

Finance & Rules Committee

June 28, 2022

Minutes

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

Others Present: Legislators Philip Reed, John Peck, James Nabywaniec, Jeremiah Maxon, Corey Grant, and Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, JCC Administrator in Charge Dan Dupee, JCC Interim Vice President for Administration & Finance William Emm, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Alex Gault, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 7:35 and offered Privilege of the Floor however no one present wished to speak.

JCC Administrator in Charge Dan Dupee introduced the new JCC Interim Vice President for Administration & Finance William Emm, and then made a power point presentation to the Committee concerning the 2022-2023 JCC Budget (copy attached for file reference). He said they continue to work on their 2020-2025 Strategic Plan which has four components: Pathways, Student Experience, Partnerships and Financial Sustainability. He said 69% of Jefferson County residents rate access to higher education as either excellent or good, noting that this is the highest quality of life indicator from the 2021 Center for Community Studies Survey of the Community.

Dr. Dupee went over accomplishments during the past year including: the Nursing Program being ranked #3 out of 68 programs in New York State, the receipt a \$250,000 SUNY Award to expand the nursing program; a Downtown Revitalization Initiative project and partnership for renovation of a building and relocation of programs to Downtown Watertown; the launch of a CDL-A program to meet a critical workforce need, and starting in Fall 2022 they will offer micro-credentials in six areas, and will have an e sports program. He said JCC continues to be a great resource for the community highlighting that they developed an in-home childcare provider training program that supported the creation of 40 new childcare slots in Jefferson County and is being replicated across the State, and hosted COVID-19 vaccination booster clinics. He said 70% of JCC students are Jefferson County residents, and in 2021 384 degrees were conferred with 74% going to Jefferson County residents.

With regard to the changing higher education marketplace, JCC has pressure to deliver a return on investment as employability is very important, and the demands on their physical plant are changing as it is no longer providing a typical education where everyone is sitting in a classroom hearing a lecture, so they will need to reshape and repurpose their space moving forward. With low unemployment and high employer demand they are developing enrollment strategies for new adult as well as traditional students and also focusing on student retention.

Dr. Dupee said they advocated for a base State Aid floor from the pre-pandemic 2018-19 budgeted amount, and received 100% of 2021-22 budgeted State Aid amount instead; the difference between the two is about \$1 million that they lost out on. He said the total operating budget for 2022-23 is \$24.5 million with a proposed tuition increase of 2.9%, planned fund balance usage of \$280,008, and additional stimulus fund balance usage of \$1,500,000, and they are requesting an increase of 2% from Jefferson County (approx \$104,000). The funding mix is: 26.7% State; 35.8% tuition and fees; 28.8% local share; 6.0% stimulus; 2.7% offset revenues. He said the most needy students do not have to worry about the tuition increase as they will still be able to cover the cost of education through grants without having out of pocket costs. Also, the College will strategically be using their remaining stimulus fund balance of about \$4 million over the next two to three years to close their budget gaps so that they aren't having lay offs, and they will continue to use attrition as their mode of decreasing expenses in the personnel area and focus on new student enrollment. He answered questions of legislators relative to the budget and programming at the College.

Chairman 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 Ferris seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Adopting the 2022-2023 Jefferson Community College Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Appropriation for the Conduct of Jefferson Community College for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Appointing Confidential Assistant for Fiscal Affairs and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

On a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator McBride and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following General Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Amending the 2022 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating Same in Buildings Department Budget
- ✓ Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the County Bridge Account
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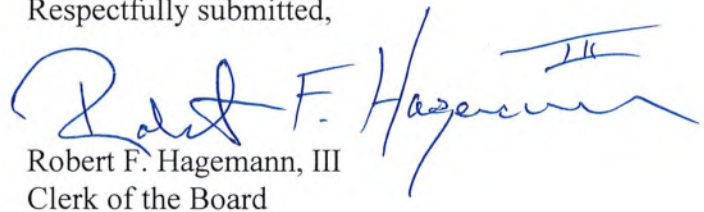
- ✓ Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to the County Road Machinery Fund
- ✓ Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to Recycling & Waste Management
- ✓ Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to Increased Fuel Prices

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

- ✓ Amending the 2022 County Budget Relative to Public Health Department Rabies Account
- ✓ Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program Grant
- ✓ Amending 2022 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Calarco and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board