

General Services Committee
February 19, 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 Michael Docteur, Robert Thomas, Michael Montigelli, John Peck, Barry Ormsby, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Michael Kaskan, County Attorney David Paulsen, Highway Superintendent James Lawrence, Fire and Emergency Management Services Director Joseph Plummer, Undersheriff Paul Trudeau, Treasurer Accountant Anne Converse, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Daniel Flatley, YNN Reporter Carmella Mataloni, Senior Typist Torri Richmire

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and offered privilege of the floor.

Gary Beasley stated that there has been a lot of tragedy lately but he doesn't condone politicians who ride on the backs of tragedy and pass bad legislation. He stated that guns, firearms and shooting sports are a part of our heritage and is a right that many take very seriously. He applauds the committee for considering a resolution asking our state legislature to rethink the legislation that was adopted and encourages members of the board to adopt the forthcoming resolution.

Lynn Truesdell, Burrville, NY, expressed his appreciation for the forthcoming resolution stating that it is well written and understandable. He stated that the resolution passed by New York State needs revisiting specifically the attachment of Mark's Law stating it was not constitutionally correct. He commended all involved in the preparation of the resolution and stated that he is proud to be a resident of Jefferson County.

Dan Lewis, Theresa, NY, stated that as a 20 year veteran and law abiding citizen the Governor has taken away his 2nd Amendment and violated everything that he stood for in the military service.

The minutes of the January 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. County Administrator Robert Hagemann stated that the original resolution has been modified to include a second claim. A motion was duly made by Legislator Astafan and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution in support of a Local Government Efficiency Grant Application for a Feasibility Study Application for Shared Public Safety Communication Center Services and authorizing Inter-municipal Agreement and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Astafan. Fire and Emergency Management Services Director Joseph Plummer advised that in a previous resolution Jefferson County joined the Central New York Radio Consortium with five other counties and if awarded this grant a consultant will look at public safety infrastructures within that consortium to see if the agencies can share equipment such as fiber or microwave paths to save the taxpayer. Chairman Reed stated that Mr. Plummer has a first class operation at the Public Safety Building but that technology evolves quickly with updates always needed. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution authorizing agreement with the Town of Pamela to transfer ownership and jurisdiction of Plaza Drive, Murrock Circle and Teal Drive from said Town to the County and amending the County Highway Map in relation thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Doldo and seconded by Legislator Gray. Highway Superintendent James Lawrence advised that they are taking on these roads as they meet the characteristics of being a county road such as traffic volumes and type of traffic traveling the roads. He said that these roads interconnect with county roads and that the county currently has a shared service agreement with the Town of Pamela and are plowing and sanding these roads as well as mowing the sides. He advised that since the initiation of the program ten years ago the county has downsized approximately 15 miles of road on the county road system. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution amending the 2012 County Budget and Capital Plan relative to the CR 69 over Sandy Creek (Lisk Bridge) Project and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Adsit and seconded by Legislator Doldo. Highway Superintendent James Lawrence advised that construction of this bridge was paid 100% from federal stimulus money allowing earmarked funds for this project to be transferred to another much needed project. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution amending the 2013 County Budget to Re-Appropriate FY 2010 Operation Stonegarden Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Behling and seconded by Legislator Adsit. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution amending the 2013 County Budget to Re-Appropriate Project Lifesaver Grant for Sheriff's Department and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Gray and seconded by Legislator Doldo. Undersheriff Paul Trudeau stated that he looks forward to working with everyone in his new capacity as Undersheriff. He advised that this is a very successful program and those utilizing it speak highly of it. He doesn't have a current number of people enrolled in the program but will get those figures to the committee members. 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 State FY10 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) Grant and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Astafan and seconded by Legislator Doldo. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution amending the 2013 County Budget to recognize Insurance Recovery and Allocating Same in Sheriff's Department Budget and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Astafan and seconded by Legislator Ferris. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution authorizing agreement with the NYS Unified Court System for Cleaning and Maintenance of Court Facilities 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 opposing the New York State Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act of 2013 and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ferris and seconded by Legislator Doldo. Chairman Reed thanked Legislators Ferris and Peck for working closely with Deputy Administrator Michael Kaskan to craft a unique but uniform resolution that meets everyone's comfort level. Legislator Gray requested that the committee amend the resolution to recognize state representatives, Senator Patty Ritchie, and Assemblymen Ken Blankenbush and William Barclay, who voted against this legislation. A motion to amend the resolution as referred to above was duly made by Legislator Gray and seconded by Legislator Ferris.

Legislator Astafan thanked committee members who supported this resolution stating that it is a brave motion to show state government how you feel and that you are listening to your constituents, something that they have failed to do by passing this legislation.

Legislator Ferris thanked the leadership of the Board for preparation of this resolution.

Legislator Montigelli thanked all involved in bringing to fruition this resolution, stated that he agrees with the amendment brought forth by Legislator Gray as well as Legislator Astafan's previous statement.

Legislator Thomas stated that he would like to know how many people involved in tragedies relating to guns hold a pistol permit, he would guess that it is very low. He would suggest having it indicated on ones drivers license if they have a permit.

Legislator Docteur stated that by including Mark's Law in this hastily prepared bill it politicized the act that took Mark Davis' life and that it is a disservice to the EMT and First Responders to include the Mark Davis Act in the SAFE Act. Mark Davis and all First Responders deserved a bill that stood on its own without the controversy black eye that the SAFE Act has given. He stated that he will support this resolution when it comes before the full board.

Legislator Ormsby stated that he is in support of this resolution when it comes before the full board and that the haste with which Legislation passed the bill was about political notoriety and should have been given adequate time to go through the proper process.

Chairwoman of the Board Fitzpatrick stated that what New York State did by including Mark's Law in this legislation was to dilute the importance of this law as well as Kendra's Law. She also believes that having a pistol permit will not stop evil acts from being committed.

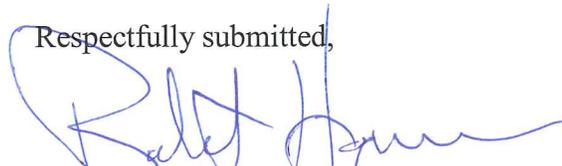
Chairman Reed again thanked Legislators Ferris, Peck and Deputy Administrator Kaskan for their hard work and time putting together this resolution with Jefferson Counties uniqueness added. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution with the recommended change.

Chairman Reed welcomed Undersheriff Trudeau and stated that he looks forward to working with him.

Chairman Reed announced that Legislator Doldo is Chairman of the newly established Radio Adhoc Committee that he and Legislator Ormsby are a member of and with assistance from Administrator Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Kaskan, Fire and Emergency Management Services Director Plummer and Fire and Emergency Management Services Deputy Director Lampman they are researching information to start the long process of updating the public safety radio system. He stated that there would be an update on the selection of the radio system engineer at the next committee meeting.

There being no further business, on a motion by Legislator Ferris seconded by Legislator Behling and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board