

General Services Committee
November 19, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Philip Reed, Legislators Patrick Jareo, Anthony Doldo, Chairman of the Board Scott Gray

Others Present: Legislators William Johnson, Michael Montigelli, John Peck, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy County Administrator Sarah Baldwin, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Fire and Emergency Management Coordinator Joseph Plummer, Deputy Fire and Emergency Management Coordinator Niel Rivenburgh, Probation Supervisor Kristine Maloney, Stop DWI Coordinator Jason Widrick, Treasurer Accountant Anne Converse, Secretary Torri Richmire

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to speak. The minutes of the October meeting were approved without objection or correction.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with the NYS Unified Court System for Cleaning and Maintenance of Court Facilities and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in Relation to Aid to Prosecution Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Gray and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement in Relation to the FY19 Emergency Management Performance Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Extension of Agreement with Blue Wing Services, Inc for Engineering Services Relative to the County's Public Safety Communications System and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Jareo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in Relation to the Federal Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Jareo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement in Relation to the FY2019

NYS Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo and seconded by Legislator Gray. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending 2019 County Budget in Relation to Road and Road Machinery Funds and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

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Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country for the Provision of Operations & Maintenance Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Jareo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Accepting Grant for Ignition Interlock Device Monitoring Program Funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Jareo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Rubenzahl, Knudsen & Associates for the Provision of Psychological Testing, Evaluation and Recommendations for Treatment of JDs, PINS at Risk of Out of Home Placement, and Adult Sexual Offenders and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in Relation to Aid to Defense Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to the State FY19 State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Gray. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements for The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant and Amending the 2019 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Gray. There being no discussion, Legislator Jareo voted no resulting in the resolution moving forward with a negative recommendation.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Approving the 2020 Stop DWI Plan and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Gray. There being no discussion, Legislator Jareo voted no resulting in the resolution moving forward with a negative recommendation.

Fire and Emergency Management Coordinator Plummer introduced Niel Rivenburgh who was hired 10 weeks ago as Deputy Director of Fire and Emergency Management. Mr. Plummer stated that he is doing well and has experience in emergency management and is learning the 911 program. He also announced that prior to this meeting there was a radio adhoc meeting and that they are hoping to have everyone on the system by the second quarter of 2020. He stated that Blue Wing Services is doing a fantastic job as engineers overseeing this project, they have been very thorough in making sure the project is proceeding as expected.

Mr. Plummer also advised that on October 31st there was significant damage in Clayton and along the Clayton riverwalk due to a storm. He also stated that there was road damage in the Towns of Cape Vincent, Lyme and Brownville and that NYS Office of Emergency Management and Department of Homeland Security Emergency Services are compiling data to see if there is enough damage for FEMA to determine a presidential declaration. He stated that last week a group from NYS Department of Homeland Security toured Jefferson County for damage assessments and they are now sending FEMA representatives to view the damage. Any funding that Jefferson County may receive will be for public infrastructure damage not for private property damage.

Legislator Doldo referenced a resolution passed by Warren County regarding amending or delaying bail reform and discovery reform laws. He requested support from the committee in presenting a similar scaled down version to be forwarded to the State of New York. The consensus of the committee was to have a similar resolution prepared for presentation at the Finance and Rules Committee meeting. County Administrator Hagemann stated that Administration is preparing a resolution but it will also be somewhat lengthy as there is a point to be raised which can't be done without including so many examples. He stated that it was late breaking last week and several counties have prepared a resolution and will be approving it soon and that this board will have a similar resolution to approve at the December 10th Board Session.

In response to a question from Legislator Peck, Highway Superintendent Lawrence stated that Towns were charged in the past for pickup of their recyclables. In 2013 during a time when the recycling market was profitable and the recycling center was financially doing well, they offered Town Highway Superintendents and Supervisors the option to have their recyclables picked up for free if they allowed Jefferson County Recycling to take all of their recyclables. This continued until last year when recycling took a sharp decrease and is no longer profit making. Mr. Lawrence mentioned last year to Highway Superintendents that they would be charged for each pickup. It was decided to hold off for a year to see if the market changed and they could proceed as in the past but the market has gotten worse and in order for Recycling to be solvent it is necessary to start charging

a pickup fee. He stated that the fee would be \$50 per pickup and advised that it costs \$200 every time Recycling makes a pickup, the minimal fee is to try to recoup some of the cost.

Mr. Lawrence recognizes that letters should have gone out earlier in the year but he was hoping that the market would turn around and it wouldn't be necessary to implement the fee even though it was in the 2019 County Budget and the Towns were notified well in advance. He stated that when it is implemented will be up to the discretion of the Legislators.

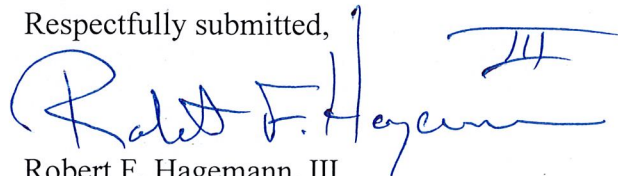
In response to a question from Legislator Jareo, Mr. Lawrence stated that the Towns are looking at a cost of approximately \$5,200 per year. He stated that they pick up from 23 municipalities and this should generate approximately \$90,000. He stated that if the municipalities were to take their recyclables to Recycle America in Syracuse they would be charged \$85 per ton, not including the cost of transporting it there. He stated that it costs Recycling approximately \$80 per hour and an average run is estimated at 2 hours. Municipalities call when a pickup is needed and sometimes those are only half or a quarter full, the fee should cut down on smaller loads, saving time and money.

Chairman Reed advised that Recycling is paying \$6,700 per month for a leased roll off truck plus service costing \$80,000 per year not including the cost of a driver, fuel or benefits. They run two and sometimes three vehicles when needed.

Mr. Hagemann asked the Committee at what point should Jefferson County start charging for pickup service, did they want to implement it in the middle of next year or maybe the last quarter? Legislator Jareo stated that his inclination is to move forward as he hasn't had any backlash from it and doesn't expect any. Legislator Doldo stated that free can't last forever, it costs the County each time that they go out for a pickup and \$50 is reasonable. Chairman Reed agreed that \$50 is a bargain for the service. He stated that if something changes then they can always come back and revisit it.

There being no further business, on a motion by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Jareo and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk of the Board