

COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

April 14, 2014

Committee Chairperson Gardner called the meeting to order at _____ p.m.

County Services Committee Members: Chairperson Gardner; Legislators Overbaugh, Handel, Seeley and Kozloski.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Proposed Resolution “Resolution In Support Of Home Rule 543 “Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act Of 2013” Veterans’ Service Agency.”
2. Proposed Resolution “Resolution In Support Of Home Rule 1494 “Blue Water Navy Accountability Act” Veterans’ Service Agency.”
3. Proposed Resolution “Authorizing Agreement – Greene County Department Of Human Services / CRM Rental Management, Inc.”
4. Proposed Resolution “Reappointing Commissioner Of Social Services.”

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April 16, 2014

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOME RULE 543
"BLUE WATER NAVY VIETNAM VETERANS ACT OF 2013"
VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War, the United States military sprayed 22 million gallons of Agent Orange and other herbicides over Vietnam to reduce forest cover and crops used by the enemy; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Agent Orange Act of 1991, to address the plight of Veterans exposed to herbicides while serving in the Republic of Vietnam; the Act amended Title 38 of the United States Code to presumptively recognize, as service-connected, certain diseases among military personnel who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a 2001 directive, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs policy has denied the presumption of service connection for herbicide-related illnesses to Vietnam Veterans who cannot furnish written documentation that they had "boots on the ground" in-country, making it difficult for countless United States Navy, Marine and Air Force Veterans to pursue their claims for benefits; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has been excluded ever since Agent Orange has been verified, through various studies and reports, as a wide spreading chemical that was able to reach Navy ships through the air and waterborne distribution routes; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 Veterans Service Organizations support the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Legislature hereby respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to the United States Veterans who served on the inland waterways, in the territorial waters, and the airspace over the combat zone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Greene County Legislature forward official copies of the resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all members of the New York delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered into the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

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Resolution No.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent

CARRIED.

Approved by County Services Comm.:

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RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOME RULE 1494
"BLUE WATER NAVY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT"
VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Blue Water Accountability Act directs the Secretary of Defense to review the logs of each Navy ship under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy that is known to have operated in the waters near Vietnam during the Vietnam Era (January 9, 1962, through May 7, 1975), to determine, for each such ship, the date (s) so operated and its closest proximity to shore during such operation; and

WHEREAS, upon such determination that any such ship so operated, the Secretary of the Defense shall provide such determination, together with the information described about such ship, to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall make publicly available all unclassified information provided to the Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greene County Legislature hereby supports the health and welfare of all Veterans as a priority and respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 1494 "Blue Water Navy Accountability Act"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Greene County Legislature forward official copies of the resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the New York delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered into the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by County Services Comm.:

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RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT –
GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES /
CRM RENTAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

Legislator offered the following resolution and
moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Greene County Legislature be authorized to execute an agreement, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney, between Greene County Department of Human Services and CRM Rental Management, Inc. An on-site Coordinator, working in cooperation with the Office Manager, will be the link to the residents who reside in Bethany Village Apartments with existing community based resources. The goals of the program are to enable residents to age with dignity and independence, avoid premature institutionalization and enhance the management capacity of the Office Manager. The term of the contract is October 1, 2013 and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2015.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by County Services Comm.:

Approved by Finance Comm.:

April 16, 2014

RESOLUTION NO.

REAPPOINTING COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Legislator offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that **Kira Pospesel** of Palenville, New York, be and hereby is reappointed Commissioner of Social Services for Greene County for a five year term from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the annual salary for this position for 2014 shall be \$84,348.00 payable biweekly by the Greene County Treasurer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a onetime lump sum payment of \$1,228.00 shall be paid to coincide with management/confidential employees compensation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the health insurance plan will be changed to the high deductible plan to coincide with management/confidential employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance.

Seconded by Legislator

Ayes Noes Absent CARRIED.

Approved by County Services Comm.:

Approved by Finance Comm.: