

Finance & Rules Committee
November 3, 2021
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 Philip Reed, Daniel McBride, John Peck, Jeremiah Maxon, Robert Ferris, Corey Grant 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, Human Resources Director Valerie Nugent, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Alex Gault, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Committee Chair Montigelli called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor however no one present wished to speak. The Committee approved the minutes of the September meeting, as written.

Committee Chair Montigelli introduced a resolution Revising and Adopting 2022 Tentative Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Nabywaniec and seconded by Legislator Drake.

Legislator Jareo said he will not be asking to amend the budget tonight as he does not have enough support in this Committee, but he is giving everyone a heads up that he will look to make minor amendments to the public benefit agencies at the Board Session next week as he anticipates having enough support at that level. He said he appreciates the job Administration has done putting the budget together as it is exactly what we need for taxpayers at this time.

Legislator Nabywaniec commended Administration for the job they did in preparing the budget and said they did exactly what was asked concerning the authorized agencies. He said he is a more stay the course kind of legislator, but if we are going to look at authorized agencies more closely he suggested doing it next year through an Ad Hoc Committee process at the end of August, or beginning of September. However, he said he will keep an open mind regarding amendments when reviewing this budget next week.

There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Committee Chair Montigelli introduced a resolution for Appropriation for the Conduct of County Government for Fiscal Year 2022 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.

Committee Chair Montigelli introduced a resolution Adopting Capital Plan for 2022-2027 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.

Committee Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution for Certification of Taxes to the City of Watertown 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.

Committee Chair Montigelli introduced a resolution Levying Tax Map Maintenance Charges for 2022 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.

Committee Chair Montigelli introduced a resolution Accepting Funding from the American Rescue Plan and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell and seconded by Legislator Jareo. Legislator Jareo said he would be looking to make modifications to this resolution at the Board Session next week also. He said revisions would include making one time allocations to certain authorized agencies that have been more distressed than others during the pandemic. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Committee Chair 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 Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Committee Chair Montigelli introduced a Bond Resolution of the County of Jefferson, New York, Authorizing Issuance of \$2,000,000 Serial Bonds to Finance Fifty Percent of the Cost of Construction of an Athletics Turf Field to be Undertaken by Jefferson Community College and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Nabywaniec and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Committee Chair Montigelli introduced a resolution Increasing the Sliding Scale Income Eligibility Range for Partial Real Property Tax Exemptions for Certain Individuals Sixty-Five Years of Age or Over and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Johnson and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Committee Chair Montigelli introduced a resolution Establishing a Time and Place for Public Hearing on a Resolution Increasing the Sliding Scale Income Eligibility Range for Partial

Real Property Tax Exemptions for Certain Individuals Aged Sixty-Fiver or Over 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.

Committee Chair Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Employment Agreement with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Employees Local 3089, Council 82, AFSCME, AFL-CIO 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.

Committee Chair Montigelli introduced a resolution Designating a Certifying Officer for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Award 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.

Committee Chair Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing CAP Court, On-Call and Call-In Pay for Attorneys and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto 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.

On a motion by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Johnson and unanimously carried, the Committee entered executive session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss litigation. On a motion by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator Drake and unanimously carried the Committee returned to open session at 6:40 p.m.

Chairman Montigelli entertained a motion to enter into a settlement agreement with Shawn Granger in the amount of \$7,000 concerning a lawsuit he filed against the County. Such motion was made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Drake and unanimously carried.

Legislator Calarco was excused from the meeting.

Chairman Montigelli advised that the Committee would be voting on resolutions referred from each jurisdictional committee as a block, unless a legislator would like to pull a resolution out for discussion separately. On a motion by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Cantwell and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following General Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation to Aviation Fuel Purchases at the Watertown International Airport
- ✓ Amending 2021 County Budget in Relation to Road and Road Machinery Funds
- ✓ Accepting HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Grant Funding and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto

- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget for Corrections Insurance

On a motion by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislator Drake and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following Health & Human Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Accepting Supplemental Unmet Needs Funding through Office for the Aging and Amending the 2021 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget Relative to Community Services Department
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Community Services Mental Health Programs and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget to Accept Additional Funding for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Pilot Program and Amending Agreements in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Accepting Additional Funding for NYSDOH Supplemental Funding for Covid 19 Vaccine Response Contract and Amending the 2021 County Budget
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department - Emergency Medical Services
- ✓ Amending the 2021 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Accounts

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Johnson seconded by Legislator Cantwell and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk of the Board