

**General Services Committee**  
**May 12, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Committee Chair Philip Reed, Legislators Michael Docteur, Gino Zando, Kent Burto, Scott Gray, Jennie Adsit, James St.Croix, Chairman of the Board Kenneth Blankenbush

**Others Present:** Legislators Barry Ormsby, Bob Boice and Carolyn Fitzpatrick, County Administrator Bob Hagemann, Deputy Administrator Mike Kaskan, Conf. Asst. for Fiscal Affairs Greg Hudson, Accountant Anne Converse-Pena, Highway Superintendent Jim Lawrence, Watertown Daily Times Reporter Jude Seymour, Confidential Secretary Jill Jones

Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Reed declared the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting approved as written in the absence of objection or correction.

Joe Wargo, who is a Probation Officer but explained he was before the Committee as a volunteer firefighter urged legislators to attend a presentation at the North Pole Fire Department on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. by Dave Bissonette, Town of Clarence Emergency Coordinator and Incident Commander at the Clarence plane crash site. The focus of the presentation is the Incident Command System (ICS) that is used statewide and how it worked in this emergency situation. He said it is free of charge and is open to anyone that would be involved in an emergency in Jefferson County and would use the ICS. He said the timing of the presentation is interesting because the NTSB is holding hearings on the crash this week. He added that he has a personal connection as Clarence is his home town.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution accepting donation and increasing County Dog Control Department donation line and amending the County Budget in relation thereto and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislator St.Croix and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution amending the 2009 County Budget in relation to Vorstar Corporation 911 software and entertained a motion for consideration. Such motion was made by Legislator St.Croix seconded by Legislator Gray and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution authorizing conveyance of unused County Highway land in the Town of Cape Vincent to Jarrod M. Radley and entertained a motion for consideration. A motion was duly made by Legislator Docteur seconded by Legislator Burto and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Chairman Reed introduced a resolution amending the 2009 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 Zando seconded by Legislator Docteur and there being no discussion, the Committee agreed to sponsor the resolution as presented.

Legislator Ormsby reported that he, Administrator Hagemann, Highway Supt. Lawrence, Legislator Fitzpatrick and Airport Marketing Director Cindy Sawyer traveled to Cape Air's headquarters in Hyannis on April 28, 2009 to tour their facilities and have a first hand look at their operations. He said it is a very professionally run company and the people are very enthusiastic, they have a strong reputation and are highly successful in what they do. Cape Air Financial Operations Manager Andrew Bonney conducted the tour, and President Dan Wolf met with the group and went over some marketing ideas relative to the Watertown International Airport. Legislator Ormsby said they were very receptive to some suggestions that were made concerning flight times, and the trip was well worthwhile.

Mr. Hagemann added that he received notification today that as of June 16<sup>th</sup> Cape Air will change the 5:30 a.m. flight to 7:00 a.m. and the last flight of the day will also be changed to later in the day to catch people coming back to Watertown. He also felt the trip was very successful.

Legislator Fitzpatrick added that throughout the day they had 5 takeoffs and 5 landings and each flight was very smooth, even the short sightseeing flight to do a little whale watching from the plane. She said the Cape Air group was very professional and were receptive to the marketing ideas that were expressed.

Legislator Adsit said she realized it has only been a week since her request, but asked if the Board of Elections was putting together the information that she requested concerning the people that were consulted regarding polling places being changed.

Chairman Blankenbush explained that he requested they provide the information to him prior to the June Board Session.

There being no further business, on a motion by Legislator Gray seconded by Legislator St.Croix and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Hagemann, III  
Clerk of the Board