

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

May 2, 2018

Members Present: D. Fanton, J. Ricci, G. Barnes, P. Curran, W. Dibble, K. Graves, D. Healy, C. Crandall

Others Present: L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, B. Budinger, J. Burdick, J. Hopkins, G. James, C. Knapp, T. Palmiter, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, D. Scholes, T. Shaw, P. Stockin, M. Washer

Media Present: C. Potter – *Wellsville Daily Reporter*, K. Kellogg – *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Public Works Committee Chairman Dwight Fanton at 1:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Legislator Dibble, seconded by Legislator Ricci, and carried to approve the minutes of April 4, 2018.

HIGHWAY

Request to fill HMEO I Position

Public Works Superintendent Guy James requested permission to fill one full-time HMEO I (AFSCME, Grade 13) position, and all subsequent positions including hiring from the outside. This position is responsible for the operation and maintenance of specialized heavy motor equipment for the County's Highway Department. The annual salary of this position is estimated between \$35,326.04 and \$42,070.28 with benefits estimated between \$16,769.27 and \$19,970.76. This position is funded 100 percent with County dollars. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Refer to Ways and Means**

Bridge-NY Funding

Mr. James stated they have submitted candidates for Bridge-NY funding. This is a 2-year program where the County can receive 100 percent funding reimbursement for no more than 1 bridge project and 2 culverts per year, per municipality. The County is in competition with everyone in upstate New York, and we submitted the maximum allowed of six culverts and four bridges which are as follows:

Six Culverts

County Route #49	Rushford	Culvert #49-34
County Route #15A	Grove	Culvert #15A-59
County Route #11	Almond	Culvert #11-33
County Route #8	Wirt	Culvert #08-34
County Route #2	Almond	Culvert #02-60
County Route #2A	West Almond	Culvert #02A-18.5

Four Bridges

County Route #18	Bolivar	Bridge #10-01	B.I.N. 3330060
County Route #20	Cuba	Bridge #15-20	B.I.N. 3090290
County Route #4	Hume	Bridge #20-20	B.I.N. 3330760
County Route #15	Allen	Bridge #02-01	B.I.N. 3329780

Mr. James indicated there were a total of 16 culvert and 7 bridge submittals County-wide.

Update on Road and Bridge Projects

Mr. James provided a brief update on paving and bridge projects throughout the County, stating County Route 15A is currently being paved, and surface treating will begin in early June. The bridge crew recently finished a project on County Route 15B in the Town of Birdsall using recycled panels from the County Route #43 Bridge in Angelica, and they are currently working on a bridge on Deer Creek Road in the Town of Genesee. Mr. James indicated that the six Tappan Zee panels will be arriving over the course of four days from June 19 through June 22.

SOLID WASTE

Public Works Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes introduced Recycling Coordinator Tim Palmiter to the committee. Mr. Scholes stated the Phase IV Landfill Closure is waiting on final approval, and they expect the closure to go very smoothly.

Request to hold Household Hazardous Waste Day

Mr. Scholes requested permission to hold Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration is not required; however, strongly encouraged. Legislator Barnes asked what type of waste is accepted. Mr. Scholes stated mercury, old paint, tar, etc. Legislator Barnes then asked if there is a cost associated. Mr. Scholes stated there is no cost to the County residents; however, there is a cost to the County that they can offset with the grant they apply for every year. In 2017, \$7,572 was spent on Household Hazardous Waste Day, and they can apply for a grant to receive 50 percent of that expense back. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried.

Request to Apply for NYSDEC Grant

Mr. Scholes requested a resolution approving the filing of an application for state assistance under the Household Hazardous Waste Day State Assistance Program as well as the signing of the Associated State contract under the appropriate laws of New York State. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Ricci, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Request to Receive Additional Reimbursement

Mr. Scholes requested the committee to consider adopting a resolution similar to one recently passed in Bath, NY, by the Steuben County Legislature that will allow municipalities to receive additional reimbursement from the state for expenses related to the collection and recycling of electronic waste. Mr. Scholes stated this program has been underfunded for quite some time, and manufacturers aren't contributing financially as they should and/or could, and they believe that additional funding is necessary to help municipalities continue their collection programs. Committee Chairman Fanton asked what portion of expenses are recovered. Mr. Palmiter stated up to 50 percent are covered. Legislator Dibble recommended this request be referred to the County Attorney to draft a resolution. Legislator Harris indicated the Steuben County resolution was adopted at the recent InterCounty meeting. Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle stated she does believe it was adopted with no amendments. Acting County Attorney Carissa Knapp stated the Steuben County resolution is what our resolution will reflect along with the personalization to Allegany County, and the committee members confirmed that they do not to see an additional draft prior to sending it to the full Board for approval. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

Prepare Resolution

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Third Floor Project Update

Mr. Scholes stated the Third Floor Project is coming along very well. The fire safety test held on April 24, 2018, went very smoothly. They anticipate finishing in the next few weeks and will begin the process for the first floor renovations.

Old Business

Legislator Dibble requested to bring the former inmate outdoor recreation area off the table and forward it to the Public Works Department to investigate and report back to the committee within three to four months. Legislator Dibble further requested that the 2,190 square foot space be considered for a conference room to help eliminate County employee travel time to Crossroads or the Public Safety Facility. In addition, Legislator Dibble suggested a flat roof with two fixed horizontal skylights with inside electronic shades to allow for audio/visual use. Committee Chairman Fanton stated that information received from LaBella indicated a \$1 million cost for the outdoor recreation area, and asked if there is anyone interested in spending that kind of money. Legislator Dibble stated he's not an engineer, but he believes that they can get this project done for \$300,000. Committee Chairman Fanton suggested that Legislator Dibble meet with County Engineer Tom Windus as well as Mr. James to discuss this issue, adding that whatever is done needs to pass state specs; therefore, they can't just throw something together up there. Legislator Ricci stated it wouldn't hurt to have our Public Works Department look into it further and see what the possibilities are. A motion was made by Legislator Dibble, seconded by Legislator Ricci, and carried to bring the issue off the table and allow Legislator Dibble to work with the Public Works Department and formalize plans.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried at 1:25 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Immediately following discussion at 1:55 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried to exit the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer
Confidential Secretary to Clerk of the Board
Board of Legislators