

**General Services Committee**  
**August 14, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair Philip Reed, Legislators Jennie Adsit, Robert Cantwell, Anthony Doldo, Robert Ferris

**Others Present:** Legislators William Johnson, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Fire & Emergency Management Coordinator Joseph Plummer, Secretary Torri Richmire

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to speak. The minutes of the July meeting were approved without objection or correction.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2018 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating Same in Dog Control Department Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Adsit. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2018 County Budget in Relation to a New York State Empire State Development Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Cantwell. 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 2018 Inclusions of Viable Agricultural Land in NYS Certified Agricultural Districts and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Adsit 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 2018 County Budget in Relation to the County Road Machinery Fund and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Cantwell. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed announced that passenger ridership at the Watertown International Airport is up 34% for June and 2.7% for July over last year's figures. He stated that it was great to have Congresswoman Elise Stefanik tour the airport facility so that they could show off the improvements made.

In response to a question from Legislator Doldo pertaining to a letter sent out regarding Dog Control, Mr. Hagemann stated that the proposed Local Law would be uniform for all Towns, Villages and the City of Watertown and would allow Jefferson County Dog Control to have more

authority on the scene than they have had in the past. He explained that Dog Control must abide by NYS Ag and Markets Law and that a couple situations have arisen in the past when they are on the scene and unable to do anything with the canine because they would be in violation. He also advised that under Ag and Markets Law the Towns, Villages and City of Watertown are required to have a certified location to house canines if they are in their possession for more than 24 hours. He stated that is why the County has offered to extend the current agreement until June 2019 allowing them to make arrangements if they decide to terminate their agreement with the County.

Mr. Hagemann advised that the new proposed intermunicipal agreement would be a five year agreement but that in order for it to work it would need to include 14 Towns and the City of Watertown to be onboard otherwise the cost would increase.

There being no further business, on a motion by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann  
Clerk of the Board