

**Planning & Development Committee**  
**June 11, 2013**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair Barry Ormsby, Legislators Robert Thomas, Philip Reed, Allen Drake, John Peck, Michael Behling, Robert Ferris, Chairwoman Carolyn Fitzpatrick

**Others Present:** Legislators Michael Montigelli, Michael Astafan, James Nabywaniec, Scott Gray, Jennie Adsit, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Michael Kaskan, Planning Director Don Canfield, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Treasurer Accountant Anne Converse, JCC President Carole McCoy, Soil and Water Interim Executive Director Christine Watkins, Trail Coordinator Pat Crast, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Daniel Flatley, Senior Typist Torri Richmire

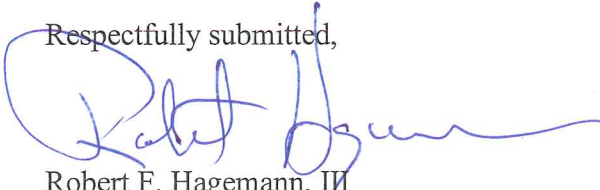
Chairman Ormsby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The minutes of the May meeting were approved without objection or correction.

John Humphrey, 912 Group, addressed the committee regarding the concerns of the group with loss of private property rights, local government control and overall centralization of government, diminishing the input of the individual citizen.

Chairman Ormsby introduced a resolution authorizing agreement with Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District and amending the 2013 County Budget in relation thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Peck and seconded by Legislator Reed. Legislator Peck expressed the Soil and Water Boards appreciation for the Legislators' consideration of this resolution. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Joel LaLone and Raymond Petersen, Jefferson Community College, Center for Community Studies, presented the committee with results of the 2013 Jefferson County Community Survey. Mr. LaLone stated that this is the fourteenth annual telephone survey which was done April 1-2 to landline and cell phones by center staff and JCC faculty members. He stated that overall 86 percent of residents polled said the quality of life is getting better or staying the same. Residents felt the community has better shopping opportunities, access to higher education, availability of housing, recreational opportunities and availability of care for the elderly, but is getting worse in terms of cost of energy, availability of good jobs, overall state of local economy, real estate taxes and local government. Chairman Ormsby thanked Mr. LaLone and Mr. Petersen for a very thorough and comprehensive report.

There being no further business, on a motion by Legislator Peck seconded by Legislator Reed and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board