

Health & Human Services Committee
November 5, 2025
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Anthony Doldo, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Tina Bartlett-Bearup, Karen Freeman, Christopher Boulio, Frances Calarco, Corey Grant, Board Chair William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators Philip Reed, Michael Montigelli, Daniel McBride, Patrick Jareo, Robert Ferris, Steel Potter, County Administrator Ryan Piche, Deputy Administrator Dylan Soper, County Attorney John Sabik, Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Kristy O'Shaughnessy, Office for the Aging Director Bethany Munn, Community Services Mental Health Coordinator Alicia Ruperd, Public Health Director Steve Jennings, Dept of Social Services Commissioner Karen Marcum, DSS Deputy Commissioner Nicholle Lacey, Veterans Service Agency Dave Pavey, County Auditor Stefanie LaPier, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Spike Decker, County Clerk Gizelle Meeks, Highway Superintendent Joseph Waselewski, Information Technologies Director Sean Vincent, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones, Confidential Secretary Jaimie Lee

Chairman Doldo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Committee approved the minutes of the September meeting as written. Chairman Doldo offered Privilege of the Floor.

Sia McDermitt addressed the Committee to relate the positive experience she had with the respite program offered by Jefferson County Office for the Aging at Respite Haven. Ms. McDermitt said her husband Gary has Alzheimers and dementia, and this quality program had meaningful activities that he enjoys, and the program has helped them both with a very difficult time in their lives. She advocated for more locations for this respite program.

Ariel Snyder, Project Manager and Architect, and Cooper Meyers, Architectural Designer from Bernier Carr & Associates provided a power point presentation outlining the steps taken to date for the renovations to be done at the Jefferson County Human Services Building. The presentation outlined the renovation project at the main entrance to the building as well as office space and supervised meeting spaces for the Department of Social Services. The project allows for a security upgrade and will make the space more efficient and safe for the clients and employees.

Veterans Service Agency Director David Pavey updated the Committee with regard to operations in his department and how they provide services with limited staffing. He said the main focus of his office is to assist veterans in making claims for benefits and he outlined the process that is undertaken in order to obtain the maximum benefit possible.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Appointing and Reappointing Members to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Amending the 2025 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Community Services Programs and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Appointing/Reappointing Members to the Community Services Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with River Hospital for Participation with Low Income Drug Discount Benefits Through Section 340B of the Public Health Services Act and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements for Use of Facilities for Professional Services to the Medical Examiner's Office and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Freeman and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements for Provision of Autopsy Services for the Medical Examiner's Office and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with NMS Labs for Toxicology Testing Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Carthage Area Hospital for Laboratory Services in Connection with the Public Health Service Diagnostic and Treatment Center and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Freeman and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Center for Disease Detection for Laboratory Services in Connection with the Public Health Service Diagnostic and Treatment Center and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Boulio seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Duflo Spray - Chemical, Inc. Relative to Aerial Spraying to Mitigate Eastern Equine Encephalitis and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Boulio seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Accepting Funding and Authorizing an Agreement in Connection With Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Boulio and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Samaritan Medical Center for the Provision of X-Ray Services In Connection with the Medical Examiner Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Boulio and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with BCA Architects & Engineers for Professional Design Services for Office Renovations and Security Upgrades to the Human Services Building and Amending the 2025 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Reappointing/Appointing Members to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup seconded by Legislator Boulio and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Reappointing/Appointing Members to Jefferson County Public Health Service Health Services Advisory Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Freeman seconded by Legislator Grant and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Reappointing Members to Jefferson County Public Health Service Professional Advisory Committee and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Boulio and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Doldo introduced a resolution Reappointing Members to Community Action Planning Council and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Grant seconded by Legislator Boulio and there being no debate, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Bartlett-Bearup and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Piche
Clerk of the Board