

Finance & Rules Committee
February 25, 2020
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Michael Montigelli, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Allen Drake, James Nabywaniec, Patrick Jareo, Carolyn Fitzpatrick and Board Chair Scott Gray

Others Present: Legislators Philip Reed, John Peck, Jeremiah Maxon and Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Employment & Training Director Cheryl Mayforth, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 and offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to address the Committee. The Committee approved the minutes of the January Committee meeting as written.

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

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Requesting Introduction of Legislation Extending the Authorization of a One Percent Increase in the County Sales and Compensating Use Tax in Jefferson County and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec and seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authoring the Acceptance of Offers to Purchase Real Property Acquired by Tax Foreclosure But Not Sold at Auction and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Position in the Employment & Training Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Jareo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Appointing Director of Weights and Measures and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative Funding and Authoring Agreement, and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending 2019 County Budget to Accept Increased Funding in Connection with New York State Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements in Connection with New York State Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Jareo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to U.S. Economic Development Administration Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli explained that resolutions referred to Finance & Rules by other jurisdictional committees already have a motion and a second from the originating committee so he did not see any reason why this Committee needed to do that for approval. For that reason, from now on resolutions referred from other jurisdictional committees will be voted on as a block, by committee. If legislators want to ask questions or discuss a particular resolution, that one can be singled out and dealt with separately.

Legislator Jareo requested that two General Services Committee resolutions be approved separately from the rest: Reappropriating Homeland Security Grants, and Stop DWI Crackdown funding. On a motion by Legislator Fitzpatrick seconded by Legislator Cantwell and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following General Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Runway 7/25 and Intersection rehabilitation Design Project
- Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Facility Construction Project
- Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Grants Relative to the Fire and Emergency Management Department and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the County Bridge Account

- Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management
- Amending the 2020 County Budget to Reappropriate State and Municipal Facilities Grant Funds Relative to the Sheriff's Department

Legislator Jareo expressed objections to Stonegarden grants in particular which are used for road blocks that he feels are unconstitutional, and Stop DWI Crackdown funds for the same reason. On a motion by Legislator Fitzpatrick and seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec the Committee approved the following two General Services Committee sponsored resolutions with Legislator Jareo opposed to both.

- Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- Amending the 2020 County Budget to Re-Appropriate Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant

On a motion by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Cantwell and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following Health & Human Services Committee sponsored resolution.

- Amending 2020 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue from NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Family First Transition Funding

County Attorney Paulsen advised that a County Highway vehicle was involved in an accident that resulted in a claim for \$6,027.05 in damages, but no personal injuries. He reminded legislators that any settlements over \$5,000 must be approved by the Committee, and anything over \$10,000 must be approved by the Board. Following brief discussion, on a motion by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Jareo and unanimously carried the Committee concurred with settlement of the claim for \$6,027.05. Legislator Jareo suggested looking at adjusting the thresholds for claims that need Committee approval as it appears that hasn't been done in quite some time.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Jareo seconded by legislator Nabywaniec and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk of the Board