PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
AGENDA
May 2, 2018

1. Approval of Minutes
   - April 4, 2018

2. Highway
   - Request to fill HMEO I position
   - Update on road and bridge projects

3. Solid Waste
   - Phase IV closure update
   - Request to hold Household Hazardous Waste Day
   - Request to apply for NYSDEC grant to partially fund Household Hazardous Waste Day
   - Request to receive additional reimbursement to municipalities for expenses related to collecting and recycling electronic waste

4. Building & Grounds
   - Update on renovations

5. Old Business

6. New Business

7. Questions from the Media

8. Good of the Order

9. Adjournment
Request to Fill Position Form

Date: May 2, 2018 Committee of Jurisdiction: PUBLIC WORKS

Request to Fill: Title of Position: Heavy Motor Equipment Operator I (HMEO I)
Dept.: Public Works (County Road)

Will any positions be eliminated? No
If yes, which position(s): __________

This position is an:
- Existing position? X
- Newly Created Position? ______
Created by Resolution #: ______

This position will be:
- Full Time? X
- Part Time? ______
- Permanent? ______
- Temporary? ______

This position will be:
- Non Union? ______
- Union? X
covered by the AFSCME bargaining unit.

Grade: 13 Step: __________ Hourly pay rate: $16.9186 - $20.4786
Annual salary of position: $35,326.04 - $42,070.28
Cost of benefits for position: $16,769.27 - 19,970.76

Does position support a mandated program/grant? __ Name of program: __________

Source of funding for position: 100% County ______% State ______% Federal ______% Other
Source of funding for benefits: 100% County ______% State ______% Federal ______% Other

Amount in 2018 year's budget for this position: 100%

Rationale justifying the need to fill this position at this time. Please include in your rational where applicable:

1. The specific duties that cannot be accomplished by another employee.
   Operations and maintenance of specialized heavy motor equipment for the County's highway Department

2. The goals your organization will not be able to accomplish as a result of not filling this position.
   Operations and maintenance of specialized heavy motor equipment for the County's highway Department

3. The funding available to fill the position from external sources.
   None

4. The benefit to the County generated by this specific position.
   Operations and maintenance of specialized heavy motor equipment for the County's highway Department

Department Name: PUBLIC WORKS Date: 5/2/18
County Administrator Authorization: ____________________________ Date: 4/13/2018

Approved by the Ways and Means Committee on __________

Pursuant to Resolution No. 146-03
Form Amended September 27, 2017
The Department of Public Works requests a Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for State Assistance under the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) State Assistance Program and signing of the Associated State Contract, Under the Appropriate Laws of New York State.

FISCAL IMPACT: $6,000 annually if approved

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Guy R. James (585) 268-9230
Superintendent

GRJ:lr
RESOLUTION
STEUBEN COUNTY LEGISLATURE
BATH, NEW YORK

DATE APPROVED: 03/26/2018  INTRO. NO.: 16-16
PERM. NO. : 076-18  INTRO. DATE: 03/26/2018

INTRO. BY : G. Swackhamer  SECONDED BY : F. Potter

VOTE:
ROLL CALL
ADOPTED
ACCLAMATION

COMMITTEES:
P.W.  Y:  5 N:  0  Y:  ______ N:  ______

TITLE: MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNOR AND THE NEW YORK STATE
LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE NEW YORK STATE ELECTRONIC
EQUIPMENT RECYCLING AND REUSE ACT AND REQUESTING
ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR EXPENSES
INCURRED FOR COLLECTING AND RECYCLING ELECTRONICS WASTE.

WHEREAS, the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act (Act) was adopted by the State in 2010 in order to assist local governments with managing the fast-growing electronics waste stream by requiring electronics manufacturers to fund a recycling infrastructure and relieve municipalities from the recycling and end-of-life management costs; and

WHEREAS, the Act has succeeded in significantly increasing electronics recovery and recycling in the state, but the collection infrastructure is unstable and local governments and other collectors are faced with mounting fees in the absence of consistent manufacturer funding and limited markets for cathode ray tubes (CRTs); and

WHEREAS, while the Act intended to place the burden of electronics recycling on the manufacturers of electronic devices, the Act failed to stipulate adequate education requirements to inform the public of the process by which they could recycle their electronics with the manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, the Act created a ban on disposal of electronic waste in landfills, effective January 2015, which resulted in a growing number of waste stream planning units throughout New York’s counties bearing more of the fiscal responsibility for continued e-scrap collection in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires, and the state relies on, electronics manufacturers to fund e-scrap recycling programs that are effective, continuous and reasonably convenient to all consumers across the state; and

WHEREAS, once manufacturers have met their performance standard (goal), which, in many cases, is midway through the year, they no longer provide financial support to continue their collection programs, thus shifting management costs to cash-strapped local governments; and
WHEREAS, while the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) indicates there are no longer performance goals, some manufacturers continue to dodge their legal responsibility to accept electronic waste; and

WHEREAS, the Act empowers the DEC to promulgate regulations that could address many of the shortcomings in the law, and, in 2016, the DEC began the rulemaking process by holding preliminary workshops and accepting comments via email; and

WHEREAS, the issue is exacerbated by the fact that electronics sold today weigh much less than the obsolete CRT devices that make up approximately 70% of the weight of e-scrap generated, which are cost intensive to responsibly manage; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in many local governments across the state having grappled with the burden to fund or cease e-scrap collection, which has been particularly difficult in rural communities that do not benefit from retail collectors or economies of scale; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2016-17 appropriation for the Environmental Protection Fund assists municipalities by making $3 million available to reimburse up to 50 percent of expenses incurred for the collection/recycling of e-waste.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, Steuben County in collaboration with the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and New York State Association for Solid Waste Management (NYSASWM) calls upon Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Assembly, the New York State Senate and the State Department of Environmental Conservation to improve the current law intended to create a more stable and comprehensive manufacturer-implemented electronics recycling infrastructure; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Steuben County calls on state lawmakers to help alleviate the financial and administrative burden on municipalities who are dealing with these electronics, by continuing to fund the reimbursement of expenses incurred collecting and recycling e-waste; and be it further

RESOLVED, Steuben County calls on state lawmakers to implement actions to strengthen communication among stakeholders, clarify key statutory provisions in their present rulemaking efforts, and promote the adoption of changes to the Act that will provide for year round, no-cost collection of electronics, consistent with convenience standards for both rural and urban populations that help alleviate the immediate financial pressures faced by local governments; and be it further

STATE OF NEW YORK) ss.
COUNTY OF STEUBEN

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Steuben County Legislature, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a copy of a resolution duly adopted by said County Legislature while in session in the Legislative Chambers in the Village of Bath, New York, March 26, 2018; that it is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said County Legislature at Bath, New York, March 26, 2018.