

**Finance & Rules Committee**  
**January 30, 2024**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair Michael Montigelli, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Daniel McBride, John Peck, Frances Calarco, Robert Ferris, Board Chair William Johnson

**Others Present:** Legislators Tina Bartlett-Bearup, Patrick Jareo, Christopher Boulio, Steel Potter, Corey Grant and Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Ashley Durham, Insurance Director Matthew Roy, Human Resources Director Valerie Nugent, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Purchasing Agent Michael Bagley, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. and offered Privilege of the Floor however no one present wished to speak. The Committee approved the minutes of the December meeting, as written.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget for Sales Tax Distribution 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 resolution Authorizing Agreement for Board of Elections and entertained a motion for consideration; Administrator Hagemann related that the updated version of the resolution under consideration is on legislators desks. A motion on the updated resolution was duly made by Legislator Peck and seconded by Legislator Cantwell. Legislator Peck said he recently had a chance to look at and try out the new machines and was impressed with how user friendly they are, and that they require no outside connections so they are more secure. The Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing The Chief Elected Official Local Agreement Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with ProAct, Inc. for Prescription Benefits Management Program 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 resolution Amending the 2024 County Budget for Insurance and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell and seconded by Legislator Ferris. In response to questions Administrator Hagemann stated that the increase in these expenses was underestimated; a 15% increase was budgeted however the actual increase was 56% instead. The Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to Health Benefits and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Peck and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Application to the Federal Aviation Administration for Extensions of the Passenger Facility Charge Program in Relation to the Watertown International Airport and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Grants Relative to the Fire and Emergency Management Department and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto 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 resolution Authorizing Agreements in Relation to the New Highway Administration Building and Amending the 2024 County Budget and Capital Plan and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli said resolutions from each jurisdictional committee will be dealt with as a block and legislators can pull any one resolution out if they would like to discuss it.

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

- ✓ Amending the 2024 County Budget and Capital Plan to Recognize 2023 Revenue from the Passenger Facility Charges for the Watertown International Airport
- ✓ Authorizing Grant Agreement, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Determination, and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to a 2023 Community Development Block Grant Award from the NYS Office of Community Renewal
- ✓ Authorizing Agreements in Connection with New York State Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program and Amending 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Amending the 2024 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds for Recycling & Waste Management
- ✓ Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management

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

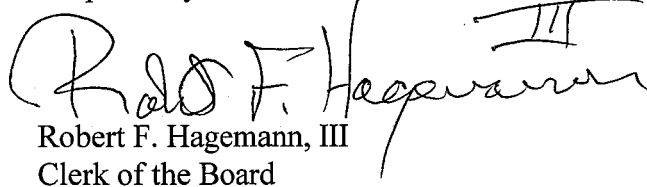
- ✓ Amending the 2024 County Budget to Reappropriate Opioid Settlement Funds
- ✓ Amending the 2024 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program
- ✓ Authorizing Funding in Connection with NYSDOH Local Health Department Performance Incentive Initiative and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Accepting Donation on Behalf of the Department of Social Services and Amending the 2024 County Budget

On a motion by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Calarco and unanimously carried, the Committee entered executive session at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining pursuant to Article 14 of Civil Service Law. On a motion by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Cantwell and unanimously carried, the Committee returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

Legislator Peck said in light of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our Country in 2026 he would like to form a Committee of like minded individuals to create a monument honoring the Revolutionary War veterans that settled in Jefferson County. He hoped it could be on County property and could be built in time for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and in tandem try to coordinate events in reflection and anticipation of the Anniversary with other local historical agencies and societies.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Peck and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board