



MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Cedar Run Conference Room, McCoart

* ABSENT FROM MEETING

** ATTENDED MEETING VIRTUALLY

A special, celebratory dinner was held to congratulate Director, Courtney Tierney, on her upcoming retirement from service.

Open Meeting

Laurie Wilson, Chair, opened the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of April 16, 2024 were approved. [BW, CT; unanimous].

Public Comment

None.

Presentation

Van Washington, Assistant Director, Child Protective Services, gave a presentation on the Kin First program and the changes (for the better) that have been made to the program.

Action Items

- Appoint Laurie Wilson, DSS Advisory Board Chair, to the Housing Board [JM, AW; unanimous].
- Approve Letters of Recognition: To *Foster Parent of the Year*, Linda Cheeks; and to Dennis Delaney, Homeless Services, for being honored by the *Operation Renewed Hope Foundation*, for helping a Veteran in need achieve permanent housing. [Approved by unanimous consent].

Chairman's Time

Chair Wilson presented Dr. Andrea Wilson, Occoquan District representative, with a certificate of thanks for serving on the DSS Advisory Board. Dr. Wilson will attend her last meeting in June.

The Chair also thanked retiring DSS Director, Courtney Tierney, for her ten years leading DSS, her extraordinary work and achievements as Director, and her fierce advocacy and unshakeable devotion to the Department, the Board, and the Prince William community at large. Courtney will be sorely missed by many.

Director's Time

- Fy24 3rd qtr Divisional Report- was emailed to members earlier
- Beat the Odds Dinner, May 23, 5:30 PM, Old Hickory Country Club
- The Foster Care Proclamation declaring May as Foster Care month was given at the May

7 BOCS meeting.

- Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15 with proclamation to be made at the June 4 BOCS meeting.

Board Members' Time

Many of the members both praised and congratulated Courtney Tierney on her impending retirement.

Adjournment

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting [IO, CF; unanimous]. Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.

APPROVED: *Linda Meier*
Clerk to Board