

Finance & Rules Committee
November 9, 2016
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Michael Montigelli, Legislators William Johnson, Allen Drake, Daniel McBride, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the Board Scott Gray

Others Present: Legislators Phil Reed, Patrick Jareo, Robert Ferris, and Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Confidential Asst. For Fiscal Affairs and Information Technology Director Gregory Hudson, Real Property Tax Director Paul Warneck, Treasurer Accountant Anne Converse, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor however no one present wished to address the Committee. The Committee approved the minutes of the September meeting as submitted.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution revising and adopting 2017 Tentative Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick and seconded by Legislator McBride. Chairman Montigelli thanked the budget team, Administrator and Department heads for putting a budget together that was under the tax cap with reasonable modifications. A print out was distributed detailing changes to the budget as discussed at the Budget Work Sessions held last week (copy attached for file reference). Legislator Johnson confirmed that the proposed \$5 per ton charge to haulers was removed from the budget, however noticed the part time Investigator in the District Attorney's Office was not included in the budget and suggested using contingency money to fund it. Discussion concerning further amendments to the budget centered on the part time Investigator position in the District Attorney's Office assigned to the Drug Task Force. Mr. Hagemann and Chairman Montigelli advised that since there is already one part time Investigator serving in this capacity, and the limitation is that they are retired and are only allowed to earn a certain amount of money; the second part time position was needed and could be added toward the end of the year, otherwise if both reached their limit before the end of the year, no Investigator would be available. Following discussion, and without a motion to amend the budget to fund the position, the Committee agreed to approve the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution entitled appropriation for the conduct of county government for fiscal year 2017 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution adopting Capital Plan for 2017-2022 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to

sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution for certification of taxes to the City of Watertown and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution levying tax map maintenance charges for 2017 and entertained a motion for consideration. Mr. Hagemann noted that the number in this resolution depends upon what the final adopted budget numbers are, and will be finalized and provided at the Board Session. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution approving mortgage tax report and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution authorizing the refund of taxes paid by WGS Philadelphia Housing Associates, LLP due to assessment roll clerical error and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution authorizing a ground lease with the Jefferson Community College Foundation for the purpose of construction of a community schools clinic building on the Jefferson Community College Campus and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Johnson and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution appointing Elections Commissioners and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution amending the 2016 County Budget relative to Board of Elections and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution amending the 2016 County Budget in relation to the Employment & Training Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Drake and there being

no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

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Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution approving re-appointments to the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented. Chairman Montigelli advised that he attended the last Thousand Islands Bridge Authority meeting and they very much appreciated his participation.

On a motion by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislators McBride, Johnson and Drake and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following General Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Amending the 2016 County Budget in Relation to Aviation Fuel Farm Repairs at Watertown International Airport
- ✓ Amending the 2016 County budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Runway 28 and Taxiway A Extension Project
- ✓ Amending the 2016 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Highway Department
- ✓ Amending the 2016 County Budget in Relation to the Road and Road Machinery Funds

On a motion by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislators Fitzpatrick and Drake and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following Health & Human Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Amending the 2016 County Budget Relative to Community Services Programs and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Accepting Funding in Connection with NYSDOH Local Health Department Performance Incentive Initiative and Amending the 2016 County Budget in Relation Thereto

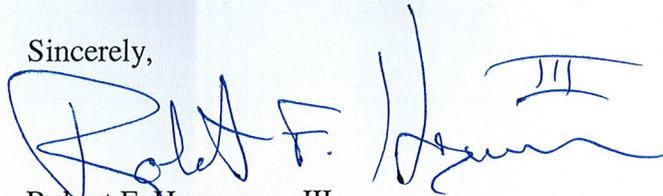
Discussion ensued with regard to costs for the Health Benefits program being over budget with less full time employees than we have had in the recent past. It was related that prescription drug costs are a large portion of the issue as well as other increased costs of the program. Chairman Montigelli said he the Board representative on a "committee" that also has representation of union and management who monitor the program and identify possible solutions.

With regard to whether the budget recommendations presented earlier require action of the Board, Mr. Hagemann advised that the revenue enhancements such as the County Clerk retaining more in mortgage tax to cover her costs does not require Board action. However an

increase in the percent charged for mortgage tax from .75% to 100% will require the Board to follow a process of having our State legislative representatives sponsor legislation.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator McBride and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and "H".

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board