

General Services Committee
January 19, 2021
Minutes

Members Virtually Present:

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

Present: County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, Secretary Torri Richmire

Others Virtually Present:

Legislator William Johnson, Michael Montigelli, Patrick Jareo, Frances Calarco, Fire and Emergency Management Coordinator Joseph Plummer, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Probation Director Kristine Maloney, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that the meeting is being conducted under the extraordinary circumstance of a public health emergency (COVID-19), and under Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1; without permitting public in-person access to the meeting, authorizing the meeting to be held partially or completely with members appearing by remote conference call or similar service, and the meeting is being live streamed via the web and recorded, including the participation of the members appearing by remote link.

The Committee approved the minutes of the December 2020 meeting, as written.

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 Ferris 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 for Janitorial Services for Jefferson County Office Buildings 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 Changing the Membership and Terms and Appointing Members to the Jefferson County Fire Advisory Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Maxon. Legislator Doldo stated that as discussed at the December 2020 committee meeting he disagrees with separating the Fire Advisory and EMS Advisory Boards. He stated that he had hoped there would be someone at this meeting to discuss the EMS board prior to a decision being made by the committee. Mr. Hagemann advised that there will be more information presented at the Health and Human Services Committee meeting next week and that he understands that there will be changes

coming from Albany regarding EMS in the near future that would make more sense to separate the two boards. Legislator Cantwell asked if there would be a legislative representative on the EMS Advisory Board and Mr. Hagemann stated that there is a resolution to come before the Health and Human Services Committee appointing him as the representative. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented except Legislator Doldo who was opposed.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Implementing a Mattress Fee for Solid Waste Transfer Station and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Grant. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (County Road 87 (Sandy Creek Rd) over Lindsey Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo 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 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. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Road Machinery Fund Equipment and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Grant. In response to a question from Legislator Doldo, Mr. Hagemann stated that the money was in the 2020 budget to purchase the truck but because the order could not be fulfilled before year end the funds will be reappropriated in the 2021 budget and the truck purchased. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Approving Appointment to the Jefferson County Planning Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Cantwell. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update Grant Funds and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Grant. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending Resolution 269 of 2020 Authorizing an Agreement with the Community Action Planning Council to Promote Fair and Equal Housing and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by

Legislator McBride. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented except Legislator Doldo who abstained as he is on the CAPC Board.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 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 Ferris seconded by Legislator Doldo. In response to a question from Legislator Doldo, Mr. Hagemann stated that this funding is going to easterly residents of the county living by Moon and Red Lakes and Indian River who are having septic system problems. He advised that there is an application process but no one is applying. He stated that they want to reappropriate the funds so that we don't lose the state funding. 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 seconded by Legislator Cantwell. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented except Legislator Ferris who abstained indicating that he is a vendor for ignition interlock devices.

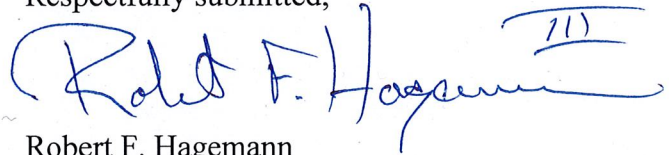
Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with AllPaid, Inc. Relative to Credit Card Processing Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Grant. In response to questions from Legislators, Kristine Maloney, Probation Director, advised that the Probation Department started using credit card processing in 2008 as a convenience to their clients. There is a charge to clients of 3.5% under \$100 and 3.75% over \$100 which goes to AllPaid, Inc. She stated that over 80% of the payments that they collect are under \$100 and that they have seen a rise in the use of the service this past year. Legislator Maxon requested that a contract be put out to bid in the future to see if they might be able to get a better cost to clients, possibly by utilizing the same vendor used by other departments in the County that offer such a service. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

County Administrator Hagemann advised that the total passenger load at Watertown International Airport for 2020 were 23,958 which is half of what has been done in the past few years but is better than all upstate airports on a per capita basis. He stated that we strive to reach 10,000 enplanements in order to receive our allocation from the FAA, that was put on hold for 2020 due to Covid 19, but we still met our goal.

Mr. Hagemann stated that tonnage at the Jefferson County Transfer Facility for 2020 was in excess of 36,000 tons for solid waste and 7,100 tons for recycling, recycling was up 30% over the past few years. Chairman Reed stated that is good news and that the revenue generated helps keep tipping fees competitive north of the thruway. Legislator Doldo made a request to explore replacing recycling bags being used at the transfer station by possibly designing stickers different from the City of Watertown to place on garbage bags, cutting down on waste at the landfill. Mr. Hagemann stated that in discussions with Highway Superintendent Lawrence, enforcement is going to be an issue with any change.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann
Clerk of the Board