

Finance & Rules Committee
February 23, 2021
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 Daniel McBride, and John Peck, County Attorney David Paulsen, Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs and Information Technology Director Gregory Hudson

Others Present:

Board Chair Scott Gray, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. and explained that the meeting was being held 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.

The Committee approved the minutes of the January meeting, as written.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with Maximus, Inc. For Professional Services Relative to the Development of Cost Allocation Plans 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 Reappropriating Funds from the Center for Tech and Civic Life and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell 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 Chief Elected Official Local Agreement Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 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 Establishing Time and Place for Public Hearing Related to the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Process 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 the New York State Legislature Provide Level Funding for the Northern New York Agricultural Development Board in the FY2022 State Budget at \$300,000 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.

On a motion by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislators Nabywaniec, Jareo, Drake and Cantwell and carried the Committee approved the following General Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Grants Relative to the Fire and Emergency Management Department and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (CR 189 over Grunley Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2021 County Budget and Capital Plan
- ✓ Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Homeland Security Grants Relative to the Sheriff's Department and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto **Legislator Jareo voted no on this resolution**
- ✓ Authorizing Inter-Municipal Agreement with the City of Watertown Regarding FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto

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

- ✓ Amending 2021 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation for Family First Readiness Funding

Legislator Nabywaniec was hopeful that with the positive Covid cases decreasing we may be able to meet in person next month. Mr. Hagemann cautioned that as it stands now in person meetings are suspended until mid-March and after that still remains to be seen.

Legislator Peck observed that the Health Benefits costs for Jan 2021 are substantially less than Jan 2020 costs. There was brief discussion concerning the cost of specialty drugs, and brand name prescription drugs vs generic; Chairman Montigelli related that how the prescription is filled depends on the way it is prescribed by the doctor. Chairman Montigelli who sits on a Health Insurance Committee said the ProAct representative who sits on the Committee is very informative and explains things in a non medical way, and the County's Consultant who sits on

the Committee, Mr. Cahill (Locy & Cahill) is also very knowledgeable and he has every confidence that the County is being treated fairly.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislators Drake and Cantwell and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board