

SPECIAL SESSION

JUNE 18, 2024

Chairman Johnson called the Special Session to order at 6:09 p.m. The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Jordan Drake who was the grandson of long standing, former Legislator Allen T. Drake.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

All members present except Legislator Peck.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Justin Taylor, Clayton, NY thanked Administrator Robert Hagemann for the positive relationship the Town of Clayton has enjoyed for last 27 years. He said a lot of positive things have happened between the Town of Clayton and Jefferson County, including clean-up the Frink site, building the Harbor Hotel, and being able to pay the past back taxes to the County on that property. Mr. Taylor spoke to the Occupancy Tax Law that was adopted by the State Legislature and is awaiting the Governor's signature regarding short term rentals. He hoped the County could circumvent the 22 towns in the County from having to create their own working documents and do something at the County level that would provide some consistency. Finally, with regard to Resolution No. 180 on tonight's agenda, on behalf of the Town and Village of Clayton, he welcomed Ryan Piche to Jefferson County.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

Chairman Johnson entertained a motion to waive Standing Rules 35 and 60 to permit the introduction of two resolutions for consideration. Such motion was made by Legislator Jareo seconded by Legislator Grant and unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 179

Authorizing Agreements in Relation to Construction of the Watertown International Airport Terminal and Gateway Redevelopment Project, and SEQR Determination Thereto

By Legislator: Philip N. Reed, Sr.

Whereas, By Resolution 351 of 2022, and Resolution 263 of 2023, the Board of Legislators authorized agreements with the New York State Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration for grants related to terminal reconstruction and expansion, and McFarland Johnson Inc. for design services associated with the project, and

Whereas, McFarland Johnson has since completed said design, coordinated the bidding process, and evaluated bid responses, and

Whereas, The following low bidders for Base Bid plus Alternates 1, 2, and 3 are recommended for award: Bette & Cring, LLC for general construction in the amount of \$12,997,500; Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for plumbing construction in the amount of \$1,568,709; Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc for mechanical construction in the amount of \$2,214,982; S&L Electric, Inc. for electrical construction in the amount of \$2,752,000; and Equip-Co Unlimited of NY, LLC, for geothermal field construction in the amount of \$787,122; and

Whereas, McFarland Johnson will provide Construction Observation and Grant Administration Services at a cost not to exceed \$3,250,000, and

Whereas, The Jefferson County local share for the aforementioned contracts totals \$116,021, and

Whereas, Funds are available in the Airport Terminal capital account (20561000 02088), and

Whereas, An Environmental Assessment was prepared in 2015 and a finding of No Significant Impact was issued by the FAA and a updated Environmental Assessment was prepared in 2024 and a finding of No Significant Interest is anticipated in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and

Whereas, The proposed improvements are classified as Unlisted Actions for which Jefferson County is an involved agency for the purposes of review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) and the County will undertake as Lead Agency an uncoordinated review of the project and, in connection herewith, has reviewed a Short Environmental Assessment Form completed in conjunction with McFarland Johnson, Inc.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into agreements with Bette & Cring, LLC for general construction in the amount of \$12,997,500; Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for plumbing construction in the amount of \$1,568,709; Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc for mechanical construction in the amount of \$2,214,982; S&L Electric, Inc. for electrical construction in the amount of \$2,752,000; and Equip-Co Unlimited of NY, LLC, for geothermal field construction in the amount of \$787,122; and be it further

Resolved, That Jefferson County enter into an agreement with McFarland Johnson to provide Construction Observation and Grant Administration Services at a cost not to exceed \$3,250,000, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators, be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreements on behalf of the County, including any changes orders as recommended by the Director of Aviation and County Administrator not to exceed the funding available, subject to review of the County Attorney as to form and content, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute the determination of non-significance under SEQR.

Seconded by Legislator: Robert W. Cantwell, III

All members present voted aye.

Resolution No. 180

Appointing County Administrator

By Legislator: James A. Nabywaniec

Whereas, The office of Jefferson County Administrator will be vacant as of July 7, 2024 with the retirement of Robert F. Hagemann, III, and

Whereas, The County of Jefferson conducted a diligent search for a replacement and the search committee has selected Ryan Piche as the most qualified candidate, and

Whereas, The Board of Legislators desires to appoint Ryan Piche County Administrator.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that pursuant to Jefferson County Local Law No. 10 of 1986, as amended by Local Law No. 1 of 1996, Ryan Piche is hereby appointed as County Administrator for the County of Jefferson for a term to begin on September 30, 2024 and to expire December 31, 2024, pursuant to the terms of compensation set forth herein, and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an employment agreement with the appointee pursuant to the terms set forth below subject to approval of the County Attorney as to form and content.

Compensation Schedule

Salary:	2024- \$170,000 at time of appointment (annualized for 2024).
Classification:	Flat Professional.
Retirement:	New York State and Local Retirement System.
Vacation:	2024- 20 days vacation accrued in advance. No vacation to be accrued under Management Policy Manual. May carry forward a maximum balance of 40 days accrued vacation beyond employment anniversary date.
Sick Leave:	To be accrued at the rate specified in the Management Policy Manual.
Longevity:	To be accrued according to Management Policy Manual based on the rate for Level A, Grade 1 set forth in the Management Compensation Schedule for each applicable year.

Moving Expenses: Employer to reimburse actual expenditures up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Resignation: Administrator to provide written notice (60) sixty calendar days in advance of resignation.

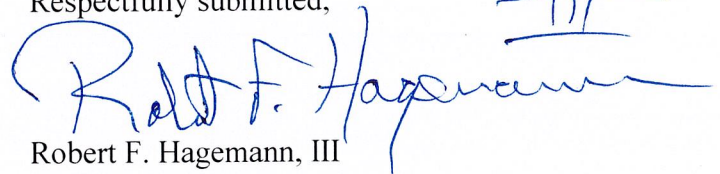
It is mutually understood that this compensation package is supplemented by the standard fringe benefit package for management employees which would include employer provided health insurance, standard leave benefits, milage reimbursement, etc. in accordance with the Jefferson County Management Policy Manual with the exception of those compensation items that have been specifically modified by this resolution.

Seconded by Legislator: Michael A. Montigelli

All members present voted aye. Chairman Johnson congratulated Ryan Piche on his appointment.

There being no further business of the Special Session, on a motion by Legislator Potter seconded by Legislator Montigelli 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, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "H". Above the name, the Roman numeral "III" is written and underlined.

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board