

Finance & Rules Committee
June 30, 2020
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Michael Montigelli, Legislators Robert Cantwell, William Johnson, Allen Drake, James Nabywaniec, Patrick Jareo, Frances Calarco, Board Chair Scott Gray

Others Present: Legislators Daniel McBride, John Peck, and Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Information Technology Director and Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Gregory Hudson, JCC President Ty Stone, PhD, JCC Vice President for Administration and Finance Daniel Dupee, PhD, Secretary Torri Richmire, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to address the Committee. The Committee approved the minutes of the May meeting, as written.

JCC Vice President Dupee and JCC President Ty Stone made a power point presentation to the Committee regarding the 2020-2021 JCC Budget (copy attached for file reference). Dr. Dupee noted that 66% of Jefferson County residents rate access to higher education as either excellent or good. He went over the various accomplishments of JCC from the past year and highlighted successful programs and community involvement including that 72% of JCC students are Jefferson County residents, and in Academic Year 2019, 588 degrees were conferred on 571 students. Pre-COVID-19 they projected enrollment would be down 5% and are currently projecting it will be down 19%. They advocated to the State for base rate funding, however that did not happen and the return to the FTE rate resulted in a \$663,000 loss in funding. The total projected budget for 2020-2021 is \$25.05 million, with a proposed tuition increase of 2%, planned fund balance usage of \$749,000 and the sponsor share from Jefferson County would remain the same. He said their goal is to maintain high quality, affordable education for the community.

President Stone advised that the \$663,000 reduction in funding is what they know for sure, but there may be additional reductions of 30% - 50%. In response to that latest projection they have made reductions in staff. She outlined JCC's response to the pandemic relating that 430 classes were converted from face-to-face to remote in two weeks and 170 students were transitioned out of the residence hall, all employees moved to remote work with minimal essential employees at the College. Re-opening of campus offices in phases began June 22, they are currently implementing State guidelines and preparing plans for re-opening to students. For the fall they are offering classes through remote, hybrid, and face-to-face modalities; they are currently assessing the risk of fall athletics and are also evaluating the safe operation of the residence halls as they have 120 applicants. She said they anticipate making a decision on the athletics and residence halls at the same time. Drs. Dupee and Stone answered questions of legislators relating that they currently have \$3.6 million in fund balance, assuming they receive

monies owed from the State, and the Lewis County location is currently closed and when re-opened it will also be done in phases.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Adopting the 2020-2021 Jefferson Community College Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Appropriation for the Conduct of Jefferson Community College for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Johnson 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 Johnson seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing the Vacating of Judgment of Foreclosure for Owners of Certain Parcels of Real Property and Discontinuance of Foreclosure Proceeding 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 Concurring in Settlement of Tax Certiorari Proceedings and Authorizing Refund of Taxes in Connection Therewith (Madison Barracks, LLC) and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement for Performance of a Single Audit of Jefferson County 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 Appointing Election Commissioner 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 resolution Authorizing Appointments and Reappointments to the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board 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 Drake seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced an additional resolution for consideration for Approval of Request for Renewal of a Lease Agreement between the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority and the New York State Department of Transportation for Air Space at the Thousand Islands Crossing 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.

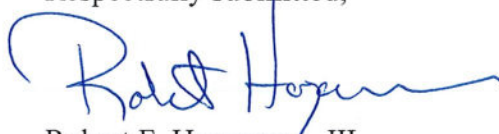
Chairman Montigelli asked if Committee members wished to single out any of the resolutions referred by other jurisdictional committees to be voted on separately before they are voted on as a block. Legislator Jareo advised that he does not wish to pull out the Stonegarden resolution at this time as it will be voted on again at the Board Session, but expressed a general disdain concerning this grant and in particular the purchase of license plate readers in the resolution; he felt generally, over all, these kinds of grants/programs are terrible for a free society. He said he would vote against it next week, but would go along with it at this time. The Committee approved the following General Services Committee resolutions:

- ✓ Authorizing Agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration, Emerging Growth Enterprise LLC dba NoFoam Systems, and McFarland Johnson, Inc. in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Aqueous Film-Foaming Foam Testing Equipment, SEQR Determination Related There to and Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan
- ✓ Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Jefferson County's Housing Improvement Program
- ✓ Authorizing FY 2019 Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement and Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Accepting Gift of Motor Vehicles from the State of New York for Use in Law Enforcement

Administrator Hagemann advised that the candy bar on everyone's desk is compliments of the late Legislator Fitzpatrick as they are what was left in her desk after she passed in April.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislator Drake and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board