

Finance & Rules Committee
April 26, 2022
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Michael Montigelli, Legislators Robert Cantwell, Allen Drake, Daniel McBride, Robert Ferris, Frances Calarco, Scott Gray and Board Chair William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators Philip Reed, James Nabywaniec, Corey Grant and Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, JCIDA Chief Executive Officer David Zembiec, YMCA Board Member Kevin Jordan, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Alex Gault, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 8:45 and offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to speak. The Committee approved the minutes of the March meeting, as written.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Payment of Legislators' Expenses and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Approving Mortgage Tax Report and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Gray and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget Relative to Records Management and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget for Insurance and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency in Relation to the American Rescue Plan Act and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented with Legislators McBride and Drake voting nay.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Inter-Municipal Agreement

with the City of Watertown Regarding Coffeen Street Construction Project and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Adopting Guidelines and Administrative Procedures in Relation to the County's Housing Improvement Program Funded by a 2021 NYS Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Cantwell and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Approving Appointments to the North Country HOME Consortium Administrative Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced an additional resolution that was not listed on the agenda Electing a Cents per Gallon Rate of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes on Motor Fuel and Diesel Motor Fuel, in Lieu of the Percentage Rate of Such Taxes, Pursuant to the Authority of Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Gray and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

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

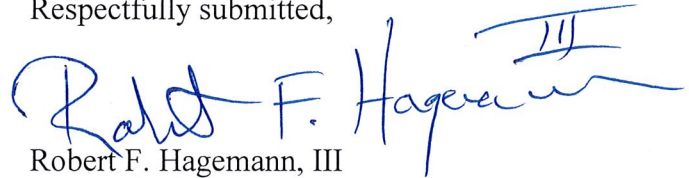
- ✓ Accepting New York State Office for the Aging American Rescue Plan Funding and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto
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- ✓ Amending the 2022 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Community Services Mental Health Programs and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Amending the 2022 County Budget to Accept Additional Funding for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Pilot Program and Amending Agreements in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Amending 2022 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue From NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Enhanced Adult Protective Services

There was discussion concerning a Health & Human Services Committee sponsored resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget to Allocate Additional State Aid for Mental Health Programs and Authorizing Amended Agreements in Relation Thereto. Legislators expressed opposition because it allocates money to the Children's Home noting all the complaints about them that were voiced before the Health & Human Services Committee. County Attorney Paulsen pointed out that the complaints we have received were for the foster care program, and the money in the resolution is for mental health services and he did not believe

we should lump the two together. Legislator Ferris said if the Children's Home allocation is taken out he would support the resolution. Attorney Paulsen stated that this Committee does not have the authority to amend the resolution. Legislator Gray said the allocation may be able to flow from New York State directly to the Children's Home without County involvement. Following discussion, the Committee did not approve the resolution, however that does not keep it from moving forward for action by the full Board.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Cantwell seconded by Legislator McBride and uanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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 a distinct "III" at the end.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board