

General Services Committee
October 19, 2021
Minutes

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

Others Present: Legislators Frances Calarco, William Johnson, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Probation Director Kristine Maloney, Stop DWI Coordinator Jason Widrick, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Alex Gault, Secretary Torri Richmire

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

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation to Aviation Fuel Purchases at the Watertown International Airport and entertained a motion for consideration. Mr. Hagemann stated that this resolution has been revised as there was a need to purchase additional fuel. 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 Authorizing Agreement in Relation to the FY21 New York State Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride and seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Hounsfield for Transfer of Ownership of Culvert J033 and Amending the County Highway Map in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Grant and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

County Administrator Hagemann announced that the resolution Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (Noble Street over West Creek) and Appropriating Funds Therefor was withdrawn and would probably be brought forward next month as NYS Department of Transportation needed to make changes to the agreement.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending 2021 County Budget in Relation to Road and Road Machinery Funds and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Accepting HOME Investment Partnership American

Rescue Plan Grant Funding and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris 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 2021 County Budget for Corrections Insurance and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Approving the 2022 Stop DWI Plan and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Ferris. Stop DWI Coordinator Jason Widrick advised that in 2020 there were 226 new DWI cases each averaging \$895 for standard fees and fines which varies by court, not including felony offenses which are much higher. He stated that a portion of that money comes back to Jefferson County to be used for prevention, enforcement, education, counselors and rehabilitation. He advised that they are seeing an uptick in DWAI cases with the legalization of marijuana. He stated that they work with and will share funding with seven police departments in Jefferson County under the 2022 Stop DWI program with the goal being to keep county residents safe.

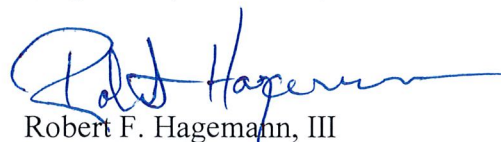
Probation Director Kristine Maloney advised Legislators of the End Predatory Court Fees Act that is proposed in NYS legislation which would eliminate court, parole and probation fees, minimum fines, incarceration on the basis of unpaid fines and fees, and garnishment of commissary accounts at the discretion of the Judge. She stated that the NYS Council of Probation Administrators is opposed to this legislation as it will reduce revenue to probation departments and their Stop DWI budgets, limiting the amount of education, prevention and rehabilitation available to Jefferson County residents and business owners. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military Service Members Transitioning to Veteran Status in Civilian Life and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Ferris. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed announced that the Watertown International Airport has been notified that they will be receiving a NYS Aviation Capital Grant that will be used to update the Airport Fuel Farm Facility tanks.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Maxon and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board