

**General Services Committee**  
**March 22, 2022**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair James Nabywaniec, Legislators Philip Reed, Daniel McBride, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Corey Grant, Chairman of the Board William Johnson

**Others Present:** Legislators Patrick Jareo, Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Airport Manager Grant Sussey, Fire and Emergency Management Director Joseph Plummer, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Alex Gault, WWNY-TV Reporter Zach Grady, Secretary Torri Richmire

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

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration, New York State Department of Transportation and McFarland Johnson, Inc. for a Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Airport Wildlife Management Plan and Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto 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 Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Lead Agency Status and a Determination of Non-Significance in Accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act for Medium Approach Lighting System (MALSR) and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Grant. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget to Recognize Reserve Funds in the District Attorney's Office and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride and seconded by Legislator Reed. In response to a question from Legislator Maxon, Mr. Hagemann stated that the department will purchase a new crime scene scanner and it will be available to all policing agencies. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing an Intermunicipal Agreement Between the County of Jefferson and County of Oswego for the Purpose of Purchase and Maintenance of Microwave Communications Equipment for Joint Use With Emergency Communication Systems 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 Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Bridge NY" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (Weaver Road over Skinner Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan 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 Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Bridge NY" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (Oxbow-Rossie Road (CR25) over Vrooman Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Grant. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget to Reappropriate Road Machinery Fund Equipment 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 Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Lake Ontario Flooding 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 Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Reappropriating Funds from FY2018 Operation Stonegarden Grant Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Reed. In response to a question from Legislator Maxon, Mr. Hagemann stated that the funds would be used for a laptop, radios, cellular connectivity, computer hardware and mounting equipment. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements for an Additional Allocation for The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride and seconded by Legislator Ferris. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec stated that an update on pistol permits was sent out by Mr. Hagemann and he inquired if there were any questions regarding, no one had any. He also announced that the first part of the month Mr. Lawrence gave a tour of the Highway Facility and Recycling Center to Legislators Reed, Jareo, Mr. Hagemann and himself stating that the new scale house at recycling is an improvement over what they are currently using and he was very impressed that most of the work is being done in house when work schedules allow. He commented that he was pleased with the care factor of the employees at both facilities.

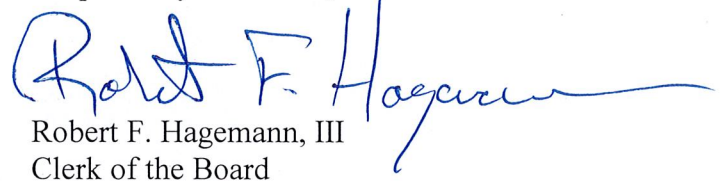
Chairman Nabywaniec stated that he was notified by a Town of LeRay Councilman that they are discussing a tax exemption for homeowners who build an addition to care for an elderly family member instead of placing them in a nursing home. He advised that the City of Watertown School District and others in the county offer an exemption to accommodate homeowners in that situation. The Councilman wondered if Jefferson County would be interested in offering the same exemption. He stated that he has reached out to Real Property Tax Director Roxanne Burns regarding and asked committee members if they have any questions or hesitation before he moves ahead with the idea. In response to questions from Legislators, Chairman Nabywaniec stated that it would only be for the time that the elderly family member is a resident there; Deputy Administrator Baldwin stated that in the City of Watertown if a residential property is tax exempt the owner of the property must fill out an annual attestation and have it notarized in order to keep the tax exemption and something similar could be put in place.

Mr. Hagemann reported that last month's passenger report for the Watertown International Airport was erroneous as they were November 2021 figures, the year end figure for 2021 is 42,000 passengers.

Legislator Maxon advised that the Cornell Cooperative Extension 4H Government Students will be attending the April 4<sup>th</sup> Board Session.

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 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board