AGENDA

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

10:30 AM Call to Order Pledge to Flag Opening Prayer Roll Call

Public Comment Period

Reports of Standing/Special Committees

10:40 AM Tracy Eldridge, Superintendent – Storm Update

RESOLUTIONS:

- No. 1 Resolution to Set Date of Organization Meeting.
- No. 2 Authorizing Hamilton County to Opt Out of the Negotiation Class -National Prescription Opiate Litigation
- No. 3 Creating the Office of the Hamilton County Public Defender
- No. 4 Authorization to Amend the 2019 Contract with Comprehensive Medicine, PLLC – Community Services

Review of the 2020 Tentative Budget

RESOLUTION TO SET DATE OF ORGANIZATION MEETING

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2019

BY

RESOLVED, that the Organization Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.

AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY TO OPT OUT OF THE NEGOTIATION CLASS - NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2019

BY

WHEREAS, Judge Polster of the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio has preliminarily approved a request to certify a negotiating class setting forth the framework to assist the Court and the parties to achieve a national resolution of the opioid litigation, and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to negotiate in a group and the New York cities and counties are currently coordinated in a state litigation in Suffolk County, and

WHEREAS, the coordinated litigation in Suffolk County will be the next county case be tried and Hamilton County is already in a unique situation to negotiate as a group, and

WHEREAS, to opt out of the class, an *Exclusion Request Form* needs to be signed on behalf of Hamilton County and submitted to counsel prior to November 22, 2019, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hamilton County is authorized to execute an *Exclusion Request Form* to opt out of the *Negotiation Class* as is advised by our legal counsel in this matter.

CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2019

BY

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Assigned Counsel Coordinator's Office was established to manage the assigned counsel panel and facilitate effective legal representation in Hamilton County, and

WHEREAS, Sterling T. Goodspeed was appointed the Hamilton County Assigned Counsel Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, in the last several months significant changes have occurred in Hamilton County, including the following:

• Substantial diminishment of counsel available to participate in the panel

• Substantial diminishment of the practicing attorney population

• Assumption by the Assigned Counsel Coordinator of more criminal defense responsibilities due to a diminished panel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2020, the Office of the Hamilton County Public Defender will be established to provide criminal representation to all indigent legal defendants, and be it further

RESOLVED, the following individuals are hereby appointed effective January 1, 2020 to the following positions in the newly established office:

Sterling T. Goodspeed – Hamilton County Public Defender - \$90,000.00 Martin Pozefsky – Assistant Public Defender - \$50,000.00 Susan C. Goodspeed – Administrative Assistant Paralegal - \$16,400.00

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE 2019 CONTRACT WITH COMPREHENSIVE MEDICINE, PLLC – COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED: NOVEMBER 13, 2019

BY

WHEREAS, the County of Hamilton has approved a contract with Comprehensive Medicine PLLC to provide tele-psychiatry to residents of Hamilton receiving mental health services at Hamilton County Community Services, and

WHEREAS, the utilization of services exceeded the cap of \$30,000.00 specified in the contract, and

WHEREAS, services projected to be provided by Comprehensive Medicine PLLC will require additional funding through the end of the current year, be it

RESOLVED, that the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors hereby approves amending the County's 2019 contract with Comprehensive Medicine PLLC from a \$30,000.00 cap to a \$45,000.00 and the Treasurer be so advised.