

## **Facilities & Communications**

**January 4, 2017**

**NOT APPROVED**

**Members Present:** D. Pullen, C. Jessup, D. Fanton, K. Graves, A. McGraw, D. Root, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

**Others Present:** L. Ballengee, N. Carnes, P. Curran, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, K. Graves, S. Grusendorf, M. Healy, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, J. Hopkins, K. LaForge, B. Lamberson, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, R. Swarthout, M. Washer

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Facilities & Communications Chairman David Pullen at 2:00 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to approve the Facilities & Communications Committee minutes for December 7, 2016.

### **Tronetti House**

Facilities & Communications Chairman David Pullen updated the committee that due to unusual activities arising, Public Works Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes does not have a report or update on the Tronetti house, but is working to have one by next month's committee meeting.

### **Broadband Project**

Facilities & Communications Chairman David Pullen distributed to the committee an article from *The Wall Street Journal* discussing net neutrality and how it could impact Allegany County's Broadband. Legislator Curran updated the committee that they have receivers installed in three locations; however, there is a specially made short cable that will cross the two systems together, and once that is received they will be able to test and be operational. Legislator Curran stated he has asked why they need to wait and melt the systems together and not just use the signal they currently have and are paying for. IT Director Keith Hooker stated they are two separate networks. One is the County system and the other is the Broadband system so in order to bring the two networks into one you need that cable. Legislator Curran stated he understands that but does not understand why they can't just send a test signal out to someone within range and get the ball rolling. Mr. Hooker stated he is correct; they could send signal to someone's house that is within reach of a tower to see if everything works. Legislator Graves asked how we are doing financially, and if we are going to have this up and running in time to not have to transfer more money. Committee Chairman Pullen stated at this point we are current but will need to look for a new subscription at some point. They were hoping to be operational last October; however, when Motorola determined the order in which the towers would be erected, unfortunately the last two to be constructed, are the two needed in order to go live, so we have been burning through the money paying salaries. Planning Director Kier Dirlam added that the Connect NY grant deadline is August 2017 so everything needs to be done by then or else any additional money spent will not be reimbursed to the County. Legislator Graves asked if they have put anything in the 2017 Budget in case that situation happens. Committee

Chairman Pullen stated they have not, but it is something they will need to look into, adding they will have a valuable program once they can get it up and running.

### **Tower Updates**

911 Head Dispatcher Randy Swarhout stated tower construction is at a standstill due to inclement weather, noting they need four days of good weather for tower construction. Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf stated they are currently having negotiations regarding purchasing a right-of-way that leads to the Whitesville tower we currently own. It is 2.8 acres, has a higher elevation, and they are offering \$5,500.

### **Phone System**

IT Director Keith Hooker updated the committee on the phone system. Mr. Hooker stated next week they will be installing the new phones at the Jail, and depending on how that goes, they will then schedule the remaining facility implementation.

### **Old Business**

Legislator Graves asked where we are with the old Jail renovation. County Administrator Tim Boyde stated they have been meeting with architects and have a final design for them to look at. Mr. Boyde went on to say they are looking to move the Health Department and Public Defender to that floor and Social Services will then move to the Health Department floor.

### **Good of the Order**

Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf wanted to acknowledge the negotiator's team he oversees for their efforts during the standoff in Wellsville, NY. Lt. Grusendorf stated his team successfully negotiated a man with a shot gun, adding he had four rounds in his gun, and they negotiated with him by providing him cigarettes in return for a round from his gun. Lt. Grusendorf added they were there for approximately five hours, and the man eventually tossed the gun, and gave up successfully with no harm done to anyone. Lt. Grusendorf went on to say the State Police were also taking part in negotiations, but it was Lt. Grusendorf's agency that was the lead. Legislator Healy asked who determines who the lead agency is. Lt. Grusendorf stated when the Wellsville Village Police requested assistance, Allegany County was the first agency to arrive on the scene and assume the role of lead agency. Legislator Healy asked how long after they were on the scene did it take for the State Police to show up. Lt. Grusendorf stated it was probably forty minutes, but the outcome was good, and it doesn't matter who did what, everyone was safe with no harm in the end.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators

## **Facilities & Communications**

**February 2, 2017**

**NOT APPROVED**

**Members Present:** D. Pullen, C. Jessup, D. Fanton, K. Graves, A. McGraw, D. Root, C. Crandall (Absent: N. Ungermann)

**Others Present:** T. Boyde, S. Burt, P. Curran, L. Dalley, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, M. Evans, K. Graves, S. Grusendorf, M. Healy, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, J. Hopkins, K. LaForge, B. Lamberson, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, T. Shaw, R. Swarthout, M. Washer, R. Whitney

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Facilities & Communications Chairman David Pullen at 2:01 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to approve the Facilities & Communications Committee minutes for January 4, 2017.

### **Records Management**

Facilities & Communications Chairman David Pullen stated the issue of records management has been resolved at a previous committee meeting. The records will be moved out of the basement, there currently has been no mold found, and the sump pump is dealing with pumping out any water that is getting in.

### **Tronetti House**

Public Works Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes updated the committee stating he recently spoke with John Nissan, who suggested it wouldn't be worth the County's time and efforts to go through the house and try to salvage and/or remove any items. Mr. Scholes stated every surface in the house is "hot" and the return value will not be worth the time and efforts of the County. Legislator Graves stated it will be a shame to just let the stuff go. Mr. Scholes stated they could still go ahead with salvaging the items, but there is no assurance that we'll get back what we spent. Legislator Graves asked if this information has been run by Legislator LaForge. Mr. Scholes stated it has not, but he can if they wish. Legislator Graves stated they should wait before moving forward to hear Legislator LaForge's thoughts on the issue. Chairman Crandall asked if it was possible to put out a Request for Proposal for salvaging with the caveat that they must adhere to any and all regulations which will allow the County to get out of any liability but still allow the public to go and salvage some of those items. Legislator Fanton asked County Attorney Tom Miner if he would feel comfortable writing a Request for Proposal that protects the County but allows the public to salvage items in the house. County Attorney Tom Miner stated he would like to do some research first because it is not an area he's looked at before. Committee Chairman David Pullen stated at this time the County Attorney will look into whether or not it's possible to do a Request for Proposal that allows items to be salvaged while protecting the County from any liability.

### **Tower Updates**

Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf stated there isn't a lot to update. Winter is here and has put us on hold. The concrete has been poured in Angelica, and they are working on finalizing some things at the other sites.

### **Broadband Project**

Facilities & Communications Chairman David Pullen stated he received an email from CONXX that the short cable needed to cross the two systems together has been received, is now operational, and the two systems can communicate back and forth with each other. Committee Chairman Pullen stated ACTDC (Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation) has been meeting and they are very close to having a license agreed on, which will then allow them to start signing up last mile providers. Legislator Healy asked how many last mile providers are showing interest. Committee Chairman Pullen stated Ryan Cool, Executive Director for ACTDC (Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation), has spoken with at least two to three, but indicated it's difficult to talk to someone until you can say exactly what the relationship will be. Legislator Root asked what the timeframe is to be up and running. Committee Chairman Pullen stated if you are within range of Corbin Hill and sign up after next Tuesday, you could start receiving service by the end of February. Committee Chairman Pullen went on to say they were hoping to be operational last October; however, when Motorola determined the order in which the towers would be erected, unfortunately the last two to be constructed are the two needed in order to go live. Legislator Burt stated he heard there is a group in the northern part of the County that has been formed to be a last mile provider, and he asked if Committee Chairman Pullen has heard about them and the people involved that will benefit financially. Committee Chairman Pullen stated yes he has; they are Win Win Wireless and ACTDC (Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation) has met with them. Committee Chairman Pullen went on to say he did recruit them; one is the manager of his law firm, and the other is an employee at Houghton College. Legislator Burt asked if Committee Chairman Pullen is comfortable enough to step away from it. Committee Chairman Pullen stated he has spoken with the County Attorney, and it's an issue they have to look at, but the ACTDC (Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation) Board of Directors indicated they are anxious just to have a last mile provider interested. Committee Chairman Pullen went on to say it's an issue he is trying to be mindful of, adding he has offered to step down from the ACTDC (Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation) Board of Directors. Legislator Curran stated they have discussed Committee Chairman Pullen's situation and indirect connections, and they feel his knowledge of the systems and knowing the background is much more valuable to the ACTDC (Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation) Board of Directors than any possible conflict. Committee Chairman Pullen stated they will try to be sensitive to the issue, but he has put a significant amount of time into this, and anyone who wants to put a last mile provider group together is more than welcome to.

### **Attorney/Client Session**

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried to enter into attorney/client session at 2:38 p.m. Immediately following discussion at 3:08 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried to end the attorney/client session and return to the regular meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**Facilities & Communications**

**March 1, 2017**

**NOT APPROVED**

**Members Present:** D. Pullen, C. Jessup, K. Graves, D. Root, C. Crandall (Absent: D. Fanton, A. McGraw, N. Ungermann)

**Others Present:** L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, B. Budinger, P. Curran, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, V. Grant, K. Graves, S. Grusendorf, M. Healy, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, J. Hopkins, C. Knapp, K. LaForge, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, M. Washer

**Media Present:** B. Clark – *Olean Times Herald*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Facilities & Communications Chairman David Pullen at 2:04 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to approve the Facilities & Communications Committee minutes for February 2, 2017.

**Tower Updates**

Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf stated there isn't a lot to update. Tower construction is on hold due to weather, and they hope it continues to warm up so they can come back next month and finish. Lieutenant Grusendorf stated that New York State is very slow in getting back to them, so they are currently looking for new locations in the Alfred area because they need to have a back-up plan.

**Resignation from Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation**

Facilities and Communications Chairman David Pullen presented Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle, and Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation Board of Directors Chairman Phil Curran with his official resignation from the Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation Board of Directors, effective immediately. Committee Chairman Pullen's resignation letter follows.

RESIGNATION FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I DAVID T. PULLEN, do hereby resign from my appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the ALLEGANY COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, effective immediately.

Dated: March, 1, 2017

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DAVID T. PULLEN, Director

Delivered to:

1. Philip Curran, Chairman, Board of Directors, Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation
2. Brenda Rigby Riehle, Clerk, Board of Legislators, County of Allegany

## REPORT AND RESIGNATION FROM ALLEGANY COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

“At last month’s meeting of this Committee, a question was asked by Legislator Dwight “Mike” Healy about signing up last mile providers to work with the Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation (“ACTDC”) Broadband program. I answered that question, and a subsequent question from Legislator Scott Burt. My answer was that the only last mile provider that has expressed serious interest of that date (or even as of this date) is Win-Win Wireless, LLC. Most of the principals of Win-Win Wireless, LLC, are my friends, family, or associates. I had previously disclosed those relationships to the Board of Directors of ACTDC, and had offered to resign from the ACTDC Board of Directors to avoid any possible conflict of interest, or any appearance of impropriety. At that time, the Board of Directors requested that I not resign and urged me to remain on the Board of Directors. I agreed to do so.

‘Subsequent to last month’s Committee meeting, Legislator Scott Burt spoke with the *Patriot* newspaper about this issue and expressed concern about my serving on the ACTDC Board of Directors when close associates are exploring the possibility of entering into a business relationship with ACTDC. Legislator Burt informed me of his comments, which was a courtesy that I greatly appreciated. I consider him to be a friend, and have no problems with his actions or his comments. Unfortunately, the newspaper got things confused and misreported his comments. The *Patriot* newspaper has now issued a public retraction and apology to both Legislator Burt and me. I have a long-standing relationship with the newspaper, know that they strive to maintain the highest standards of professional journalism, and am confident that the inaccuracy was totally accidental and unintentional. I have no hard feelings towards either Scott Burt or the *Patriot* newspaper. The newspaper’s apology is acknowledged and accepted without reservation.

‘However, that acknowledgment doesn’t resolve the underlying issue that was raised by Scott Burt. I want to address that issue, and resolve it. I can assure this Committee, the Board of Legislators, and the citizens of Allegany County that I have neither sought nor obtained any personal gain from my involvement with the Broadband initiative, or with ACTDC. I have spent hundreds of hours working to bring our County Broadband Program into being, and getting it operational. As has been noted, I have spent thousands of dollars of my own funds to obtain a business plan for ACTDC, and to move this project forward. My goal has been to make high-speed Broadband accessible to every citizen of Allegany County. Today we stand on the verge of achieving that goal. I do not wish to do anything that would taint or negatively impact the County’s Broadband Program.

‘I have wrestled with the question of how to respond to this situation. I have taken several actions that I wish to bring to the attention of this Committee. Those actions include the following:

1. I alerted the Board of Directors of ACTDC about the questions that were raised at last month’s committee meeting. The Board once again considered this issue, and once again voted unanimously (with me abstaining) to ask me to remain on that Board.
2. I notified Win-Win Wireless, LLC of the questions that had been raised, and asked them if they were uncomfortable with the situation. They consulted a law firm that has

been representing them on other matters. They were advised that while there was no technical violation of the General Municipal Law, that there could be an appearance of impropriety. Their attorney recommended that I resign from the Board of Directors of ACTDC to avoid any possible questions for Win-Win Wireless, LLC, or myself.

3. I have spoken with County Attorney Thomas Miner, Esq. I have known him for many years and hold him in high esteem. He has made clear to me that he is not legal counsel for ACTDC. However, he has noted the potential for a conflict of interest, or appearance of impropriety, and has also recommended that I resign from the ACTDC Board of Directors.
4. Finally I have spoken with the members of Win-Win Wireless, LLC about the situation, and have asked if they would be willing to withdraw from any involvement with ACTDC, whether as a last mile provider, or in any other capacity. They have indicated that as a favor to me they are ready and willing to do so.

'With that background, I can report that I have made a decision. I know that I have done nothing improper, and that I have not sought any personal benefit from ACTDC. Nevertheless, I believe that it is in everyone's best interests for me to resign from the ACTDC Board of Directors. Hopefully this will eliminate unnecessary distractions for ACTDC, Win-Win Wireless, LLC, and for me. Accordingly, I hereby resign from the Board of Directors of the Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation, effective immediately. Because I also have served as Secretary of that Board, I am delivering that resignation to Legislator Phil Curran who serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. I believe that is the correct procedure that should be followed.

'With that detail out of the way I wish to address two other matters. I hereby request the Board of Directors of ACTDC to seriously consider whether there has been any impropriety whatsoever related to my serving on the Board of ACTDC. If they find that there has been, I urge them to take all appropriate actions to address such findings. Specifically, I urge the Board of Directors of ACTDC to carefully consider whether it is in the best interests of ACTDC and Allegany County to have any business relationship with Win-Win Wireless, LLC. I hereby commit to personally support and accept whatever decision is made by the Board of Directors.

'My final issue relates to the need for ACTDC to sign up last mile providers. The County's Broadband System has now been designed and built. We are almost ready to "throw the switch" and activate that system. However, ACTDC needs last mile providers to actually sign up customers and provide service. ACTDC's Executive Director Ryan Cool is working on that. Some of the other Directors and I have been working with him on that task. (That is where the problem with Win-Win Wireless, LLC arose.) However, the only Last Mile Provider that has "stepped up" so far is one that I recruited. The reciprocal of that is that no one else has been successful in recruiting any last mile providers. (For what it may be worth, I can note that I have tried to recruit other last mile providers, but none of those have made commitments as of this time.) With my stepping down, who is going to take over the responsibility for recruiting last mile providers? That is one of the biggest challenges facing ACTDC and the County. The success of the Broadband Program depends on how that challenge is handled.

'I wish all of you the best on this project. I believe that it is very important to the future of our County. If there is anything that I can do to help, please feel free to contact me.'



Committee Chairman Pullen gave a final statement that he has spent an enormous amount of time, come a tremendous distance, and he hopes there is no momentum lost, and they can move forward without any further distraction. Legislator Curran thanked Committee Chairman Pullen for getting this whole project going, adding he is very sorry to see him go because he has done a tremendous amount of work, most importantly, recruiting the only viable last mile provider.

### **Broadband Update**

Facilities & Communications Chairman David Pullen stated that the Governor's office announced another commitment on round two of Broadband grants. A total of \$10.3 million in grants will be spent in five towns located in Allegany County. Rushford, Centerville, Hume, Independence, and Andover were selected, and the estimated amount per connection is \$4,950. Committee Chairman Pullen went on to say that this is great news that Allegany County has five towns that will be part of a very large expenditure; however, spending \$4,950 for 2,084 residents with no expenditure for the remaining residents in our County is not great news to everyone as that is less than 25 percent of the towns in our County being serviced.

### **Broadband \$100,000 Allocation Request**

Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation Board member Phil Curran requested a resolution to fund an allocation to the Allegany County Telecommunication Corp (Broadband LDC) per the contract. Local Law # 3-2015 authorizes up to \$400,000 and this would be the second installment of \$100,000. Funds totaling \$100,000 will be transferred from account A1990.429 (Contingency) to account A8676.492 (Home and Community Service Contractual). This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators

## **Facilities & Communications**

**April 5, 2017**

**NOT APPROVED**

**Members Present:** C. Jessup, D. Fanton, K. Graves, D. Root, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall  
(Absent: A. McGraw)

**Others Present:** L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, S. Burt, P. Curran, K. Dirlam, M. Evans, S. Grusendorf, M. Healy, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, G. James, C. Knapp, B. Lamberson, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, T. Shaw, R. Swarhout, M. Washer

**Media Present:** B. Clark – *Olean Times Herald*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Facilities & Communications Vice-Chairman Chuck Jessup at 2:01 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried to approve the Facilities & Communications Committee minutes for March 1, 2017.

### **Microcell Tower Lease Agreement**

Planning Director Kier Dirlam requested a resolution to approve an agreement with Allegany County Industrial Development Agency for the location of a communication tower. Funding from New York State from the ConnectNY grant program was received to increase broadband service in Allegany County. The County needs additional service in the area of the Crossroads Center for both County offices and Broadband service in the valley. Legislator Ungermann asked if this is for the equipment that CONXX is installing on the 911 towers. Mr. Dirlam stated this is a separate part of the grant project, and this will put in place a short (microcell) tower at the Crossroads Center. Mr. Dirlam continued that the tower will house similar kinds of equipment that are on the 911 towers to broadcast up and down the valley in that area. Currently on the Office for the Aging building, is a small microwave unit that links the two buildings to the County system, but because the trees have overgrown in the last several years, the signal is degraded resulting in bad internet and phone service. Mr. Dirlam went on to say that this agreement will allow that unit to be moved up onto the new sixty foot to eighty foot tower that will land above the trees and re-connect the County link. This will also put the broadcast equipment in place for customers and allow them to provide service to anyone wanting to rent space at the Crossroads Center so they won't be on the County or Industrial Development Agency system. Legislator Healy asked if this is for the existing tower already in place at the Crossroads Center. Mr. Dirlam stated no, that tower is owned by American Tower and has no power to it. Mr. Dirlam continued that they spoke with American Tower who wanted a long-term rental agreement that would cost thousands of dollars a month to use that tower. Legislator Ungermann asked if we could get any equipment on the tower located on Ackerman Hill that would provide what they need. Mr. Dirlam stated they cannot see the tower he's referring to from their buildings. Legislator Graves asked how this is going to be financed. Mr. Dirlam stated everything is through the ConnectNY grant, and originally the funds were going to be used for whitespace radios, but because they have become a non-functional element, they are using the money to try and cover some of the "blacked out" areas in the County. Legislator Ungermann asked if there are wires of any kind going into the existing tower. Mr. Dirlam stated there is nothing hooked up in there; it is truly a bunker with no electricity. Legislator Ungermann

then asked if there is any fiber optic going into it. Mr. Dirlam stated the fiber optic is hanging on the power pole in a big loop, adding if someone wants to rent the bunker, they should contact him, and he will try to work something out. Legislator Ungermann stated it would be a lot better for service if they were hard-wired in because they would get faster internet. Mr. Dirlam stated yes, but that's not how the tower is set up, and to fix it would cost a lot more than what he is requesting to do now. Legislator Ungermann then stated that over the long haul, being hard-wired in, they would have faster internet service. Mr. Dirlam stated potentially, but that they will have good service with his current plan. Legislator Ungermann continued with his recollection of putting a 400-foot tower up in Angelica for BOCES because the railroad trestle in Belfast was blocking the line of sight, and then the trestle was torn down a couple years later. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. (Opposed: N. Ungermann) **Prepare Resolution**

### **Tronetti House Update**

Public Works Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes stated he is currently working on the Request for Proposal to have a salvage contractor come in and take whatever has value in the Tronetti house. Mr. Scholes stated they are looking at spending \$9,500 total for the asbestos contractor fee and air sampling before, during, and after the project. Legislator Fanton stated if there isn't \$10,000 worth of stuff in the house, it's going to cost them more just to inspect it. Mr. Scholes added to demolish the house they could get a waiver for the asbestos abatement because they own the building. Legislator Fanton stated unless there is some real value in the house, they might as well tear it down. Chairman Crandall asked what the best approach is since they know there is \$9,500 in fees, and whether or not they should put a minimum bid on the house. Legislator Fanton stated they could put a minimum bid of \$9,500 on the house, and if no one is interested, then tear it down. Legislator Graves stated they need to make a final decision at next month's meeting so they can get some of these items behind them.

### **Tower Update**

Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf stated they are finalizing some things with Alfred, but they do have a contract that is almost ready to go. Angelica is poured, and once the Alfred site is underway they can begin building it. Lt. Grusendorf continued that they are still working on getting an agreement in place with one of the landowners for the Whitesville tower. Legislator Fanton asked if any of these sites will be done before the deadline to spend the money. Planning Director Kier Dirlam stated the money should be spent by July 4, 2017. Lt. Grusendorf stated it will not happen that fast because once they get on site, they have to do soil testing which takes ninety days. Mr. Dirlam stated they will work together to see what they can do to maximize their time. Lt. Grusendorf went on to say they are waiting on easements for Alma and Bolivar, and anticipate they will be done soon. Lt. Grusendorf added they are receiving \$911,563 from the 2016 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant, and that money will go towards this project as well. Legislator Fanton asked for an update on the Independence tower. Lt. Grusendorf stated they are still in negotiations on that tower, adding it's the same property but two different owners, and they are waiting on one of the owners to respond. Legislator Fanton stated that is another tower that will fall out of line with their deadline to spend the money. Mr. Dirlam stated the Whitesville tower is less of a priority for their project because the state has allocated Armstrong monies to install fiber optic around that tower; therefore, the

customers they would sign up in the area would be very small, and he'd rather use the money on a tower that is not receiving state aid.

### **Phone System Update**

IT Director Keith Hooker stated the phone system is in place, is working quite well, and they are in the process of tying up some loose ends. Mr. Hooker added they haven't had many complaints, and the ones they have received they are working through. The total price came out to \$209,665.56, which is under the \$220,000 that was requested for this project. Chairman Crandall stated he notices a specific number shows up for outgoing calls, and he asked how many lines and/or identifications there are for outgoing calls, and will the person receiving the call know it's Allegany County. Mr. Hooker stated they are working with Verizon to have our system dictate the number the individual sees, adding they are also working with each department to see if they want their own dedicated number.

### **Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation (ACTDC) Update**

Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation Board of Directors Chairman Phil Curran stated they have signed a contract with a last mile provider, and will begin training with CONXX early next week. Legislator Ungermann asked who the last mile provider is. Legislator Curran stated Win-Win Wireless, LLC, adding they also have three other last mile providers interested. Legislator Curran stated they have thought for quite some time now they were ready to "turn on" the towers in this valley, but evidently they weren't. There is a switch at the base of the tower that feeds correct voltages up to the arrays. That switch was faulty, but they are in the process of getting that fixed. Planning Director Kier Dirlam stated one of the towers reaches approximately 2,000 addresses, so when that switch is fixed, they will have customers that can be hooked up. Legislator Healy asked what format the training session is in. Mr. Dirlam stated they will actually learn how to install the equipment. Legislator Curran added it's a hands-on training, and not a classroom setting. Legislator Ungermann asked how many potential customers they have committed to using Win-Win Wireless. Legislator Curran stated they don't know because they just signed the contract last week. Legislator Ungermann then asked if anyone has gone out to see how many people are interested, adding he's concerned about the funding of \$10.2 million from the state that will hard-wire five towns, which is a potential loss of 2,000 customers for our last mile provider. Legislator Ungermann continued that there are four companies (DIRECTV, Dish Network, Hughes Net, and Southern Tier Wireless) already providing wireless internet service, and between all of those, he begins to wonder if they haven't already got 50 percent of the people covered. Legislator Root stated she has Hughes Net and tried to get DIRECTV, and they don't work, adding she can't wait until broadband is up and running so she can get internet at her house and for the business. Legislator Ungermann added in his neck of the woods, Southern Tier Wireless has quite a few customers. Legislator Curran stated they are working with Southern Tier Wireless to bring them on board to buy the County's signal and expand their business. Legislator Curran went on to say that they can't control what the state does with this funding. Historically, this \$10.2 million will come in three to four years, but that money isn't going to hook up houses; it's just running the wires past the houses. Legislator Ungermann asked why all this ion fiber optic was put in place, which now sits and doesn't get used. Mr. Dirlam stated not just anyone can plug into that; only a couple of colleges are allowed to. Legislator Root stated there were some studies, and the numbers are out there for how many people in the County are in dark areas and can't get

high speed internet. Legislator Ungermann stated it's his understanding that every time you jump from tower to tower you lose half of your speed. Chairman Crandall stated that information is incorrect. Legislator Curran stated there is a lot that can be done with this, adding there are a lot of people in this County that don't have anything which is the reason we went with this because there is no other option for them. Legislator Jessup added we're never going to be hard-wired just because of the layout of the Allegany County.

### **Old Jail Renovation Update**

Public Works Superintendent Guy James stated they are going to open bids at the end of April, and depending on the numbers we get, they will decide where to go from there. Ideally, the notice to proceed will be mid-May with the suggestion that the contract be done by mid-November to give them time to tie up any loose ends there may be. Legislator Fanton asked if the bid will include demolition through completion. Mr. James stated yes, and while they haven't seen the final plan, they think some of the offices that get vacated may have some renovations that go into that as well. Legislator Fanton then asked if there is a final plan laid out with engineer drawings. Mr. James stated yes there is.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators

**Facilities & Communications**  
**May 3, 2017**  
**NOT APPROVED**

**Members Present:** C. Jessup, D. Fanton, K. Graves, A. McGraw, D. Root, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

**Others Present:** L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, S. Burt, P. Curran, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, M. Evans, V. Grant, S. Grusendorf, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, G. James, C. Knapp, K. LaForge, B. Lamberson, T. Miner, B. Riehle, D. Scholes, R. Swarthout, M. Washer

**Media Present:** B. Clark – *Olean Times Herald*, C. Dutton – *Cuba Patriot*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Facilities & Communications Vice Chairman Charles Jessup at 2:02 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried to approve the Facilities & Communications Committee minutes for April 5, 2017.

**Tronetti House Update**

Public Works Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes stated he recently invited two gentlemen who do architectural salvage to walk through the Tronetti house. One has already been through the house, and the other gentleman owns a business in Rochester, NY. While both gentlemen indicated there is value in the house, given the amount of asbestos and abatement, the value isn't worth the effort and time. Both gentlemen expressed gratitude for being considered and given the opportunity, but unfortunately have no interest at this time. Legislator Graves remarked that they rode that horse until the end, and asked if we have quotes on tearing the house down. Mr. Scholes stated because he wasn't sure which direction the committee wanted to go, he didn't take the steps to obtain quotes on demolishing the house, but will proceed with that route if they would like. Committee Vice-Chairman Charles Jessup stated they have messed with that house for eight years, and it's time they make a decision. Legislator Ungermann stated they aren't very good stewards of the taxpayer's money, adding they paid \$86,000 and let the house sit and rot. Legislator Fanton stated they paid for the property, not just the house, but he can't argue with not being good stewards because he wanted to sell the house the year after they purchased it. A motion to obtain quotes to demolish the Tronetti House was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Refer to Public Works Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes**

**Old Jail Renovation Update**

Public Works Superintendent Guy James stated they have a bid opening set for Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., and there is a pre-bid meeting set for Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. James asked once they have the bid opening on May 18, does the committee want to hold a special meeting to make a determination for which direction to go, or wait until the regular June committee meeting. Mr. James added he would like to get the project going, because there are some year-end deadlines they have to meet with some of the grants. The committee decided to hold a Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, May 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

### **Tower Update**

Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf stated they have easements out on the Alma and Bolivar sites that are currently being signed. Once they are received back, they can complete the power at those towers and get them up and operational. Lt. Grusendorf stated they received the next round of grant funds in the amount \$911,523, which will help with the install of equipment on these towers. Lt. Grusendorf added there is another grant coming out for \$20 million, but it is not a grant you apply for. It is based on where they feel there are loopholes, and he feels confident they can show we have a pretty good amount of loopholes with towers but no equipment. Lt. Grusendorf stated he is unsure how much money they would receive, but feels confident they will be in line to receive some. Lt. Grusendorf stated the electric has been completed in the new equipment room for the install of new console equipment purchased through Motorola. Lt. Grusendorf thanked Public Works Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes and his men for completing this work, adding everything looks great. The Angelica tower construction has restarted, and they are now back full speed ahead. Legislator Fanton asked who does the final hookup to the generators and towers. Lt. Grusendorf stated Stephen Fleischman from F & F Electric, Inc. handles all of the installation as well as the maintenance. Lt. Grusendorf added they purchase all of their generators through him which has saved them \$70,000. Legislator Ungermann stated that Public Works has spent \$38,742 on the Angelica, Bolivar, Grove, and Granger sites, and asked how they plan to go about getting that money back into their budget. Lt. Grusendorf stated he doesn't know, its money they aren't allowed to pay for out of the grant, but it saved them from going out to bid to have work done on these sites. Legislator Ungermann stated he understands that, but it takes money away from Public Works Superintendent Guy James' budget, adding it's almost \$39,000 he no longer has to spend. Lt. Grusendorf stated he can always ask for more money, but its work that needs to be completed as well as a shared service throughout the County. Legislator Graves stated he feels County Administrator Tim Boyde is aware of this, adding we have a contingency fund that could cover that, and he's sure Mr. Boyde will do the right thing.

### **Phone System Update**

IT Director Keith Hooker stated one of the issues outstanding from the last meeting has been cleared up, adding the Jail and Courthouse facility are now combined. Mr. Hooker stated the idea of what this phone system was going to be able to do has generated some dialogue, and he wanted to address the auto attendance issue. Mr. Hooker stated the auto attendant feature is up to the directors of the departments as to whether or not they want it installed, and it is not his call. Mr. Hooker continued that the new phone does allow for that feature, just as the old phone system did. Legislator Graves asked what auto attendant is. Mr. Hooker explained when you call some departments; an automated answering machine will answer and give you the option of selecting certain numbers to reach a particular person, extension, or division. Legislator Graves asked what the confusion is if we had this before and it's carried over to the new system. Mr. Hooker stated there are some people that don't like the feature; they want to make a phone call and have a live person pick up. Legislator Fanton stated Public Works has always had auto attendant, but when he calls the Board of Legislators office he always gets a live person. Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle stated she does have an auto attendant in her office in case someone misses the call, or several come in at once; however, it is her preference to have the phones answered every time and not go to the auto attendant. Mrs. Riehle added that in bigger departments, if you're going to have a live person answering the

phones, you'd have to hire an extra person. Public Health Director Lori Ballengee stated because they have an auto attendant, they have been able to utilize their receptionist in lot of different ways because she's not just sitting and answering the phone all day. Legislator Graves stated reading between the lines, if someone has an issue with how the phone is being answered, they should take up those concerns with the department head. Legislator Ungermann stated his experience was trying to get in touch with Planning Director Kier Dirlam. When he dialed the number in the book, he had nine options with the auto attendant, and not one of them was Mr. Dirlam. Legislator Ungermann continued that he also has tried to call the Health Department to talk with Environmental Health, and called four times in a span of an hour and a half, and received an answering machine each time. Legislator Ungermann went on to say that in both instances he had to call Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle who assisted with him in retrieving the person's direct extension, adding what was most upsetting to him was going through all of the automated options and still not getting the person he was trying to reach. Legislator Graves asked if these are expected bumps in the road when installing new systems like this. Mr. Hooker stated, yes, Mr. Dirlam's number was one, that unfortunately slipped through the cracks and wasn't programmed correctly, but it has since been fixed. Legislator Ungermann then asked if Mr. Hooker, on a regular basis, sits down with departments to see how user friendly the system is for them because he also has called Real Property Tax and was told by an employee that the phone system is not user friendly. Mr. Hooker asked who Legislator Ungermann spoke with because he has not heard of any issues from Real Property Tax, but plans to follow up with the Director to straighten out any they may be having. Legislator Ungermann suggested Mr. Hooker go to each department and sit down and discuss what can be done, or what they have to do to utilize this system. Mr. Hooker stated he has done that with each and every department. Mr. Hooker has told them what they can and cannot do, as well as suggesting how to make the phone work best for them after listening to suggestions on what they specifically want the phones to do. Mr. Hooker added that he believes he has made every department fairly happy. Legislator Graves stated he remembers back when the old system was first installed; there were some big bumps in the road, and they eventually got ironed out over time, and it's important for people to let the IT department know when they are having issues so they can work at getting them fixed. Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle stated a lot of it is just having something new and getting used to it, adding the prior phone system was something they had for over twenty years so you knew by heart exactly how to do everything. Mrs. Riehle continued that it will get easier as everyone becomes more familiar with it. Committee Vice-Chairman Chuck Jessup thanked Mr. Hooker for his efforts.

### **Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation (ACTDC) Update**

Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation Board of Directors Chairman Phil Curran stated they don't have much to add on the construction that Lt. Grusendorf didn't already touch on. Legislator Curran stated concrete has been poured at the Angelica tower for the generator pad and shelter. Legislator Curran stated last mile provider Win-Win Wireless has sent technicians to Scranton, PA, for training with CONXX. Chris Siracuse from Tel-Star Communications out of Varysburg, NY, who has been in the satellite business for a long time and is very knowledgeable, has also signed up as a last mile provider. Legislator Curran continued there are also four other last mile providers that have shown interest, but he prefers to not announce names due to the fact they have not yet made any commitment. Legislator Curran stated there is a temporary signal set up on the Corbin Hill tower. It is temporary because of the way the switch feeds, but will allow a few customers to be



hooked up. These customers are aware there will be a small disruption in service when the time comes to change the switch feed. Legislator Curran continued that the Landfill is fully operational and is set at 10mpbs, and he believes they have started using it. Legislator Curran added there are currently seven ACTDC Board members, and that is where they will stay for the time being, and they are excited to be nearing the end, and getting these last mile providers out and selling.

### **Planning Director, Kier Dirlam**

Mr. Dirlam stated they are trying to get with the property owners for the microcell agreements they need in place for additional locations. They are planning to have these agreements be zero cost situations, and they would provide a drop for internet service. Mr. Dirlam stated these are not big towers; only sixty to eighty foot pole towers that get mounted on a small foundation and wired up with the broadcasting unit. CONXX has indicated they plan to do as many installations as they can in June. Mr. Dirlam continued that this program has to be done by summer, and they are running out of time and can't sit around much longer. Legislator Fanton asked if the microcell towers have to have electricity. Mr. Dirlam stated, yes, they do, which is why public places like a Fire Hall, Library or School are the ideal situations; although, there may be a few private places that will be done. Mr. Dirlam stated the question of why a particular location was picked might be asked, and he explained their process of choosing locations. They look at areas they know are already being served, as well as the likelihood of an area being served in the future, and while he's not promising any locations, if someone is in a small hamlet and there has been no Time Warner, and no grant funding has been specified to that area, they are more likely to put something in there as opposed to another site where they've heard the state is going to fund it. Mr. Dirlam stated the Park-n-Ride project is at or above 95 percent engineering and plans have been turned over to the Department of Transportation for approval, and once received back they will be going to bid.

### **Legislative Chambers Sound System**

Facilities & Communications Committee Vice-Chairman Charles Jessup stated he wanted to have a discussion with the Committee regarding the sound system issues they've had recently and the possibility of upgrading it to better standards. Legislator Fanton stated he would like to just get the sound they do have distributed better. Legislator Ungermann asked how long the current system has been in place. Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle stated she'd have to confirm, but believes it's been in place more than 25 years. Legislator Ungermann stated there's beginning to be a problem, and he recalls previous Office for the Aging Director Kim Toot coming to meetings and stating they need to do something about a sound system, adding he's sure anyone sitting in the back of the room can't hear what's going on up front. Legislator Graves stated sight and sound is important especially with the types of messages they are trying to convey, and asked if the IT Department would be capable of overseeing something like that. IT Director Keith Hooker stated he has reached out to three vendors and has spoken to two on specific requirements on the size of room and what they are looking for. He is hoping to get a quote by next month to bring back to the committee. Legislator Graves asked if sight and sound are both included. Mr. Hooker stated, yes, ranging from plain voice to video to recording and posting it online, as well as power screens, and televisions being placed throughout the Chambers. County Administrator Tim Boyde stated he had a discussion with Mr. Hooker after the last Board meeting because he, sitting up front, was still unable to hear the presenter they

had, and is often unable to hear because of the sound system. Mr. Boyde went on to say he has seen many different types of systems, and provided a couple of examples, one of which is placing microphones at the Legislator's desks, as well as a bird's-eye camera in the back to digitally record the meeting that would be tied into a good recording system in the event Journal Clerk Sarah Decker needs to refer back to them. Mr. Boyde stated it comes to down to wanting all the bells and whistles or enough to look like we're in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

### **Pre-Paid Phone Surcharge**

Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf stated that the state has approved a local law for each County to go after a surcharge on pre-paid phones in the amount of \$.30 per phone. Lt. Grusendorf suggested we go after that charge and offered to do additional research if needed. Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle stated we have a local law now, and asked if this is an additional \$.30. Lt. Grusendorf stated this is for pre-paid phones, adding that right now we just collect on landlines and cell phones. Committee Vice-Chairman Charles Jessup requested that Lt. Grusendorf move forward with additional research. **Refer to Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators

## **Facilities & Communications**

**June 7, 2017**

**NOT APPROVED**

**Members Present:** C. Jessup, D. Fanton, K. Graves, A. McGraw, D. Root, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

**Others Present:** L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, S. Burt, N. Carnes, D. Decker, S. Decker, K. Dirlam, M. Evans, S. Grusendorf, D.M. Healy, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, J. Hopkins, C. Knapp, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, P. Stockin, R. Swarthout, R. Whitney

**Media Present:** B. Clark – *Olean Times Herald*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by at 2:01 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Facilities & Communications Committee meeting minutes of May 3, 2017, were approved on a motion made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

### **Connect NY Grant**

Planning Director Kier Dirlam stated that he had spoken on this subject at the previous night's Committee of the Whole meeting. He didn't have anything more to add, and said that no action was needed at this time. Legislator Fanton remarked on how knowledgeable Mr. Dirlam has been with this project and he appreciates his efforts.

### **SUNY Alfred License Agreement**

County Attorney Tom Miner stated that after months of going back and forth with this, the State is ready to move forward. Mr. Miner is comfortable moving forward with it as well. A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried to move forward with the SUNY Alfred License Agreement. Legislator Ungermann asked if this project would be completed in time for the grant deadline. Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf indicated that it would be. After further discussion, it was clarified that it would not be completed by the deadline for the Connect NY Broadband grant, but would be for the deadline of the 911 grant. Mr. Dirlam stated that there was no way to make it work. Albany took a great deal of time putting things together. The Broadband grant money will be expended though. **Prepare Resolution.**

### **Town of Independence Lease Agreement**

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to move forward with the Town of Independence Lease Agreement. Legislator Ungermann remarked that there was a lot less paperwork for this agreement. **Prepare Resolution.**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah M. Decker, Journal Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators

## **Facilities & Communications**

**June 7, 2017**

**NOT APPROVED**

**Members Present:** C. Jessup, D. Fanton, K. Graves, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall (Absent: A. McGraw, D. Root)

**Others Present:** L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, M. Evans, S. Grusendorf, M. Healy, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, J. Hopkins, G. James, T. Miner, B. Riehle, D. Scholes, P. Stockin, R. Swarthout, M. Washer

**Media Present:** C. Dutton – *Cuba Patriot*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Facilities & Communications Vice-Chairman Charles Jessup at 2:00 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Facilities & Communications Committee meeting minutes of June 7, 2017, were approved on a motion made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

### **Broadband Update**

Planning Director Kier Dirlam attended the meeting and provided the committee with an update on the Broadband Project. Mr. Dirlam stated at the last Committee of the Whole meeting they discussed the last piece of the project which is installing microcell towers. After that session, Mr. Dirlam spoke with County Attorney Thomas Miner regarding whether or not they need to bid the microcell towers, and after further discussion, it does not appear to be available on state bid. Mr. Dirlam continued that they may have the possibility of following a federal bid that was previously done through a contract with Delaware. Attorney Miner stated under General Municipal Law, if you don't competitively bid, you can go off state contract or you can piggy back federal wide contracts. Mr. Dirlam stated CONXX has been in the County performing different work on towers and installing new equipment. Mr. Dirlam continued that due to the FCC messing around with the law so much "white space" has been determined to be unusable to the County at this point in time. The County still is challenged by trees, but they have found 900MHz cuts through them well, so that is what they will be installing. Mr. Dirlam went on to say they do have their first customer signed up, installed, and receiving service. This customer wrote a letter to Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation Executive Director Ryan Cool expressing their positive experience with their service. Legislator Graves asked if they have looked at the federal pricing for the towers and if it's within what they thought. Mr. Dirlam stated they haven't talked about that; currently they are just trying to find a source that will even be able to do it. Legislator Graves stated a problem they may run into is delivery, adding Whitfords has done some piggy backing off different bids, and when it got into the actual delivery of the equipment, miles add up and it can become an issue. Mr. Dirlam stated they are going to do the best they can with this whole process. All bills must be invoiced and paid by the end of the August. They will get as much done as they can, but cannot say they will have everything done that they originally hoped for. Mr. Dirlam continued that the essential project has been completed and because it was done more efficiently and for less money, they have been able to add things to the project, which is what they are struggling to finish within the timeline. Legislator Decker asked if they will have to acquire properties for the microcell towers. Mr. Dirlam stated the plan is to have a lease deal with a fire hall, school, or library. They will not be buying property, and it will be a no fee transaction; however, if the owner wants a line of service, they will get it for free for hosting a site. Legislator Healy asked if delivery of equipment has to also be completed by the end of August. Mr. Dirlam stated he has not heard anything other than have everything into the County by that date. Legislator Fanton stated they should

pick up extra units to have on hand in case something happens. Mr. Dirlam stated they have already built into the whole procurement having extra equipment in the hopper.

### **Tronetti House Update**

Public Works Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes stated he has done some work on the SEQR, and he needs to work with the County Attorney's office to finalize details, adding it was temporarily put on the back burner due to unexpected maintenance on the elevator.

### **Third Floor Project**

Public Works Superintendent Guy James stated that the prime, plumbing, and mechanical contractors have received their notices to proceed with work for the Third Floor Renovation Project, and they are effective Monday, July 10, 2017. On Friday, July 7 at 10:00 a.m., they will be opening the re-bid for the Electrical contract, and there will be a special Public Works meeting held Monday, July 10, at 12:45 p.m. to award the contract. Mr. James continued that if any departments have any items still being stored on the third floor to please have them removed. Mr. James wants employees to be aware that there will also be some impacts to parking as well as noise.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Secretary to Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators

## **Facilities & Communications**

**August 2, 2017**

**NOT APPROVED**

**Members Present:** C. Jessup, D. Fanton, K. Graves, A. McGraw, D. Root, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall

**Others Present:** L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, B. Budinger, S. Burt, P. Curran, K. Dirlam, S. Grusendorf, M. Healy, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, T. Shaw, R. Swarthout, M. Washer, R. Whitney

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Facilities & Communications Vice-Chairman Charles Jessup at 2:02 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Facilities & Communications Committee meeting minutes of July 5, 2017, were approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried.

### **Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation Appointments**

The Chairman of the Board plans to re-appoint John Margeson of Scio, New York, and Michael Johnsen of Dalton, New York, as members of the Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation for a two-year term effective October 1, 2017, and expiring September 30, 2019. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

The Chairman of the Board plans to re-appoint Philip Curran of Alfred Station, New York, and Dwight Fanton of Wellsville, New York, and appoint Brent Reynolds of Alfred Station, New York, as members of the Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation for the remainder of a two-year term effective immediately and expiring September 30, 2018. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Broadband Update**

Legislator Phil Curran stated Chris Siracuse of Tel-Star Communications was set up at the County Fair and had a lot of activity, adding he's a go-getter and will make a difference. Legislator Fanton asked if Alma tower is operating. Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf stated it is up and has power; however, a signal cannot be sent until the Bolivar tower is up and running. County Attorney Thomas Miner stated they are waiting on the property owner of the Bolivar tower location to sign the contract and send it back, adding the owner is an attorney out of Buffalo, and they have contacted him multiple times but he's not holding up his end of the deal. Attorney Miner continued had they known this would be the case, they would have recommended the tower location be somewhere else, adding it's extremely frustrating and if they continue to make no progress he recommends they put out a press release to make the County residents aware of what is actually holding up the process. Chairman Crandall stated the Legislators involvement with the last mile provider has been very indirect and when people approach them with questions regarding how to sign up, they need to have a contact person to refer them to. Planning Director Kier Dirlam stated he has been referring everyone to Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation Executive Director Ryan Cool. Legislator Hopkins asked that Mr. Cool's information be sent out so potential customers can be referred to him. Legislator Root asked if his information is available on the website. Legislator Graves stated if it's not, it should be added. Mr. Dirlam stated his hope is that in September when our portion of the project is complete, they can hold an event where they officially handover the

reigns to the Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation. Mr. Dirlam continued that he has spoken with Tel-Star regarding this. He is very excited about it and while he has been doing some PR, he doesn't want to push too hard until the system is completely up and running.

### **Tronetti House Update**

Public Works Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes stated the code enforcement officer has completed her inspection and has also identified some other structures that will need to be taken down. They have had discussions and hope to put out a Request for Proposal to bundle the demolitions together to save on costs, adding they will also need to find a source of funding and it won't be cheap.

### **Third Floor Project**

Public Works Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes stated the general contractors have been in and begun their materials list and expect work to begin this month. Legislator Root asked if they know the end date for the Third Floor Project. Mr. Scholes stated phase one should be complete by mid-January. Mr. Scholes stated the elevator work has begun, and there will be times where it will be loud and inconvenient, and he appreciates everyone's patience while they are working through it.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Secretary to Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators