

General Services Committee
March 21, 2023
Minutes

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

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

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

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Inter-Municipal Agreement with BOCES for Provision of Drug and Alcohol Testing 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 Amending the 2023 County Budget and Capital Plan in Relation to 911 Emergency Dispatch Phone System Upgrade and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride and seconded by Legislator Grant. In response to questions from Legislators, Fire and Emergency Management Director Joseph Plummer stated that this is approximately a \$500,000 upgrade and this resolution moves money out of the cell phone surcharge reserve to pay for the upgrade. This will update software and servers as well as install new switches. He advised that the system will not be down at any point while this upgrade is happening. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Nabywaniec introduced a resolution Authorizing Agreement and Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to the FY22 New York State Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant (SICG) 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 Amending the 2023 County Budget in Relation to the County Road Machinery Fund and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride 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 2023 County Budget in

Relation to Recycling & Waste Management 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 Establishing Time and Place for Public Hearing Related to the Status of the Implementation of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Award 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 Authorizing Agreement for Raise the Age Relative to Probation Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Maxon 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 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 Ferris 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 2023 County Budget in Relation to the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee's Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator McBride 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 2023 County Budget to Reappropriate Insurance Recovery in Sheriff's Department 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.

Airport Manager Grant Sussey reported that American Airlines Envoy Air Station Agents were awarded the American Airlines Customer Cup for the fourth quarter of 2022. He stated that the agents take care of travelers bags, deicing planes and assisting with boarding/deboarding of passengers. The award is for operational excellence, a strong safety record and superior customer service. He advised that American Airlines VIP's flew in and had a party for the employees celebrating their award. He expressed his congratulations and thanks for all the hard work that they did this past winter and they continue to do.

Mr. Sussey reported that the parking lot at the Watertown International Airport is full to capacity with spring break travelers and that passenger numbers for January and February are up, this February up 20% compared to February 2022. He stated that this years Chili Cook Off sponsored by the Jefferson County Volunteer Transportation Center was held in February and that a team of airline representatives, TSA representatives and county airport employees entered and won first place in the Amateur Category.

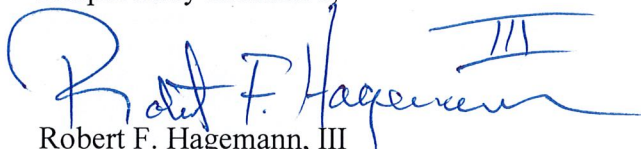
He also reported that the target date for construction at the airport to begin is April 1st, projects this Spring/Summer are the access loop road in front of the terminal and the Medium-Intensity Approach Lighting System (MALS). He stated that American Airlines has mentioned upgrading the plane at the airport by increasing the passenger plane from a 50 seater to a 61 or 76 seater within the next year.

Chairman Nabywaniec reported that he and County Administrator Hagemann met with Libby Post, Executive Director of NYS Animal Protection Federation, at the NYSAC Conference earlier in the month and showed her data from the Jefferson County Dog Control with positive feedback from her. Mr. Hagemann stated that Jefferson County has joined the NYS Animal Protection Federation which is a statewide organization that will benefit our county by giving feedback, program improvements, training, as well as a network for recruiting staff. He stated that an advantage to joining the federation is that three years down the road when NYS Agriculture and Markets implement new rules for dog control they will come in and do an assessment of our facility and provide consulting at no charge through a state grant.

Legislator Peck informed committee members of a public hearing hosted by the NYS Department of Transportation regarding replacing and moving the bridge over the Black River in the Village of Brownville. The hearing will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23rd at the General Brown Central High School.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Maxon seconded by Legislator Ferris and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 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