

General Services Committee

July 18, 2023

Minutes

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

Others Present: Legislators Patrick Jareo, Frances Calarco, Steel Potter, Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Sheriff Peter Barnett, Undersheriff Kristopher Spencer, Lt. Shaun Cuddeback, Lt. James Gayne, Planning Director Michael Bourcy, Fire and Emergency Management Director Joseph Plummer, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Solid Waste Maintenance Supervisor Kyle Rutigliano, Airport Manager Grant Sussey, District Attorney Kristyna Mills, Probation Director Kristine Maloney, Secretary Torri Richmire

Chairman Nabywaniec called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The minutes of the June Committee meeting were approved as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec offered privilege of the floor, Beth Johnson, County Route 75, Henderson, NY addressed the committee regarding stray dogs in the road on County Route 75. She stated that she has made numerous calls to Dog Control and 911 with no resolution. She is concerned for the safety of the dogs and vehicles traveling the road and would like something to be done.

Lori Rutherford, 13811 County Route 63, Adams, NY stated that she would like to see the \$45 adoption fee charged by Dog Control go back into the department to be utilized for care of the dogs. She suggested that cameras be installed in the facility and that the hours on the weekend be amended, stating that being open 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday and closed on Sunday is unacceptable. She knows that they go in on Sunday to take care of the dogs but leaving the dogs alone for that amount of time is awful for them. She also believes that they need more help whether it be hired help or volunteers.

Jennifer Doldo, Breen Avenue, Watertown, NY voiced her concerns about the amount of time that the dogs are left alone on weekends, the lack of interaction, exercise and care that they are receiving. She stated that a plan needs to be put in place to move the dogs in a timely manner claiming that keeping them caged for months creates a "broken" dog making them unplaceable.

Nicole Billman, 7998 Lake Road, Belleville, NY is also worried about the stray dogs running on County Route 75 as her husband almost hit one on Sunday morning. She stated that had the dogs been picked up when she placed a call to 911 that morning there wouldn't be an issue at this time.

Chairman Nabywaniec stated that an adhoc committee has been formed and they are reviewing the report done on the dog control facility. He advised that he knows that their concerns

are not being addressed as quickly as they would like but the board will address them and a new plan will be developed.

Carl Farone, Executive Director, Development Authority of the North Country (DANC), updated the Committee on the Materials Management Division and tipping fees adjustment. He advised that tipping fees had been at the same rate from 2012-2021 (\$44/ton) with increases January 2022 (\$47/ton), 2023 (\$50/ton) and 2024 (\$54/ton). He stated that material management weight volumes are about 240,000 tons annually which is 2% more than the previous year but inline with historical averages. He reported that leachate management continues to be a key element of managing the landfill, they are doing that by putting clean dirt and clay down prior to precipitation so it doesn't turn into leachate.

Mr. Farone advised that DANC is now operating two working phases of the landfill, the original landfill developed in 1992 and in 2022 the Southern Expansion began accepting waste. He stated that NYS Department of Conservation now requires that they have three compactors, one in each landfill and a backup compactor in case one is not operational.

He reported that DANC sold the recycling transfer station in Harrisville, NY reducing their operating expense. He stated that one of his priorities since taking office was to reduce the carbon footprint and with the sale of the Harrisville site they will be taking the hard to recycle items there, such as tires, mattresses and textiles, no longer having to ship them to Buffalo or farther.

Mr. Farone reported on DANC's estimated liner and closure construction costs through 2072 as well as their five year capital plan and answered questions of committee members.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to the Watertown International Airport Runway 28 Medium-Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment Indicator Lights (MALSR) and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Reed and seconded by Legislator Peck. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Recognizing NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services GIVE Grant Award to the District Attorney's Office and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator McBride. Mr. Hagemann stated that there are three GIVE grants on the agenda this evening, for District Attorney, Probation and the Sheriff's Department. In response to a question regarding the grant, District Attorney Kristyna Mills advised that New York State has allocated a large amount of additional money to the GIVE grant statewide, with Jefferson County being a recipient due to increased violence in the City of Watertown. NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services mandates that a strategy be chosen and Hot Spot Policing was chosen as it is the least intensive strategy due to all three departments being short-staffed. She explained that Hot Spot Policing is identifying areas in the City of Watertown where the violent crimes take place. That is done by hiring a Crime Analyst who will review statistics and police will focus their efforts on those hot spot areas by increasing patrols, with a collaborative effort between City Police, the Sheriff's Department and Probation. The theory is that an increased police presence

should act as a deterrent to violent crime in those areas. This will also help them determine top offenders in the area and target those individuals specifically. She explained that this doesn't mean spying on these individuals until they commit a crime, it means trying to get these people into Intensive Probation when they do get in trouble. Probation Director Kristine Maloney explained that the GIVE Probation sentence is different than the other programs they have, where they use State Validated Risk Assessment Tools to determine the level of supervision a client needs which will define how many visits per week and the type of visits the client will have with their officers. This program will be for individuals predetermined through the court: it will be for a minimum of one year with the 14 orders and conditions of Probation and will also require six months of electronic monitoring, an employment program and a counseling piece as well. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget to Recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating Same in Dog Control Department Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Reed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Accepting Donation for the Dog Control Department and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride and seconded by Legislator Ferris. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement With Tetra Tech Services for Consulting and Plan Development Support for the Jefferson County Office of Fire and Emergency Management 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 2023-2027 Intergovernmental Agreements Between Jefferson County and Its Towns Relative to Road and Bridge Maintenance Services; Construction and Reconstruction of Roads; and Sanding, Snow and Ice Removal 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 2023 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 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 2023 County Budget in Relation to Recycling and Waste Management and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck and seconded by Legislator Ferris. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

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Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Approving Appointment to the Jefferson County Planning Board and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck and seconded by Legislator Ferris. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing an Agreement with AutoMon, LLC and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator McBride. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

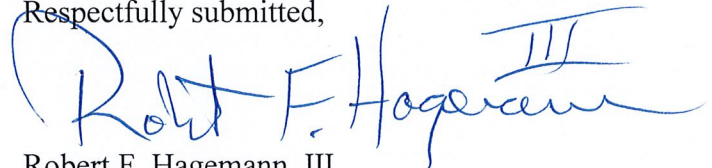
Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Recognizing NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services GIVE Grant Award to the Probation Department and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Peck. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Recognizing NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services GIVE Grant Award to the Sheriff's Office and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck and seconded by Legislator Ferris. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec entertained a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing current litigation in the matter of M.C. vs Jefferson County and matters within the Sheriff's Department. Such motion was made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Peck and the Committee entered executive session at 7:10 p.m. The Committee returned to open session at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Peck and unanimously carried.

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