

General Services Committee
April 20, 2021
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Philip Reed, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Daniel McBride, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Corey Grant, Anthony Doldo

Others Present: County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Legislators William Johnson, John Peck, James Nabywaniec, Frances Calarco, District Attorney Kristyna Mills, WWNY TV Reporter John Pirsos, 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 March Committee meeting as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Accepting Donation for the Watertown International Airport and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator McBride. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 County Budget to Recognize Reserve Funds in the District Attorney's Office 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 introduced a resolution Amending the 2021 County Budget to Re-Appropriate Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Authorizing FY 2020 Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo seconded by Legislator Ferris. Legislator Maxon advised that he has a habit of voting against Stonegarden grants because of his concern regarding the way the money is spent but in all that he has read the Federal Government is abdicating their responsibility to protect the northern border and he is in favor of money being used for that and will vote in favor of it. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a Local Law Authorizing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator

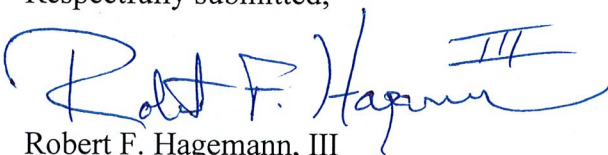
Doldo seconded by Legislator McBride. Legislator Maxon advised that because he is employed by the Department of Environmental Conservation he will abstain. Legislator Doldo stated that he will support this as it is a good opportunity for youth to get outdoors, enjoy nature and spend time with family as well as learning responsibility. Legislator Nabywaniec stated that this was included in the New York State Budget as a pilot program through 2023. He advised that 12-13 year olds have been able to use crossbow to hunt deer, bear and small game and this local law will allow them to use a firearm in a safe environment with a guardian. He will support this at the Finance and Rules Committee meeting next week. Legislator Peck is also in support, stating that as a youngster you get your hunting license and can shoot small game but to shoot a deer is what most dream of. He stated that hunting is a great pastime and teaches lessons in the responsibility of firearms. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented except Legislator Maxon who abstained.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Local Law Intro No. I of 2021 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Grant and seconded by Legislator Ferris. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Legislator Johnson stated that he has observed a lot of vehicles in the parking lot at the Watertown International Airport. Chairman Reed stated that yes activity has increased there and that the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting building is close to receiving a certificate of occupancy. He advised that he would like to hold another General Services Committee meeting at the airport this summer and tour the changes/updates that have been made there. He advised that there have been approximately \$40M of improvements at the airport done with grants not coming out of taxpayers pockets. He stated that the board has been very disciplined with their plan and have not carried debt by applying for grants and utilizing them for the improvements at the airport.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "H".

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board