

General Services Committee
June 15, 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 William Johnson, John Peck, Frances Calarco, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen,, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Probation Director Kristine Maloney, Zoo New York Executive Director Larry Sorel, JCC's Research Coordinator Larry Danforth and Assistant Professor of Mathematics Andy Draper, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Alex Gault, WWNYTV7 Reporter Ashley Seybolt, Secretary Torri Richmire

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Chairman Reed offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to address the Committee. The Committee approved the minutes of the May Committee meeting as presented.

Joel LaLone, Research Director, Jefferson Community College, Center for Community Studies, presented the committee with results of the 2021 Community Survey. Mr. LaLone advised that this was the 22nd Annual Center for Community Studies Survey conducted in Jefferson County. He reported that 503 residents participated in the survey via landline, cell phone, email and face to face interviews with Fort Drum Soldiers.

The interviews included community related questions to Jefferson County residents on the following topics: Quality of Life, Statewide and Community Issues, Community Characteristics, COVID Impact on the Food Industry and Zoo New York. He reported that Quality of Life saw a slight increase over past years, as well as Healthcare Access and County Government. The COVID pandemic found residents wondering if they would run out of food before they got money to buy more, with some residents accessing food programs to get by. Interviewers also asked questions regarding Zoo New York and learned that most surveyed stated that they visit the zoo for family time and many expressed the desire for more variety of animals.

Mr. LaLone stated that the full survey can be found at the JCC website (sunnyjefferson.edu/community/community-studies). He also encouraged Legislators to contact him or Mr. Danforth with any questions that they would like to include on the 2022 Survey.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Accepting Donation for the Buildings Department 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 2021 County Budget in Relation to

On-Call and Call-In Pay for District Attorney's and Public Defender's Offices and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride and seconded by Legislator Grant. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in Relation to the Federal Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto 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.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Highway Department CHIPS Funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing a Concurrent Use and Occupancy Agreement with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in Relation to Construction of a Turtle Crossing Structure at County Highway 57 (Isthmus Road, Town of Lyme) and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Grant. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented except Legislator Maxon who abstained.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to a County Bridge Account 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 Establishing Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the Eight Year Review of the Southeast Agricultural District No. 1 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator McBride. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with AutoMon, LLC and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator McBride. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement in Relation to the State Alternatives to Incarceration (Pre-Trial Release) Program Funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

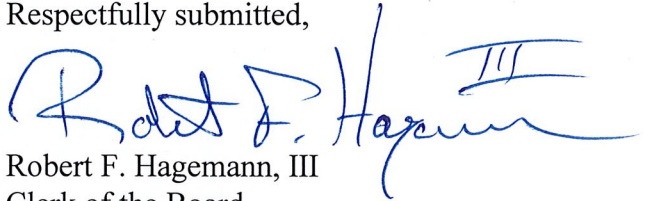
Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in Relation to Aid to Defense Program and entertained a motion for

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.

Chairman Reed advised the Committee that commercial passenger ridership at the Watertown International Airport in May was up 463% over the month of May 2020. He also stated that the August General Services Committee meeting will be held at the Airport.

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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "H" and "M".

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board