

Finance & Rules Committee
April 25, 2023
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Michael Montigelli, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Philip Reed, Daniel McBride, Robert Ferris, Frances Calarco, Board Chair William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators John Peck, James Nabywaniec, Patrick Jareo, Jeremiah Maxon, Steel Potter and Corey Grant, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Confidential Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Ashley Durham, Real Property Tax Services Director Roxanne Burns, JCIDA Executive Director David Zembiec, JCC Administrator in Charge Daniel Dupee, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and introduced JCC Administrator in Charge Dr. Dan Dupee for a presentation on the JCC Facilities Master Plan Update.

Dr. Dupee introduced Sid Pond, JCC Executive Director of Accounting and Auxiliary Services, Bill Emm, JCC Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance, and Sintia Mashall, JCC Comptroller who were also present. Dr Dupee outlined the process that JCC undertook to update their Facilities Master Plan (FMP) with the help of Bernier Carr Associates that included the following: a Strategic Plan review, site visits and interviews, Administrative Committee review, maintenance and repair for existing buildings, student retention needs, and potential new facilities - Field House. He said the FMP was originally designed in 2009-2010 and has simply been updated since then, and he is not asking for all the funding for it tonight. The driving factors of the updated FMP were safety and security, maintenance of aging buildings and infrastructure, Code compliance, aging out of existing systems, energy conservation and energy efficiency, and green infrastructure and initiatives.

Dr. Dupee detailed the following projects in the FMP: Maintenance and Repair/Site Reconstruction; Repairs and Updates including security to the following: Lansing Bldg; Guthrie Bldg; Dulles Bldg; McVean Bldg; Gregor Bldg; Jules Bldg; Childcare Bldg; Extended Learning Center; Maintenance Bldgs; Deans Collaborative Learning Center; Health & Wellness Center. He said these projects have a total probable cost of \$31,713,080. He went over a Campus Security Upgrade project with a total cost of \$2,570,200. He said the proposed Field House Building would be placed either next to the tennis courts or to the left of the turf field (best location for parking reasons) and it would have tennis courts, basketball courts, an all purpose floor, a track, a fitness center, locker rooms and office space. He said there are two options: Option 1 is a single story pre-engineered building of 37,593 sq. ft. at a cost of \$15,892,572; Option 2 is a single story air inflated building of 36,902 sq. ft at a cost of \$9,456,908. Included in the FMP is a Pedestrian Bridge project between the Gregor and Jules Buildings at a cost of \$907,760 but the College does not intend to do this project. The last project is for Alternative Energy (geo thermal or solar) at a cost of \$2,613,356. The total cost of the FMP with Field House Option 1 is \$61,369,466, and with Field House Option 2 is \$53,226, 351. He answered questions of legislators related to the projects, and thanked the Board for their support of JCC.

The Committee approved the minutes of the March meeting, as written. Chairman Montigelli offered Privilege of the Floor, however no one present wished to speak.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution for Payment of Legislators' Expenses and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Concurring in Request for Enactment of Home Rule Legislation - Assembly Bill A5755A, Senate Bill S6345 - Amending the New York State Tax Law to Authorize the County of Jefferson to Impose an Additional Rate of Sales Tax of One Percent and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Accepting Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell and seconded by Legislator McBride. Legislator Reed made a motion to amend the spreadsheet that was given out with the resolution to reduce the JCC Repaving line by \$500,000 and add a line for a Transfer Station Baler in the amount of \$500,000. Legislator Calarco seconded the motion. Legislator Reed said that while he supports the College, the Baler at the Transfer Station is nearly at the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement. He said the Transfer Station is used by many towns and villages for their recyclables so the Baler generates income and allows the County to keep tipping fees reasonable. Following brief discussion, the Committee agreed to support the amendment to the spreadsheet, and to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Endorsing Jefferson Community College 2021-2026 Facilities Master Plan Update and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Cantwell. Legislator McBride said it appears that the resolution does not make any financial commitment as a result of the endorsement, and asked if the Board would have the option to vote on each project as it moves forward. Administrator Hagemann advised that: any individual project the College moves forward will be funded at a 50% match from SUNY; he understood the projects in the Plan are prioritized and will not be done all at once; and the Board will be voting on the level of support as the projects come up. He pointed out that many of the projects in this Master Plan are in the current Master Plan and continue to be dealt with as funding becomes available. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating Same in Sheriff's Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a A Local Law to Establish a Sustainable Energy Loan Program (Open C-Pace) in the County of Jefferson and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no

discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the Local Law as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Local Law Intro. No. 1 of 2023 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Reed and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a A Local Law to Adopt Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law Providing for the Partial Exemption for the Residences of Qualified Members of Volunteer Fire Departments and Ambulance Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell and seconded by Legislator Drake. Legislator McBride asked if you have to be with the volunteer fire department for five years in order to get the discount. Chairman Montigelli confirmed that they do have to be in the department for five consecutive years in order to receive the exemption. Administrator Hagemann said the five year requirement is the same as what is in our current fire fighters and ambulance worker tax exemption. Legislator McBride said he thought the idea was to attract volunteers to serve, but a person's return on investment for this exemption could be five years down the road. He said military personnel in the area for less than five years who could be qualified to do these jobs would not get the exemption. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the local law as presented with Legislator McBride voting no.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Local Law Intro. No. 2 of 2023 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced an additional resolution Requesting the Introduction of Legislation Before the New York State Legislature to Amend the Public Officers Law in Relation to the Residency Requirement for Appointed Public Officers in Jefferson County that was emailed to legislators and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Calarco and unanimously carried. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli advised that the resolutions referred from other jurisdictional committees would be dealt with as a block for each committee unless legislators wanted to pull a particular resolution out separately.

On a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Reed and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following General Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Authorizing Agreement with McFarland-Johnson, Inc. for Passenger Facility Charge Program Application Development Services and Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport for Purchase of Ground Services Equipment
- ✓ Authorizing Agreement with McFarland Johnson for the Parking Lot Construction Design and Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Authorizing Agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration and McFarland

Johnson for Backup Weather Equipment System and Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto

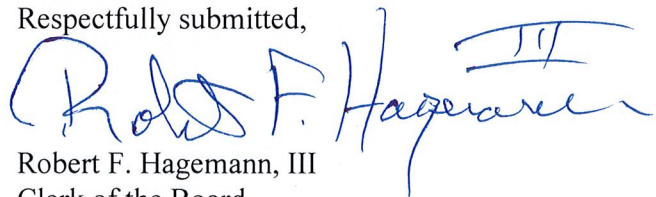
- ✓ Accepting Donations for the Dog Control Department and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to the County Road Machinery Fund
- ✓ Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (CR 97 and Brown Road over Fish Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan

On a motion by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following Health & Human Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Authorizing Amended Agreement for Provision of Legal Services to the Elderly of Jefferson County and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Community Services Mental Health Programs
- ✓ Accepting Donation on Behalf of the Department of Social Services and Amending the 2023 County Budget
- ✓ Amending 2023 County Budget to Reappropriate Funding and Recognize Additional Revenue From NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for Transportation Initiative Program
- ✓ Establishing a Director of Housing/Special Initiatives and a Senior Caseworker Position within Social Services and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator McBride and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 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 large, stylized "H" and "M".

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board