ~ Avg. 9 /day (Tuesdays)</b></li> <li><b>Pine Lounge, Cowlesville ~ Avg. 38 /day (Mondays)</b></li> <li><b>Breezeway Barn, Perry ~ Avg. 71 /day (Thursdays)</b></li> <li><b>Perry Restaurants ~ Avg. 27 /month</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>2. Appointments:</b> <b>Office for the Aging Advisory Council</b> <b><u>Supervisor Member</u></b> <b>One (1) year term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>LuAnne Robertws</b> – Town of Genesee Falls (Formerly Ellen Grant)</li> </ul>		Motion: May Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:
<b>3. Appointments:</b> <b>Office for the Aging Advisory Council</b> <b><u>Town Representative</u></b> <b>Three (3) year term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Louise Boucher (T/Java)</b>, 2119 Perry Road, North Java, NY 14113 (reappointment)</li> <li><b>Peter Pilc (T/Sheldon)</b>, 725 Route 20A, Strykersville, NY 14145 (reappointment)</li> <li><b>Pauline Skeels (T/Eagle)</b>, 7738 Cadwell Road, Bliss, NY 14024 (reappointment)</li> <li><b>Luann Hill (T/Arcade)</b>, 2 Clearview Dr., Arcade, NY 14009 (unfulfilled term through 12/31/26, replacing Sandy Pirdy)</li> <li><b><u>Agency Representative</u></b></li> <li><b>Diane Scott (Peers Together)</b>, 27 W Buffalo St., Warsaw, NY 14569 (reappointment)</li> <li><b>Sheriff Dave Linder (WyCo Sheriff's Dept)</b>, 151 N</li> </ul>	<b>Vacancies;</b> <b>Town of Covington</b> <b>Town of Attica</b> <b>Town of Castile</b> <b>Town of Genesee Falls</b>	Motion: Merrill Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:

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Main St., Warsaw, NY 14569 (reappointment) • <b>Anthony Solina (WyCo Veterans Services)</b> , 36 Center St., Ste B2, Warsaw, NY 14569 (reappointment) • <b>Karen Gayton (RTS- Wyoming)</b> , 4300 Route 19, Silver Springs, NY 14550 (reappointment)			<b>*RESOLUTION</b>
<i>At 10:51 AM Supervisor Rudgers, T/Covington entered the meeting during the below agenda item.</i>			
<b>4. 2026 Appropriation:</b> To: 016772.542466 – Unmet Needs Grant \$166,000.00 w/ 01677216.437720 – Unmet Needs \$166,000.00 <b>Reason:</b> To pay unbudgeted expenses due to increase in grant allocation. Grant is 100% state funded, no match.	<b>Contracting with WCCA for installation of safety equipment in the home.</b>	Motion: May Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>FINANCE</b>
<b>5. Rescind Resolution 26-007, Chairman Authorized to Sign a Contract with Heavy Evy's on Behalf of the Office for the Aging</b>	<b>Duplicate of Res. #25-699</b>	Motion: Becker Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
<b>6. Professional Service Contract \$5,000 or greater:</b> Authorize Chairman and Director to sign a contract pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b) with <b>The Warsaw Penny Saver</b> for advertising programs and services in Wyoming Co. Variable depending on use. Not to exceed budget effective 01/01/26 through 12/31/31. <b>(Munis #3513)</b>		Motion: Perkins Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
<b>7. Professional Service Contract \$5,000 or greater:</b> Authorize Chairman and Director to sign a contract pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b) with <b>Country Kitchen &amp; Pizzeria</b> , 34 South Main Street, Perry, NY 14530 for restaurant dining to residents 60+ in Wyoming. Variable depending on use; effective 1/1/26 through 12/31/27. <b>(Munis #3514)</b>		Motion: Perkins Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>*RESOLUTION</b>

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<b>Youth Bureau</b>			
<b>8. Program Updates:</b> <b>• Early Intervention (ages 0-3)</b> o Active: 58 / 8 waiting for evaluation o Wait list ▪ Speech Therapy 23 ▪ Occupational Therapy 16 ▪ Physical Therapy 8 ▪ Special Instruction 23 <b>• Pre-School (ages 3-5)</b> o Active: 118 (10 new referrals pending in the next 3 weeks) • CB Enrollment: 28 • CB waiting list: 5 Related Services wait list: • OT: 1 • PT: 1 • ST: 7 • TOD: 0 <b>•STARS – 112 kids</b>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>9. Professional Service Contract (\$5,000 or greater):</b> Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <b><i>Maggie Smith-Pomeroy</i></b> , 7011 Rice Rd., Fillmore, NY 14735, for Preschool Related Services in an amount not to exceed the 2026 – 2027 budget; effective February 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. <b>(MUNIS CONTRACT #3506)</b>		Motion: Merrill Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
<b>10. Overnight Travel Authorization:</b> J. Hudson & A. Fialkowski to attend the 2026 Association of NYS Youth Bureaus Annual Youth Leadership Forum in Albany, NY, February 2 - 3, 2026. Bussing to be provided free of charge by the Association of NYS Youth Bureaus. Approximate cost: \$500.00 budgeted.		Motion: Becker Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>APPROVED</b>

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<b>11:00 AM Department of Social Services w/B. Dennis</b>			
<i>Commissioner Dennis welcomed newly elected Committee Members, Supervisors Prior, T/Bennington and Perkins, T/Warsaw to the Human Services Committee and extended an invitation to tour the department and talk about the programs.</i>			
1. <b>Approve Procurement Card:</b> To provide Director of Children & Family Services, Marcie Dodds, with a credit limit of \$1000.00.		Motion: Merrill Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>APPROVED</b>
2. <b>Position Create/Fill:</b> <b>Social Services Dept.</b> One (1) position of <b>Account Specialist</b> (1.00 FTE) CSEA Agreement, Sch. A. Grade 8 (\$21.84-\$25.02); Position available date: 3/09/26.		Motion: Perkins Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>FINANCE</b>
3. <b>Abolish Position:</b> <b>Social Services Dept.</b> One (1) position of <b>Senior Account Clerk</b> (Position Code 013.216) (1.0 FTE) CSEA Agreement, Sch. A. Grade 6 (\$20.94-\$23.17), Position; effective March 9, 2026.	<i>Withdrawn</i> <b>By the Dept. Head and Co. Admin. for further consideration.</b>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
4. <b>2026 Appropriation:</b> <b>To:</b> 016010.540301 Professional Services \$25,000.00 <b>From:</b> Contingency or any funds available. <b>Reason:</b> To cover Financial Consulting Services at the Department of Social Services.	<b>Agenda Items #4 &amp; #7 go together.</b>	Motion: McCormick Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>FINANCE</b>
5. <b>2026 Appropriation:</b> <b>To:</b> 016010.54300 Special Projects \$15,000.00 <b>From:</b> 01601004.436100 Social Services Administration \$15,000.00 <b>Reason:</b> Appropriation of NYS Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment (SAEF) Allocation.		Motion: May Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>FINANCE</b>

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<b>6. 2026 Transfer:</b> <b>From:</b> 016070.542247 Services of Recipients \$110,000.00 <b>To:</b> 016010.543001 Special Projects \$110,000.00 <b>Reason:</b> To allow for tracking of Social Service's special project funds.		Motion: McCormick Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>FINANCE</b>
<b>7. Amend Resolution No. 25-625:</b> Authorize Chairman to sign an amended Contract with <b>Gary Grant</b> , a retired Tioga County Social Services Fiscal Director etc., to reflect the following revision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing total cost of contract from \$20,000.00 to \$45,000.00</li> <li>Extend term through December 31, 2026</li> </ul> <b>(MUNIS Change Order #3282 )</b>	<b>Agenda Items #4 &amp; #7 go together.</b>	Motion: McCormick Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
<b>8. Professional Service Contract WMS (\$5,000 or greater):</b> Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <b>ACCORD Corporation</b> , 84 Schuyler Street P.O. Box 573 Belmont, NY 14813 for the provision of residential domestic violence services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. <b>(MUNIS CONTRACT #N/A)</b>		Motion: Becker Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
<b>9. Professional Service Contract WMS (\$5,000 or greater):</b> Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <b>Cattaraugus Community Action Inc. DBA Connecting Communities in Action</b> , 25 Jefferson Street, Salamanca, NY 14779 for the provision of residential domestic violence services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. <b>(MUNIS CONTRACT #N/A)</b>		Motion: Perkins Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to: <b>*RESOLUTION</b>

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10. <b>Professional Service Contract WMS (\$5,000 or greater):</b> Authorize Chairman to sign a contract, pursuant to General Municipal Law §104(b), with <b>David S Nathanson, Ph. D</b> , 2839 Elmwood Ave Kenmore, NY 14217 for the provision of mental health and psychological evaluations for Child Protective and Preventive cases in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. <b>(MUNIS CONTRACT #N/A)</b>		Motion: Merrill Ayes: 7 Noes: Absent:	Carried: <b>XXX</b> Defeated: Referred to:  <b>*RESOLUTION</b>
11. <u>Monthly Report:</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>Wyo. Co. Community Action w/</b>			
1. <b>Reminder:</b> • Fund Raising Event (Cover the Girls & The Bra-Ha-Ha) o 01/31/26; 5 – 9 PM; at Pizanos Pizza, 425 N. Main in Warsaw		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<b>County Administrator w/S. Schrader</b>			
	~Nothing to Report~	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

Signature of Committee Chairman: p/L. Roberts (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum).

Next Human Services Committee Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, February 24, 2026 @ 10:30 AM.**

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