

Finance & Rules Committee
January 26, 2021
Minutes

Members Virtually Present:

Committee Chair Michael Montigelli, Legislators Robert Cantwell, William Johnson, Allen Drake, James Naybwaniec, Patrick Jareo, and Frances Calarco

Others Virtually Present:

Legislators Philip Reed, John Peck, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Corey Grant, and Anthony Doldo, County Attorney David Paulsen, Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Gregory Hudson

Others Present:

Board Chair Scott Gray, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. and explained that the meeting was being held 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 November 4th and December 1st Committee meetings, as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 County Budget and Capital Plan to Recognize 2021 Revenue from Fort Drum Residential Communities Initiative and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget for Sales Tax Distribution and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation to Samaritan Senior Village, Inc. and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell and seconded by Legislator Drake. Legislator Nabywaniec asked if this was the last year for payment to Samaritan Medical Center for the transfer of Whispering Pines residents. Administrator Hagemann said it almost is, next year will be the last payment. Legislator Nabywaniec said he was glad the County had turned that

business over to the professionals at Samaritan Medical Center and our \$5 million payment allowed the County Home residents to move into the new facilities at Samaritan Summit Village. At the time he said it leveraged \$32 million in New York State Department of Health grants which was a record to that point. He couldn't imagine the County being in that business during these trying times. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Concurring in Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings and Authorizing Refund of Taxes in Connection Therewith (Jefferson LeRay, LLC; Northview/LeRay Associates, L.P.; Essex Evansdown Associates, L.P.; Confier Realty, LLC) and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Johnson and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Employment & Training Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

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Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Appointment to the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Re-Appointing Member to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Johnson and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Re-Appointing Members to Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Appointing Director of Office for the Aging and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Jareo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Expressing Opposition to the Closure of

New York State's Watertown Correctional Facility and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Supporting New York State Senate Bill 8466/Assembly Bill 10546 of 2020 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec. Legislator Drake said he is opposed to this resolution and while he understood where it is coming from, he wasn't sure if there was a need for it at this time. What we can do to stop the pandemic is social distancing, masks, contact tracing, and then vaccinations, but it won't be until maybe June that we have it somewhat under control. He knew it has created havoc economically for people, but we are under a State of Emergency and he acknowledged that the Governor has made mistakes and there will be a time when he has to give up those powers but now is not that time. As person of his age, he had the privilege to listen to people from *the greatest generation* (WWII) talk about what they sacrificed on the battlefield and with goods and services at home, voluntarily for the good of the whole community and they talked about it with pride. He was sure not everyone agreed with President Roosevelt but people did not openly degrade him with signs in their yards like what is being done to political leaders now, and he felt things need to be toned down a bit. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented with Legislator Drake opposed.

The Committee unanimously approved the following General Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the County Bridge Account
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Road Machinery Fund Equipment
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update Grant Funds
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate New York State Septic System Replacement Program Funds

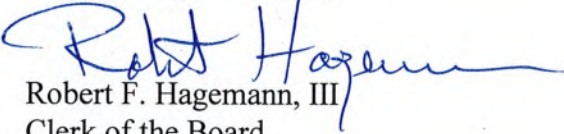
The Committee unanimously approved the following Health & Human Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Amending the 2020 County Budget Relative to Mental Health Programs and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Federal Medicaid Administration Reimbursement for the Community Services Department
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget to Reappropriate DSRIP Funding for Community Services Department
- ✓ Accepting Donation on Behalf of the Department of Social Services and Amending the 2021 County Budget
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From the

- ✓ Redlich Horwitz Foundation for Child Welfare Virtual Casework
Amending the 2021 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From NYS
Office of Children and Family Services for Safe Harbour: NY Funding

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Jareo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board
