

General Services Committee
April 16, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chairman Philip Reed, Legislators Michael Astafan, Michael Behling, Robert Ferris, Scott Gray, Jennie Adsit, Anthony Doldo, Chairwoman of the Board Carolyn Fitzpatrick

Others Present: Legislators Robert Thomas, Allen Drake, Michael Montigelli, John Peck, James Nabywaniec, Barry Ormsby, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Michael Kaskan, County Attorney David Paulsen, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Real Property Tax Services Director Paul Warneck, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Daniel Flatley, Senior Typist Torri Richmire

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor. The minutes of the March meeting were approved without objection or correction.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution amending the 2013 County Budget to recognize Insurance Recovery and allocating same in Buildings and Grounds Department Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Astafan and seconded by Legislator Gray. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution authorizing FY 2011 Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement and amending the 2013 County Budget in relation thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Adsit and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution authorizing agreement and amending the 2013 County Budget with respect to Sheriff's Department Byrne Grant from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Astafan and seconded by Legislator Behling. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution amending the 2013 County Budget in relation to the Fixed Base Operator at the Watertown International Airport and entertained a motion for consideration. Mr. Hagemann advised that Legislators have received a revised resolution correcting the increase and decrease lines. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Adsit. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced Local Law Intro No. I of 2013 - "A Local Law Establishing an Airport Department" and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Astafan and seconded by Legislator Doldo. Mr. Hagemann advised that there has been

a budget for this department and that this local law is a formality to establish the department. Chairman Reed stated that Mr. Lawrence has done an outstanding job getting the airport where it is and that this is another step in having it function like an enterprise. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Local Law Intro. I of 2013 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Astafan and seconded by Legislator Behling. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Mr. Hagemann advised that there is a movement statewide to consolidate and streamline recyclable material. Locally the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) has been working with Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties as well as the City of Watertown to prepare a draft local law which they presented informally to all three counties with no specific date to take action but he advised that there is a lengthy process in instituting a Local Law. He stated that Legislators received a memorandum from Mr. Kaskan highlighting areas within the local law that are deserving of their attention, those being:

- Flow Control - Jefferson County currently does not have
- Enforcement - An activity that the county currently does not aggressively implement. DANC is willing to take on that responsibility in a uniform way for all three counties. Since they are the entity that will find the violation on the front end it seems logical but is a decision that has to be made because it requires a separate agreement.
- Permitting - As it relates to certain businesses there is no linkage to our operation nor with DANC which would be additional responsibility that we currently don't have.
- Clear trash bags - would also require enforcement.

Mr. Hagemann stated that they are looking for feedback and once there is a consensus the language will be adjusted accordingly and brought back for review and the Local Law process will begin.

In response to a question from Legislator Astafan, Mr. Kaskan advised that Jefferson County currently has a solid waste law that has much of the same language as the draft resolution with a \$100 permit fee that would remain the same. Legislator Astafan stated that his concern is that the new regulations could make it costly for the small business trash hauler to operate and may force them out of business. Mr. Lawrence stated that the proposed permitting system is similar to what Jefferson County has now. He also stated that with the commercial permit it gives haulers a reduced tipping fee. Chairman Reed advised that he doesn't believe there is anything in the draft that will hurt operations of the smaller haulers.

Mr. Hagemann reminded that the goal of DANC is to streamline the local law making them similar for easier enforcement but they do not suggest that all three have to be the same.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the draft mirrors more of our county than it does the other two counties. He advised that this was a year of cooperative effort with the tri county area to create a uniform solid waste management plan that still needs to be approved by NYSDEC.

Chairman Reed stated that the smaller haulers are very important to the community because operation costs are less and they play an intricate part in providing services for the rural residents. This local law will provide a level playing field where everyone is consistent and follows the same rules.

Legislator Gray requested a comparison defining the differences between the current local law on the books and the draft. Mr. Kaskan stated that the significant differences are in the memo that he provided to Legislators. He did say that there are some mistakes in the way that the enforcement is written in the draft local law but it would be corrected before presenting to Legislators.

Legislator Gray stated that he does not believe that flow control is an issue and unless there is a desire by board members to enact it, that it can be taken off the table. Legislators Behling, Ferris and Doldo voiced their opposition to flow control in Jefferson County.

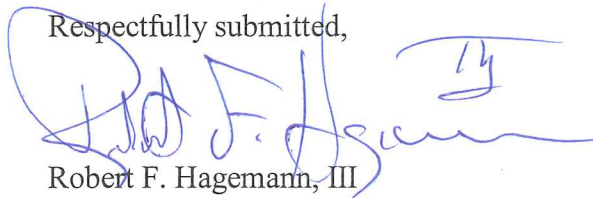
Mr. Hagemann advised that Administration will make adjustments to the Local Law based on this evenings discussion and present a final review.

Chairman Reed entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation in the matter of Onondaga Development. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Behling and unanimously carried. The Committee entered executive session at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion by Legislator Thomas seconded by Legislator Astafan and unanimously carried, the Committee returned to open session at 8:55 p.m.

There being no further business, on a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Doldo and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk of the Board