

Finance & Rules Committee
January 29, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Committee Chair Scott Gray, Legislators Michael Docteur, Allen Drake, Michael Montigelli, Barry Ormsby, Jennie Adsit, Chairwoman of the Board Carolyn Fitzpatrick

Others Present: Legislators Robert Thomas, Phil Reed, Michael Astafan, John Peck, Michael Behling, Robert Ferris, and Anthony Doldo, County Administrator Robert Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Michael Kaskan, County Attorney David Paulsen, Real Property Tax Director Paul Warneck, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Daniel Flatley, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Committee approved the minutes of the December meeting, as written.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution setting and reporting standard work day hours to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System for a certain elected official and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ormsby and seconded by Legislator Docteur. Legislator Montigelli advised that he is already a member of the Retirement System through his employment and this is not a significant amount of time but was a necessary exercise for the retirement system purposes. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution amending the 2012 County Budget for sales tax distribution and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Adsit seconded by Legislator Ormsby and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution granting an easement to the Town of Watertown on Jefferson Community College property and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislator Drake and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution adjusting initial salary for management employee within the appropriate grade of the management compensation schedule and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ormsby seconded by Legislator Adsit and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution amending the 2013 County budget in relation to Jefferson County's Housing Improvement Program and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Montigelli and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution authorizing agreement and amending the 2013 County Budget and Capital Plan in relation to the development of a corporate park adjacent to the Watertown International Airport and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Ormsby seconded by Legislator Docteur and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced an additional resolution authorizing Employment Agreement with the Faculty Association of Jefferson Community College and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Montigelli and seconded by Legislator Adsit. Mr. Hagemann advised that the Union had ratified the contract. There being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Gray introduced a resolution authorizing payment in lieu of taxes agreement relative to Clayton Harbor Hotel, LLC and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur and seconded by Legislator Montigelli. Mr. Hagemann advised that this is a late breaking matter and is the former Frink property; details include that it is a 15 year pilot with a 50/50 split with a pro rata share, and the local taxing jurisdictions (Village/Town/School District) have all approved it. He said the project will be a 105 room facility, it is scheduled to be complete by 2014 and needs to be acted upon in order for the developer to secure financing and hold the necessary public hearings so the project can get underway by early/mid April. Legislator Docteur appreciated the Board's patience with this project in terms of Brownfields clean up which the local LDC took care of with the help of the County, and a few setbacks securing a developer but the project is moving forward now. He said the predicted opening is Memorial Day, 2014, the support from the other taxing jurisdictions was unanimous and he looked forward to the support of the Committee. Legislator Montigelli questioned if the property changes hands or goes into receivership, does the pilot go with it. Mr. Alexander advised that typically there is successor language in the pilot so it would follow on with another developer, and that developer would also have to adhere to all the same requirements that are within the context of the pilot. He said this is an excellent project, with a modest property tax pilot considering the investment of the community, and will result in a destination, 5 star hotel that will generate significant income to the County in a variety of other ways which have not even been quantified in terms of sales tax, retail sales, etc. He termed it as a net income generator and said it is an excellent investment. There being no further discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

On a motion by Legislator Ormsby seconded by Legislators Adsit, Docteur, and Montigelli, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following General Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Amending the 2013 County Budget to Re-Appropriate Local Enhanced Wireless 911 Funding
- ✓ Amending the 2013 County budget to Re-Appropriate FY2010 HazMat Grant Funding from the New York State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
- ✓ Amending the 2013 County Budget in Relation to the FY2009 and 2010 State

- ✓ Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grants
- ✓ Recognizing Local Enhanced Wireless 911 Funds and Amending the 2013 County Budget and Capital Plan

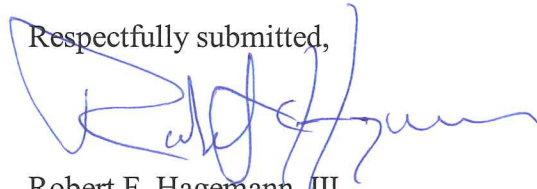
On a motion by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Adsit, Docteur, Montigelli and Ormsby, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the following Health & Human Services Committee sponsored resolutions:

- ✓ Amending 2012 County Budget Relative to Mental Hygiene Programs
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- ✓ Authorizing Agreement for Provision of Mental Hygiene Services and Amending the 2013 County Budget in Relation Thereto
- ✓ Authorizing Agreement with John Snow, Inc. For a U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office on Women Health Safety and Health for Older Women Program Award and Amending the 2013 County Budget
- ✓ Amending the 2013 County Budget Relative to an Increase in Funding for the Rural Minority Health Program Grant
- ✓ Authorizing Agreement with JBS International for Support of an Evidence-Based Adult Immunization Grant Program and Amending the 2013 County Budget

On a motion by Legislator Drake seconded by Legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried, the Committee approved a Planning & Development Committee sponsored resolution Authorizing Grant Agreement, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Determination, and Amending the 2013 County Budget in Relation to a 2012 Community Development Block Grant Award from the NYS Office of Community Renewal.

There being no further business of the Committee, on a motion by Legislator Ormsby seconded by Legislator Montigelli and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board