

General Services Committee
January 15, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Philip Reed, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Jeremiah Maxon, Anthony Doldo, Chairman of the Board Scott Gray

Others Present: Legislators William Johnson, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Airport Manager Grant Sussey, Secretary Torri Richmire

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

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Lead Agency Status and a Determination of Non-Significance in Accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act for Improvements at the Watertown International Airport and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with AutoMon, LLC and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon 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 and Capital Plan in Relation to the County Bridge Account and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Cantwell. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Bridge NY" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (Canal Street over Black River Channel), Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2019 County Budget and Capital Plan and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Cantwell. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

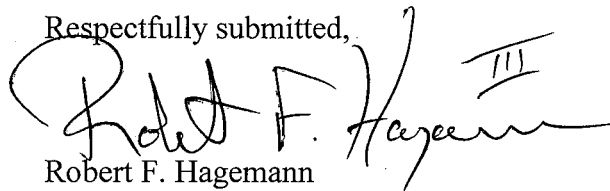
Watertown International Airport Manager Grant Sussey announced that passenger ridership numbers for December 2018 was 4,199 the highest figure for December. The total for 2018 comes in at over 48,000 passengers, a 4% increase over 2017. He also advised that today, shortly after a 1 p.m. departure the pilot experienced flight control issues and circled back and landed on the runway that he had just departed from. Mr. Sussey stated that the response by staff and community partners is one that they train for each year and is in their airport emergency plan which they activated seamlessly. The airplane landed safely and the 29 passengers were accommodated.

Chairman Reed stated that the airport has received a grant from Senator Ritchie's office for a new baggage claim area and that is moving forward. He also announced that Chairman of the Board Scott Gray and he participated in the Association of Airports Conference last September in Clayton for airport representatives around New York State and that they received an award. Mr. Sussey advised that the New York Aviation Managers Association awarded Watertown International Airport the 2018 Excellence Award for the Fall Conference. He stated that the organization was very happy with the location and hospitality provided by the community and hotel.

Highway Superintendent James Lawrence presented to Committee Members a sign designed by the County Highway sign department symbolizing Jefferson County as a Purple Heart County. He stated that the sign has been two years in the making starting with a request from the Cape Vincent American Legion and since then they have been working to get approval from New York State. He advised that Mr. Hagemann received approval from officials at Fort Drum to include the 10th Mountain Division emblem on the sign. He stated that it took staff approximately six months to get the color purple correct as it is not one that you can buy. He also stated that they have been working with staff at Fort Drum's sign shop to create a profile of George Washington as a center emblem for the sign as it takes a special printer that Jefferson County sign shop doesn't have. He advised that there are 12 county roads entering Jefferson County that they want to place signs at this Spring.

There being no further business, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Cantwell and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Hagemann". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a flourish at the end. There are three horizontal lines above the name, possibly indicating a title or a specific office.

Robert F. Hagemann
County Administrator