

Finance & Rules Committee
January 31, 2023
Minutes

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

Others Present: Legislators John Peck, Patrick Jareo, Corey Grant and Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Sarah Baldwin, County Attorney David Paulsen, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Montigelli called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor however no one present wished to speak. The Committee approved the minutes of the December Committee meeting, as written

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

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation to Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund 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 sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Committing Fund Balance for Contingencies and Tax Stabilization and Amending the 2022 County Budget in Relation Thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco and seconded by Legislator Ferris. Legislator Ferris asked if there were other funds already in this account, and Mr. Hagemann said this resolution establishes the account and Board action will be required to take funds out of this account. Following discussion, the Committee agreed sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Approving Amended Jefferson County Administrative Policies and Procedures Relative to Travel and Credit Card Policy and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds for the County Clerk's Office for Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Calarco seconded by Legislator McBride and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing The Chief Elected Official Local Agreement Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 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 sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement with New York State Department of Labor in Relation to the Employment and Training Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Calarco and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Amending the 2023 County Budget for Insurance and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride seconded by Legislator Ferris and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed sponsor the resolution as presented.

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

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Re-Appointing Member to the Regional Fish and Wildlife Management Board 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 sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Re-Appointing Members to Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors 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 sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution Authorizing the County of Jefferson's Participation in the Proposed Settlement of Opioid- Related Claims Against Teva and its Related Corporate Entities 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 sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli introduced a resolution 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 and seconded by Legislator Ferris. Legislator Doldo said as a gas station owner he can say first hand that because the State is not excusing their portion, the County's action only saves the average consumer about \$0.02 per gallon, it is really not worth it, and he would not be

supporting it. He said because of the price fluctuation for gas in general you will probably not see the price drop at all. He understood that legislators want to give people a break on taxes, but this is a paperwork nightmare for service station owners because they have to pre-pay their sales tax on fuel. He suggested giving people in the community a break on sales tax for everyday items that they purchase as it would have a bigger impact. Following discussion, the Committee agreed sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Montigelli advised that unless there were any objections, resolutions from the other two jurisdictional committees would be addressed as a block.

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 and Capital Plan to Recognize 2022 Revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act Funding for the Watertown International Airport
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan to Recognize 2022 Revenue from the Passenger Facility Charges at the Watertown International Airport
- ✓ Reappropriating Funds from Various Unspent Grants Relative to the Fire and Emergency Management Department and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Program
- ✓ Authorizing the Implementation and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program Aid Eligible Costs of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project CR 87 (Sandy Creek Road) over Lindsey Creek, Appropriating Funds Therefor and Amending the 2022 County Budget and Capital Plan
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget to Reappropriate New York State Septic System Replacement Program Funds
- ✓ Authorizing Agreements in Connection with New York State Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program and Amending 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Accepting Funding and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to State Funding for Pretrial Services
- ✓ Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to the State FY22 State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program Grant

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

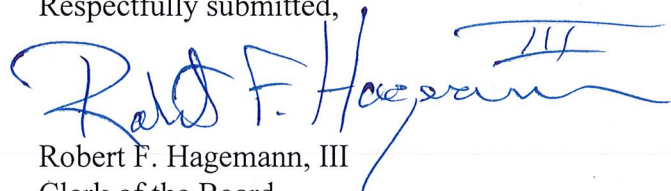
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget to Reappropriate Funds for Veterans Peer Support (P2P) Program
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget Relative to Community Services Department State Aid
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to Community Services Program

- ✓ for Preschool Children with Disabilities
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to Community Services – Early Intervention
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget and Authorizing Amended Agreement in Relation to New York State Public Health Corps Fellowship Program
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget and Authorizing Amended Agreement in Relation to Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Reopening Schools Grant Award
- ✓ Accepting Funding in Connection with NYSDOH Local Health Department Performance Incentive Initiative and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Authorizing Amended Agreement with Netsmart for Hosting Service in Relation to Electronic Visit Verification System and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Amending the 2023 County Budget Relative to Additional Revenue from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding

Legislator Ferris said he voted yes on limiting the gas tax so that it could get to the full Board for a decision. He understood Legislator Doldo's position, but wanted to move forward with giving people a break on their taxes and was open to other suggestions as to how that can be done.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator McBride and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Hagemann, III". The signature is stylized and includes a flourish above the name.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board