

**General Services Committee**  
**January 14, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair Philip Reed, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Daniel McBride, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Corey Grant, Anthony Doldo, Chairman of the Board Scott Gray

**Others Present:** Legislator William Johnson, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy County Administrator Sarah Baldwin, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Probation Director Martin Morrison, Probation Supervisor Kristine Maloney, 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 November meeting were approved without objection or correction.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing the Abandonment and Conveyance of Unused County Highway Land in the Town of Brownville to The Alvin J. Hasner Revocable Living Trust and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Grant. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget to Reappropriate New York State Septic System Replacement Program Funds and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride and seconded by Legislator Cantwell. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget to Reappropriate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant Program Funds and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds Relative to the Public Defender's Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Ferris. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Mr. Hagemann advised that ridership at the Watertown International Airport for the month of December 2019 was up 18% with just under 5,000 passengers, an all time high for the month of December. He stated that American Airlines added a third flight per day from mid December until the first week of January contributing to the increase. In 2019 there were 46,600 passengers the second overall highest total, 2018 being the highest. He stated that there is a little more competition with Syracuse, as they have added airline extensions and other favorable destinations.

Chairman Reed stated contractors have broke ground early on the ARFF building at the airport and that the snow removal equipment purchased with an FAA grant has been used and is an impressive piece of equipment.

Mr. Hagemann reported that in response to a fire earlier in the day at the Theresa Department of Public Works building, Highway Superintendent Jim Lawrence has reached out and is providing equipment and assistance for whatever their needs may be going forward.

Legislator McBride advised that at last night's Town of Wilna meeting, Geronimo Energy gave a presentation for a potential 100 megawatt 800 acre solar farm at the Town of Wilna/Town of Croghan border which was not well received by those in attendance.

There being no further business, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board