

**ONTARIO COUNTY
INSURANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 2, 2013**

MEMBERS

JEFFERY GALLAHAN
JOHN COWLEY
MARGARET HILTON
FREDRICK LIGHTFOOTE
DONALD NINESTINE
RICHARD RUSSELL

PRESENT: Jeff Gallahan, John Cowley, Richard Russell, Fred Lightfoote, Donald Ninestine, John Parrott, Kris Thorsness, Mike Reinhardt, Sandy Packard, Julie Hoffman and Sherman Manchester.

DISTRIBUTION: Committee Members, Board Chairman Jack Marren, John Parrott, John Park, Michael Reinhardt, Julie Hoffman, John Garvey, Sheriff Philip Povero, Karen DeMay, Sherman Manchester.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallahan called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and announced that Supervisor Hilton was necessarily absent.

Supervisor Lightfoote made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2013 meeting. Supervisor Cowley seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

SAFETY REPORT

Mr. Manchester reviewed new claims, noting that we are tracking well year to date.

Mr. Manchester requested the Committee's approval to accept the Hazard Abatement Board (HAB) Grant in the amount of \$9,924.00 to pay for safety training.

Supervisor Russell made a motion to accept the grant of \$9,924.00 from the New York State Hazard Abatement Board. Supervisor Cowley seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

Supervisor Lightfoote made a motion to accept the safety report. Supervisor Cowley seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Ms. Hoffman reviewed the monthly report and noted expenses for medical and compensation are running very well. Reimbursements are also doing well.

Ms. Hoffman handed out worksheets and explained the proposed Workers' Compensation budget for 2014, and the resolution with participant assessments.

Supervisor Ninestine made a motion to accept the 2014 Workers' Compensation budget and resolution. Supervisor Lightfoote seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

Ms. Hoffman also mentioned that Human Resources will be making payment of \$956 before the end of July for the PCORI (Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute) tax in compliance with the Affordable Care Act.

LIABILITY SELF-INSURANCE

Supervisor Ninestine made a request to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

At 10:30 A.M. a motion was made by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Supervisor Cowley, that the Insurance Committee adjourn and reconvene in executive session for the purpose of discussing information regarding proposed, pending or current litigation. All ayes; motion carried.

Supervisor Ninestine made a motion to leave executive session and reconvene in regular session at 11:45 A.M. Supervisor Russell seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Reinhardt referenced a new law regarding Notices of Claim, and recommended to the Committee that the County Attorney's Office be assigned the designated agency to receive such notice of claim from the Secretary of State. Right now, it's up to the State to decide where to send notices.

Supervisor Ninestine made a motion to designate the County Attorney as the official to receive service of Notice of Claim from the Secretary of State. Supervisor Cowley seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Reinhardt discussed Chaplains that volunteer at the Ontario County Jail, and discussed the issue of covering Chaplains for Workers' Compensation. The Committee did not believe that Chaplains should be covered under the County's Workers' Compensation Program.

Supervisor Russell made a motion to approve a settlement in the amount of \$20,000 which was discussed in executive session. Supervisor Cowley seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business to come before the committee,

Supervisor Ninestine made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Russell. All ayes; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

