

General Services Committee

August 16, 2022

Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair James Nabywaniec, Legislators Philip Reed, Daniel McBride, John Peck, Robert Ferris, Corey Grant, Chairman of the Board William Johnson

Others Present: Legislators Patrick Jareo, Frances Calarco, Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Airport Manager Grant Sussey, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Fire and Emergency Management Director Joseph Plummer, Secretary Torri Richmire

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

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreements with the Federal Aviation Administration, the New York State Department of Transportation, McFarland Johnson 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 Ferris. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement New York State Unified Certification Program as a Non-Certifying Partner and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator McBride. 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 Airport and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Grant. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Legislator Peck joined the meeting.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Accepting Donations on Behalf of the Watertown International Airport and Amending the 2022 County Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride 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 FY2021-2022 New York State Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride 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 FY2021-2022 NYS Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Peck. 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 FY2019 Hazmat Grant Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck and seconded by Legislator McBride. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Highway Department Consolidated Highway Funding and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Grant and seconded by Legislator Ferris. In response to a question from Legislator Jareo, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence advised that there has been an increase in cost for repair items and blacktop but with grant assistance from New York State and recent budget transfers to increase the fuel line they are still on budget. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Establishing Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the 2022 Inclusions of Viable Agricultural Land in NYS Certified Agricultural Districts and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck and seconded by Legislator McBride. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Recognizing NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Child Passenger Safety Program Grant and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Grant. 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 Dispatch and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride and seconded by Legislator Reed. In response to a question from Legislator McBride, County Administrator Robert Hagemann stated that the vacancies in dispatch are being filled but training is done in clusters of four so it can't all be done at once. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Mr. Hagemann advised that there has been a new law passed in Albany effective September 1, 2022 regarding processing of pistol permits and that Undersheriff Brian McDermott will attend a future meeting to explain the changes. He stated that in 2020 there were 499 permit requests, 2021 there were 857 requests and through May 2022 there have been 206 requests and that they are on a 10 month average for processing. He advised that they are currently processing 137 applications and have 292 more to process. The Undersheriff expressed concern with some of the changes to come, one being that the judge will be more actively involved, creating another step to be taken in the process, as well as additional training for first time and renewal applicants.

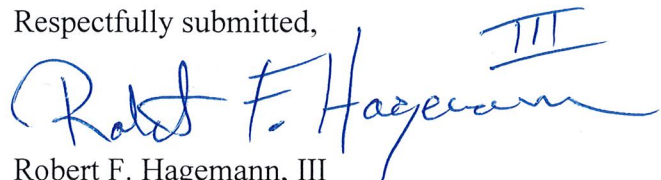
Chairman Nabywaniec announced that August 24th the Business After Hours will be held at the Watertown International Airport and that he is hoping that all Legislators will be able to attend. He also stated that the next General Services Committee meeting will be held September 13th, a change from the schedule sent out in January.

Legislator Peck stated that John Exford, Jefferson County Mobility Manager, is in the process of laying the groundwork for a Rural Network Transit System in Jefferson County and would like to address the committee regarding the board's interest in the project. He also advised that Mr. Exford will be setting up public listening sessions in various districts in September to gather input from local leaders and residents as to the interest and/or benefits of the transit system.

Legislator Doldo gave kudos to the Dispatch Center and the County's upgrade to the 911 Public Radio System for quick action disabling the radio in a stolen Sheriff's vehicle resulting in capture of the criminal.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Grant and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann" with "III" written above the end of the signature.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board