

General Services Committee
May 17, 2022
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair James Nabywaniec, Legislators Philip Reed, Jeremiah Maxon, Chairman of the Board William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators Patrick Jareo, Anthony Doldo, Frances Calarco, Scott Gray, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Airport Manager Grant Sussey, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Probation Director Kristine Maloney, Larry Danforth, JCC Research Coordinator, Secretary Torri Richmire

Chairman Nabywaniec called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Committee approved the minutes of the March Committee meeting as presented. Chairman Nabywaniec offered privilege of the floor, however no one present wished to address the Committee.

Joel LaLone, Research Director, Jefferson Community College, Center for Community Studies, presented the committee with results of the First Annual North Country Community Studies “Current Issues” Survey including Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties. Mr. LaLone reported that 1,457 residents of the tri-county area participated in the survey via landline, cell phone, email and face to face interviews.

Residents were interviewed on the following topics: Inflation and Current Economic Situations; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Community Services and Issues; Local Government and Leaving the Workforce. Per Mr. LaLone, results indicate that North Country residents feel that:

- The North Country would benefit from more initiatives related to diversity, equity and inclusion and members of the LGBTQ+ are welcome in their community.
- The U.S. should increase the number of Ukrainian immigrants that are accepted into our country and they would be welcome to seek refuge in North Country communities.
- Homeless shelters would be supported in neighborhoods and that county government should financially support them.
- Law enforcement and other emergency personnel are not adequately equipped to respond to mental health emergencies and that county government should increase financial support even if it increases property taxes.
- Assistance programs for teenagers struggling with suicide and other mental health issues should be a priority.
- Local level elected officials should govern independent of their political party affiliation.

Mr. LaLone stated that the full survey can be found at the JCC website (sunyjefferson.edu/community/community-studies). He encouraged Legislators to submit questions for the next survey.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements in Relation to the Acquisition of Snow Removal Equipment at the Watertown International Airport and Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Johnson. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending Delegated Authority to Contract on Behalf of the County of Jefferson for Airport and Fixed Base Operator Business and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to the Watertown International Airport and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Grant Agreement and Authorizing Lead Agency Status and Determination of Non-Significance in Accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act for the Airport Fuel Farm and Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Watertown International Airport to Apply for a Grant Through the Northern Border Regional Commission for Fuel Farm Replacement and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Reed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements and Lead Agency Status and Determination of Non-Significance in Accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act for the Entrance and Circulation Road at the Watertown International Airport and Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Reed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to Overtime Accounts in District Attorney's and Public Defender's Offices and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with Certain Towns Within the County for Dog Control Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Reed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for Use of Tower Space at the Dry Hill Radio Transmission Tower and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Johnson. Legislator Maxon expressed his concerns regarding the federal governments expansion of surveillance in Jefferson County and stated that he will be voting no on this resolution. There being no discussion, Legislator Maxon was opposed resulting in the resolution moving forward with a negative recommendation.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing an Amended Agreement Regarding the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Bridge NY" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (CR 30 over Indian River Tributary), Appropriating Funds Therefor and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Reed. Mr. Hagemann advised that this resolution and the next three have been previously approved by the Board of Legislators but the NYS Department of Transportation requested adding a phrase to each one. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing an Amended Agreement Regarding the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Bridge NY" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (Replacement of Coolidge Road over Indian River), and Appropriating Funds Therefor and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing an Amended Agreement Regarding the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Bridge NY" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (Oxbow-Rossie Road (CR25) over Vrooman Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing an Amended Agreement Regarding the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State "Bridge NY" Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project (Weaver Road over Skinner Creek), Appropriating Funds Therefor and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Maxon. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Accepting Hydroseeder from Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District for Use at Highway and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Reed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement in Relation to the State Alternatives to Incarceration (Pre-Trial Release) Program Funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Reed.

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

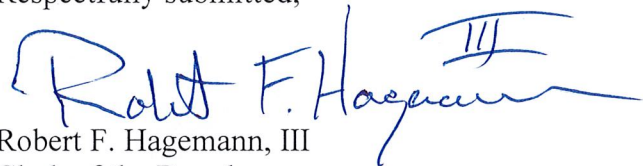
Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget Relative to the Sheriff's Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon and seconded by Legislator Reed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing FY2021 Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Johnson. There being no discussion, Legislator Maxon was opposed resulting in the resolution moving forward with a negative recommendation.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget to Recognize Funds Received from the Sale of Timber and Forestry Products on Fort Drum and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Johnson. There being no discussion, Legislator Maxon abstained resulting in the resolution moving forward with a negative recommendation.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Reed seconded by Legislator Maxon and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is stylized with a large "R" and "H", and the "III" is written as a separate mark above the end of the name.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board