

General Services Committee
February 13, 2024
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair James Nabywaniec, Legislators Philip Reed, Daniel McBride, Christopher Boulio, Steel Potter, Corey Grant, Chairman of the Board William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators Frances Calarco, Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Conf. Asst. For Fiscal Affairs Ashley Durham, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Secretary Torri Richmire

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

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending the 2024 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating Same in Buildings Department Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride and seconded by Legislator Potter. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Approving Re-Appointments to the Jefferson County Fire Advisory Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Grant and seconded by Legislator Potter. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Accepting Funding and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation to State Funding for Pretrial Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed 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 2024 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Potter and seconded by Legislator Grant. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2024 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Potter and seconded by Legislator Reed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing an Amended Agreement in

Relation to NYS Unified Court System for Cleaning and Maintenance of Court Facilities and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Potter and seconded by Legislator Reed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Highway Superintendent James Lawrence reviewed the thirty three new and continuous road, culvert and bridge projects that they will work on in 2024. In response to a staffing question from Legislator McBride, Mr. Lawrence stated that they are short three engineers and because his staff can't keep up with the workload, they rely on private companies to fill that void. He advised that they are also short a custodian and a mechanic but they are making it work.

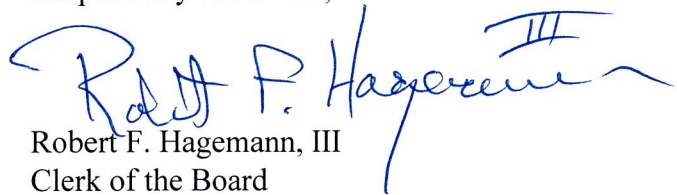
Chairman Nabywaniec reported that the Dog Control Adhoc Committee conducted interviews last week and they will be bringing a name forward soon.

Chairman Nabywaniec and Legislator Reed thanked Torri Richmire for her years of service with Jefferson County and as the Secretary for General Services Committee and wished her well in retirement.

Legislator Reed reported that he attended a Solar Eclipse Planning meeting for the April 8, 2024 solar eclipse and was very impressed with all the local agencies that are coming together to organize such an event, expecting thousands of people to come to the North Country. Chairman Nabywaniec stated that Watertown International Airport Director of Aviation, Grant Sussey, has been overwhelmed with reservations for planes flying in for the event. He stated that Mr. Sussey will be giving an update on projects at the Airport and plans for the solar eclipse and how they will be handling the influx of activity there.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Reed seconded by Legislator Potter and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board