

General Services Committee
February 11, 2020
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Philip Reed, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Daniel McBride, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Corey Grant, Anthony Doldo

Others Present: County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Probation Director Kristine Maloney, Probation Officer/Stop DWI Coordinator Jason Widrick, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Committee approved the minutes of the January Committee meeting as presented. Chairman Reed offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to address the Committee.

Chairman Reed introduced resolution Authorizing Agreements with the New York State Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, and McFarland Johnson in Relation to Airport Baggage Claim Project and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Ferris. Chairman Reed thanked Senator Patty Ritchie for her assistance in obtaining funding for this project, securing additional funds when the project was changed, and for her overall support of the Airport. He said this project is the last piece of the puzzle in providing excellent customer service at the Airport. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Runway 7/25 and Intersection Rehabilitation Design Project and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Grant. Chairman Reed stated that no bids were initially received for this project and the FAA has agreed to modify it and provide additional funding to make it more attractive for bidders. He said the project will necessitate closing down commercial service for 6 - 8 days and general aviation will also be affected, however decades worth of work will be completed so we will not have to go back to that runway again to make improvements for quite some time. Mr. Hagemann noted that ideally the bulk of work for the baggage claim project could be done at this same time. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Facility Construction Project and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell and seconded by Legislator McBride. Administrator Hagemann advised that because of the mild winter work on the ARFF Building has started, noting that change orders over \$10,000 need to come before the Committee and typically they do them all at once, but there may be a few more before this project is done. There being no discussion, the

Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Grants Relative to the Fire and Emergency Management Department and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Grant seconded by Legislator Doldo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 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 McBride seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Ferris. In response to questions Highway Superintendent Lawrence advised that he leased this equipment out of necessity last year as the department was down two trucks, but he is only down one truck this year and it is more cost effective to purchase it. Following brief discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (Distribution #10) and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator McBride and 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 State and Municipal Facilities Grant Funds Relative to the Sheriff's Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell and seconded by Legislator Ferris. In response to questions Administrator Hagemann advised that the vehicle is a heavy duty, box truck type SERT vehicle that would be able to transport and store all equipment needed in an emergency as well as 4 to 6 passengers. He said it is similar to the older SERT vehicle we have now, and this is grant funding that is being reappropriated from last year. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Department 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 Grant. Legislator Maxon said historically he has expressed opposition to these types of grants (i.e. Stonegarden) and he would not be supporting the resolution tonight or at the full Board meeting, and he would save further comments for the March Board meeting. Administrator Hagemann pointed out that this is not more or new money, it is grant funding that is being reappropriated from last year. Following brief discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution with Legislator Maxon opposed.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget to Re-Appropriate Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Doldo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed welcomed and congratulated newly appointed Probation Director Kristine Maloney and said he looks forward to working with her.

Highway Superintendent Lawrence provided a hand out (copy attached for file reference) and informed the Committee about the Jefferson County Mattress Recycling Program. He said it is a program through the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) that was initiated in the last few years and is being done to save space and prolong the life of the Rodman Landfill. It has already been undertaken in St. Lawrence and Lewis counties but until recently Jefferson County did not have the space to accommodate it. Clean mattresses will be collected at the Transfer Station in what was formerly ewaste space and DANC will cover the cost of the trailer and for transportation to a facility in Buffalo that takes them apart and recycles what they can; soiled mattresses will still go in the landfill. There is no additional cost to the consumer, they will cross the scales as before and pay for their tonnage, and there is also no cost to the County. He thought it would take about a month to fill the trailer, and it was filled in a week and a half without any advertising. He said places that have a lot of volume like hospitals, colleges and Fort Drum will deal with DANC directly.

Highway Superintendent Lawrence also provided the Committee with graphs for 2017-2019 total Recyclables Received in tons by month and Year End Totals in tons, as well as total Solid Waste received in tons by month and Year End Totals in tons for 2017-2019 (copy attached for file reference). He pointed out the increase of over 1,000 tons in recyclables from 2018 to 2019. And said the increase in solid waste experienced in 2018 is from Fort Drum bringing their office and commercial building municipal solid waste (MSW) to the Transfer Station. He advised that he does not have final figures for 2019 recycling revenue, but he expects to be \$100,000 - \$125,000 short of projections as the market for recyclables is down. He will have that final revenue figure next month and will share it with the Committee. He said the budget remains stable however, because of the increase in MSW and they curtailed some expenses. Chairman Reed noted that we are still in the positive by hundreds of thousands of dollars as we are not paying to transport and dispose of the recyclables. Mr. Lawrence acknowledged that he has stockpiles of some recyclables (plastics and steel) due to the markets, but he hopes to start selling it in the next couple of months. Everyone agreed that clean recyclables that can be sold is like money in the bank, and we are still doing the right thing in staying with source separation. Mr. Hagemann and Chairman Reed confirmed that the program to charge towns \$10 to pick up recyclables has started.

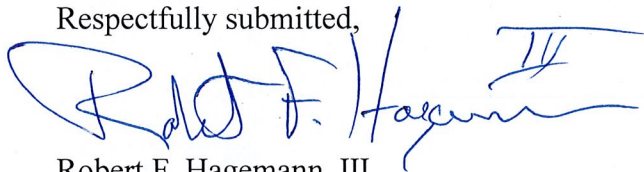
Administrator Hagemann advised that Friday, February 14, 2020 is the deadline for the County submitting engineering plans for the projects to be funded under the State REDI program, and there are three road projects that Highway will be involved with. Design of the projects will take place later this year.

Mr. Hagemann advised that for the month of January, 2020 there were 4200 passengers at the Airport which is up 36% from the 3,100 in January, 2018. Chairman Reed acknowledged the part American Airlines played in that increase because it added a third daily flight at its own expense for the holiday season.

Chairman Reed thanked County Attorney David Paulsen for his assistance in getting about \$200,000 for the County (Highway) from the Federal Government for a piece of property near the Customs parking lot. He said this settlement has been years in the making.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is stylized and includes the Roman numeral "III" at the end.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board