

**General Services Committee**  
**October 13, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair Philip Reed, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Daniel McBride, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Anthony Doldo, Chairman of the Board Scott Gray

**Others Present:** Legislator Frances Calarco, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Highway Superintendent Jim Lawrence, Buildings Superintendent Spike Decker, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Alex Gault, Secretary Torri Richmire

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

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2020 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to New York State Research and Development Authority Clean Energy Project Funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride and seconded by Legislator Cantwell. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo 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 2020 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Cantwell. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Jefferson County to be Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Purpose of the 2020 Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land to Existing Agricultural Districts, and Making a Determination of Non-significance and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution 2020 Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land in Certified Agricultural Districts Before the Districts' Established Review Periods and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

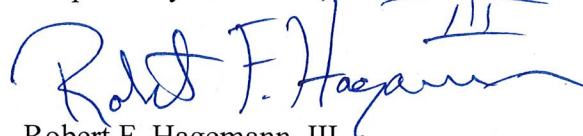
Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the County of Jefferson and the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for Broadband Mapping and Inventory in Jefferson County and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Ferris. In response to a question from Legislator Maxon, Mr. Hagemann stated that DANC will be conducting surveys in St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis Counties performing physical surveys to see where broadband is currently installed and where it doesn't exist and following up by contacting local residents regarding deficiencies, determining whether the deficiency is due to residents not wanting to utilize it or no access in that area. DANC will gather the information between now and Spring 2021 and next summer there will be a round of federal grant funding available to cover the cost of new installation of equipment to give all north country residents the opportunity to receive internet service if they so desire. With this resolution Jefferson County will compensate DANC for the study and their efforts of applying for and implementing the anticipated grant. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2020 County Budget in Relation to the Sheriff's Office and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Recognizing Department of Justice - State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Funding 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 McBride. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Doldo and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board