

Finance & Rules Committee
December 1, 2020
Minutes

Members Virtually Present:

Committee Chair Michael Montigelli, Legislators Robert Cantwell, William Johnson, Allen Drake, James Nabywaniec, Patrick Jareo, and Frances Calarco

Others Virtually Present:

Legislators Philip Reed, Daniel McBride, John Peck, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Corey Grant, and Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Airport Manager Grant Sussey, Community Services Director Timothy Ruetten, Insurance Director Lisa Jock, Office for Aging Director Christina Ingersoll

Present:

Board Chair Scott Gray, Deputy County Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Information Technology Director and Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Gregory Hudson, Secretary Torri Richmire, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

As noted at the two committee meetings held prior to this one, the meeting is being conducted under the extraordinary circumstance of a public health emergency (COVID-19), and under Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1; without permitting public in-person access to the meeting, authorizing the meeting to be held partially or completely with members appearing by remote conference call or similar service, and the meeting is being live streamed via the web and recorded, including the participation of the members appearing by remote link.

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and introduced a resolution Levying 2021 Taxes and Assessments for Annual Town Budgets and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Johnson and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Levying 2021 Consolidated Health District Taxes and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Levying Returned Delinquent 2020 School Taxes and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Levying Returned Delinquent 2020 Village Taxes and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislator Jareo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to

sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Directing the Completion of the Tax Rolls and the Execution and Delivery of Warrants and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Accounts Payable Year End Adjustments to 2020 County Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Levying Hudson River-Black River Regulating District Assessments and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec 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 Debt Service and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing 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 Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Appointing Election Commissioners and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislator Jareo and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending 2020 County Budget in Relation to Employment & Training Department 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 Renewal of Facilities Lease Agreement with Watertown Savings Bank for Employment and Training Department, and Authorizing Sublease with NYS Department of Labor and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Approving Management Compensation Plan for 2021 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Revising Premium Equivalents for Jefferson County Government Employees Health Benefits Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Appointing Members to Jefferson Community College Board of Trustees and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending Jefferson County Administrative Policies and Procedures for Investments and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec seconded by Legislator Johnson and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Appointing Members to Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Johnson and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Approving Appointment and Re-Appointment to the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Johnson and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli said the Committee will address the General Services Committee resolutions as a group, unless a legislator wants to single one out. Legislator Jareo asked that General Services Committee Resolution 6 on the agenda list be voted on separately. On a motion by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Drake 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 Construction Project
- ✓ Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Facility Construction Project
- ✓ Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to Lake Ontario Flooding
- ✓ Amending the 2020 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating Same in Highway Department Budget

- ✓ Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to a County Road Account

Legislator Jareo stated that with regard to a General Services Committee sponsored resolution Authorizing Agreements for The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto, he would prefer to receive and review the Stop DWI Plan before he can make a decision to support this resolution, until that time he will be voting no. The Committee approved the resolution on a motion by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislator Drake and Legislator Jareo voting no.

County Attorney Paulsen briefly outlined an insurance settlement claim that arose from an accident at the DANC Landfill in Rodman in which a County garbage truck that was going through the weigh station forgot to put the cover down, causing damage to the weigh station roof. He said the initial claim was over \$9,000, however following discussion it was reduced to \$5,939.30. This requires the concurrence of the Committee as it is over the \$5,000 limit he can approve. Following brief discussion, on a motion by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and unanimously carried, the Committee concurred with settlement of the claim as outlined.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah H. Baldwin
Deputy Clerk of the Board