

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

February 23, 2012

PRESENT:

Michael Benson, Chairman
Jeffrey Braley
Raymond Staats
Lawrence Andrews
Arthur Bassin
Thomas Garrick
Ronald Knott
Jeffrey Nayer
Sarah Sterling

ABSENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Jolene Race
Steve Hook
Dean Knox
Bernard Kelleher
David Robinson
Robert Pinto
Paul Martin
William Hughes, Jr.
PRESS: 0

Deputy Chairman Staats called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
Chairman Benson arrived and took over the meeting.

STATION REPORT – Distributed and reviewed.

PROJECTS:

Issued the Draft RFP for the County's recycling services. As per General Municipal Law Section 120-W there is a 60 day comment period and a 10 day response period before the Final RFP can be issued.

Sent contracts to MXI Environmental Services for the HHW collection event. The date for our collection will be Saturday, June 2nd between 8 – 12 noon at the Highway Garage on Rt. 23B. Will be sending out flyers, press releases & postings on our website in the next few months.

Completed the bi-annual reports, the required Electronics reporting forms & Annual Planning Unit Recycling Report to NYSDEC

Received a call from a local electronics vendor who is interested in our ewaste. Although we are currently pleased with our current vendor Regional Computers in Victor, NY we would like to explore local options.

A huge thank you to Tony Demarco & his crew (Copake outpost) for trimming the tree lines at all of our waste stations. They did a fantastic job!

J. Race requested permission to extend continuing to take in metal at the stations through May, 2012, motion by R. Staats, second by L. Andrews, carried.

WORK SCHEDULE: R. Pinto

- 1. Routine maintenance continues at the Solid Waste Stations and the Airport**
- 2. Work requests from Pine Haven and Public Safety Building are completed daily**
- 3. Sons & Daughters of Italy and Philmont Nutrition Center are cleaned weekly**
- 4. Copy paper is delivered to various County departments weekly for Central Services**
- 5. Meetings have been held regarding moving the DA & Healthcare Consortium offices scheduled for February 25 & 26**
- 6. Lights at various locations have been repaired, bulbs & ballasts changed**
- 7. New ceiling tiles have been installed in the office area at the Airport**
- 8. The basement at DSS has been cleaned of accumulated debris**
- 9. Paint has been purchased for the PSB**
- 10. Another electrical outlet has been installed in the basement at 325 for the record storage**
- 11. Walls have been repaired at the Courthouse**

12. Quotes are being obtained for the replacement of door window in County Attorney Dept.
13. Multiple boxes have been moved to storage in 401 basement for Elections
14. An additional slider window has been purchased and installed in the Human Services dept. at 325 Col. St.
15. Bullet proof window at 325 Columbia St. has been moved to west end of building in anticipation of moving the DA department
16. The security system upgrade at PSB is 90% finished by Black Creek Integrated Systems Corp.

17. Key pad for additional security at County Attorney office has been installed
With review, No. 15, the move is scheduled for this weekend. Feb 25th, noting No. 16 there are some software issues and No. 17, Chairman Benson asked about how many bathrooms 1 or 2? and to get proposals.

PERSONNEL

A full-time laborer who was on his probationary period has been terminated

HIGHWAY: B. Kelleher

Patching potholes and shoulders.

Cutting brush and removing dead and diseased trees along the County roadways.

Roadside sign maintenance.

Equipment maintenance.

Some occasional Snow and Ice control.

Personnel Update:

One man out on extended sick leave.

One man out on workmen's compensation.

We are continuing the job search for qualified personnel to fill the two vacant position's of Senior Auto Mechanic. B. Kelleher stated they hired One (1) position yesterday, and continuing to look for an experienced Diesel Repair mechanic for the other position.

B. Kelleher informed the committee that he has a .4 Line Item Lease in his budget in the amount of \$145,000.00 which he is in need to purchase One (1) Gradall (Rubber Tire Excavator), the estimated cost is \$285,000, could be lower, he will go out to bid and this will be paid off in a two (2) year time frame. Resolution will come to next month's meeting.

Resolution Requests:

To purchase (2) two single axle International 7500 SFA 4X2 cab and chassis trucks with extended warranties from Ben Funk Inc. of Hudson N.Y. who was the sole bidder at a total cost of \$217,511.96 for both. The body and plow equipment will be bid next month, motion by R. Staats, seconded by L. Andrews, carried, This has gone the Budget & Salary earlier today, forward to Finance.

ENGINEERING: D. Knox (Reviewed his agenda and notes)

FEDERAL-AID BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATE

BRIDGES: CO. RTE. 16/HOLLOWVILLE CREEK (CLAVERACK); WALKERS MILL/KLEIN KILL (LIVINGSTON); CO. RTE. 9/INDIAN CREEK (CHATHAM); CO. RTE. 25/FITTING CREEK (STOCKPORT)

HIGHWAYS: CO. RTES. 7 & 7A REHAB. COMBINED W/ BROWN'S BRIDGE – COPAKE

LOCALLY FUNDED BRIDGE PROGRAM UPDATE

FUTURE CAPITAL BRIDGE PROJECT PLANNING; 2012 MAINTENANCE/REPAIR PLANNING; MULTI-BRIDGE/STEEL REPAIR DESIGNS/CONTRACTS, 2011 AND 2012; BLOCH BRIDGE; UPPER FORGE BRIDGE; FELTS BRIDGE; BINGHAM MILLS BRIDGE; MICHALUK BRIDGE; AND PRATT BRIDGE

COUNTY AIRPORT UPDATES

R/W 21 END RSA IMPROVEMENTS/LAND ACQUISITION; FEDERAL AIP-FFY 2012 PROJECT GRANT APPLICATIONS; FAA MULTI-YEAR AVIATION BILL UPDATE

FEDERAL-AID BRIDGE AND HIGHWAY PROJECT UPDATES
COL. CO. RTES. 7 & 7A HIGHWAY REHAB. AND BROWN'S BRIDGE
REPLACEMENT/COPAKE

AT THE NEW BROWN'S BRIDGE, THE NEW BRIDGE WAS OPENED TO ALL TRAFFIC IN LATE DECEMBER AND MINOR FINISHING WORK WILL BE COMPLETED THIS SPRING. THE HIGHWAY REHABILITATION WORK ON 6+ MILES OF RTES. 7 & 7A IS SHUTDOWN FOR THE WINTER. 1 MILE OF T & L/BINDER, 6 MILES OF TOP COURSE HMA PAVING, REMAINING NEW GUIDERAIL AND SIGNING, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS FINISH WORK ON THIS PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED THIS SPRING.

CO RTE. 16/HOLLOWVILLE CREEK – CLAVERACK; WALKERS MILL BRIDGE
HISTORIC REHAB - LIVINGSTON

AT THE CO. RTE. 16/HOLLOWVILLE CREEK (CLAVERACK) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, ROW INCIDENTAL WORK IS CONTINUING AND FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL AND FINAL DESIGN APPROVAL FROM NYSDOT AND FHWA IS IMMINENT. AT WALKERS MILL BRIDGE, FINAL DETAILED DESIGN FOR BOTH PROJECTS WILL PROGRESS THROUGH MID 2012 AND WE HOPE TO RECEIVE APPROVAL TO LET CONSTRUCTION BIDS ON BOTH OF THESE BRIDGE PROJECTS IN LATE 2012/EARLY 2013.

CO. RTE. 9/INDIAN CREEK - CHATHAM; CO. RTE. 25/FITTING CREEK – STOCKPORT
BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS

FINAL IPP'S (INITIAL PROJECT PROPOSAL) AND PMP'S (PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN) HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR STATE/FEDERAL SIGNATURES. NEXT STEPS WILL BE FORMAL PROJECT INITIATION, FEDERAL/STATE/COUNTY FUNDING AGREEMENT PREPARATION AND DESIGN CONSULTANT SELECTION.

LOCALLY FUNDED BRIDGE PROGRAM

CONTINUE TO REVIEW 2011 INSPECTION REPORTS FOR 2012 SEASONAL MAINTENANCE WORK AND FUTURE CAPITAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT/REHAB USING LOCAL FUNDS AND ANY OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES

BLOCH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – HILLSDALE THIS NEW COUNTY BRIDGE WAS RE-OPENED TO ALL TRAFFIC DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY AND FINISHING WORK (PAVING/SEEDING/PLANTINGS) WILL BE COMPLETED THIS SPRING.

NEW FORGE RD BRIDGE – TAGHKANIC –DESIGN OF THE NEW UPPER FORGE BRIDGE CONTINUES BY RYAN-BIGGS ASSOC. OF TROY, NY, WITH OVERHEAD UTILITY RELOCATIONS AND ROW COORDINATION ALSO BEING PROGRESSED.

2012 MULTI-BRIDGE STEEL REPAIR CONTRACT – A FIELD REVIEW OF SEVERAL CO. BRIDGES WHICH ARE CANDIDATES FOR THIS YEAR'S MULTI-BRIDGE "ELEMENT-SPECIFIC" REPAIR CONTRACT WAS COMPLETED YESTERDAY WITH OUR BRIDGE DESIGN CONSULTANT BARTON & LOGUIDICE, PC. FINAL SELECTION OF THE BRIDGES WE WILL PERFORM ELEMENT-SPECIFIC REPAIR WORK ON LATER THIS YEAR WILL BE DONE WITHIN THE NEXT 2-3 WEEKS.

MICHALUK BRIDGE PIER REPLACEMENT – COPAKE FINAL DESIGN WORK HAS COMMENCED ON THE REPLACEMENT PIER AND STREAM BANK RESTORATION OF THE BASH BISH BROOK AT THE IRENE FLOOD DAMAGED MICHALUK BRIDGE. WE ANTICIPATE HAVING THE DESIGN WORK COMPLETED AND THE NECESSARY ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING/EASEMENT ACQUISITION TASKS FINISHED THIS SPRING, WITH AN APRIL-MAY CONTRACT LETTING ANTICIPATED. IN ADDITION, WE JUST LEARNED THAT THE COUNTY'S APPLICATION FOR THE INCLUSION OF THIS PROJECT IN FEMA'S HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM WAS JUST APPROVED, WHICH WILL PUT THE COUNTY IN LINE FOR FULL FEMA (75%) AND NYS SEMO (12.5%) FUNDING FOR THE ACTUAL PROJECT COSTS.

BINGHAM MILLS BRIDGE CONDITIONS STUDY – RYAN-BIGGS ASSOCIATES HAS COMPLETED THE FINAL REPORT ON FEASIBLE REPAIRS/REHABILITATION ALTERNATIVES/COSTS.

FELTS BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT – GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. IS PROGRESSING FINAL DESIGN WORK FOR THE NEW FELTS BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE PROPOSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN SUMMER 2012. A MAY 2012 LETTING EXPECTED.

PRATT BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT – AUSTERLITZ – THE CO. ATTORNEY’S OFFICE ANTICIPATES ACQUIRING THE FINAL 2 TEMPORARY EASEMENTS NECESSARY TO PROGRESS THIS PROJECT TO CONTRACT LETTING WITHIN THE NEXT 3-4 MONTHS. A TEMPORARY EASEMENT NECESSARY FOR THE TRAFFIC DETOUR DURING CONSTRUCTION WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED AND FINAL DESIGN IS OVER 95% COMPLETE.

COUNTY AIRPORT UPDATES

R/W 21 END (NORTH END) RUNWAY SAFETY AREA/LAND AND EASEMENT ACQUISITIONS/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – NEW REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS OF THE FEE ACQUISITION PARCEL AND AVIATION EASEMENTS FROM THE MEADOW GREENS GOLF CLUB THAT ARE NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT THE FAA-COMPLIANT RUNWAY 21 RSA/ROFA ARE UNDERWAY. TWO (2) INDEPENDENT APPRAISALS WILL LEAD TO AN EVENTUAL FINAL APPRAISAL REVIEW BY NYS DOT’S REAL ESTATE OFFICE, WHICH WILL SET THE OFFER PRICE FOR THE NECESSARY FEE ACQUISITION AND EASEMENTS.

FFY 2012 FEDERAL AIP (AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) GRANT APPLICATIONS – THREE (3) GRANT APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND NYS DOT FOR FFY 2012 FEDERAL AND NYS AVIATION FUNDING (95% FEDERAL/2.5% STATE/2/5% COUNTY). THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATIONS WERE SUBMITTED:

R/W 21 FEE AND AVIATION EASEMENT LAND ACQUISITIONS

**R/W 21 RSA IMPROVEMENT DESIGN/ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION DESIGN
WILDLIFE HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

GRANT OFFERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE MADE IN THE NEXT 2 MONTHS.

FAA MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM FUNDING UPDATE – AFTER 23 SHORT-TERM FEDERAL AVIATION PROGRAM EXTENSIONS OVER AN ALMOST 5-YEAR PERIOD, CONGRESS HAS FINALLY AGREED UPON A LONG-TERM/MULTI-YEAR FEDERAL AVIATION FUNDING PROGRAM TO REPLACE THE LAST LONG-TERM AVIATION BILL (VISION-100/FFY 2003-2007). ALTHOUGH NOT YET SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS NEW 4-YEAR PROGRAM WILL BECOME LAW AND FINALLY PROVIDE A STABLE AND RELIABLE ANNUAL FEDERAL AVIATION FUNDING SOURCE TO ALL AIRPORTS ACROSS THE US. ALTHOUGH FUNDING LEVELS FOR THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PORTION OF THE BILL (THE PART THAT FUNDS THE MAJORITY OF OUR AIRPORT CAPITAL PROJECTS) DO NOT INCREASE FROM THE PAST FEW YEARS AND THE FEDERAL SHARE OF AIP PROJECTS DROPS FROM 95% TO 90%, A LONG-TERM PROGRAM IS MUCH MORE EFFICIENT AND A FAR MORE RELIABLE FUNDING SOURCE THAN THE 23 SHORT-TERM “EXTENSIONS” PROVIDED OVER THE PAST 4-5 YEARS.

OTHER ENGINEERING DIVISION ACTIVITIES

OTHER ENGINEERING DIVISION ACTIVITIES INCLUDE REVIEW OF YEAR 2011 BIENNIAL/ANNUAL BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORTS; FEDERAL/NYS BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND AIRPORT PROJECT REIMBURSEMENTS; LOCALLY FUNDED BRIDGE PROGRAM PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION; CO./TOWN HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY INVESTIGATIONS AND LAYOUTS; PROCESSING REDUCED SPEED LIMIT REQUESTS – VARIOUS TOWNS; INTERSECTION RE-DESIGN OF SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD AND NYS RTE. 9H & 23 – TOWN OF CLAVERACK, NYS RTE. 203/CO. RTE 21B – KINDERHOOK AND NYS RTE. 82/CO. RTE. 7 - ANCRAM; GUIDERAIL DESIGN – CR 63 – HILLSDALE, CR 39 – KINDERHOOK/CHATHAM AND CR 16 – COPAKE; LARGE CULVERT INSPECTIONS; PROPERTY/PARCEL STUDY/MAP – OLD CR 55 – COPAKE; CO. BRIDGE AND SPEED LIMIT MAP UPDATES; PRELIMINARY PLANNING AND CONSULTANT SELECTION – NEW CO. DPW/HUDSON HIGHWAY OUTPOST GARAGE FACILITY; NRCS FEDERAL EWP PROJECT FIELD REVIEW/PROJECT APPLICATIONS; AND PINE HAVEN CELL TOWER BIDS. There are approximately 6 to 7 open truss bridges

BUILDING/DPW: D. ROBINSON

Columbia County Courthouse :

The first draft of 100% plans are available. This department will meet with the architect and engineer next Wednesday 2/29/12 to review the drawings. After corrections are made, they will be sent to OCA for their review.

Alpine Environmental Services conducted their on-site work on 2/22/12 in support of the hazardous materials study being conducted as a precursor to the courthouse demolition / renovation work.

Columbia County Communications / EOC Center

Correspondence from DMI dated 1/20/12 was sent to Public Works Committee members. In short, DMI does not seem to be proactively fulfilling their obligations in accordance with the 10-year warrantee for the metal roof.

The matter is turned over to the County Attorney’s office for legal proceedings.

Brunswick Electric has been on-site and has begun to assemble the as-built information for smoke dampers that were not installed within the wall cavity. We anticipate this work to be completed within 30-days.

This office has met with the NYS Department of State regarding their assistance in reviewing the as-built conditions of the smoke dampers relative to the NYS Building Code. Joe McGrath of the NYS Dept. of State will assist the County with this review once Brunswick Electric produces the as-built conditions.

Pine Haven:

Bids were received on 2/22/12 for the purchase of the new telecommunications tower. The bid summary is as follows:

Sabre Communications	\$37,839
Valmont Structures.....	\$38,040
Rohn Products LLC.....	\$47,096

All of these bids had some options which were not part of their base bid. We are sending the bids to our engineering consultant for their review and recommendation. At this time we would ask that the Committee approve a resolution to purchase the tower from the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. We will coordinate with the Attorney’s office which tower we wish to select and together with the amount of the purchase.

Following the purchase of the tower we will next bid the erection of the tower. That bid package will be available for perspective bidders in March 2012. We anticipate that the tower construction will commence the second quarter of 2012.

Commerce Park:

Corrective maintenance and process control work identified in the Comprehensive Performance Evaluation have been completed at the wastewater treatment plant. The plant is meeting its permit limits at this time.

Morris Associates submitted a set of drawings for a new intermittent sand filter to replace the rapid sand filter at the wastewater treatment plant. The cost estimate for the filter is ±\$500K. We are working with Morris Associates to adjust the design in an effort to reduce the capital cost. Advised D. Robinson to look into EFC Loans, due to no grants being offered or available.

County Route 7 / NYS Route 82 Intersection:

This department attended a meeting with the Town of Ancram Preservation Committee and later with the Town of Ancram Town Board on Thursday February 16, 2012. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss available options to improve the intersection and to listen to comments offered by the residents of that area. Survey information became available to the County in February for the property at that intersection. Based upon the survey the County may not have to purchase the property in order to effectuate a basic level of improvements to the intersection. Should more than basic level improvements be needed, it still does not appear that we will need to purchase the entire parcel.

The County is currently working with the NYSDOT Region 8 Planning Group to evaluate the intersection work that can be accomplished at this site together with the benefit it will offer

and the property or property easements that may be needed to accomplish the work. We hope to have a better handle on some of these alternatives within 60-days.

Resolution Request:

Authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute a contract with the lowest Responsible bidder for the purchase of a 190' telecommunications tower at the County's PineHaven site in Claverack, NY in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, motion by R. Staats, seconded by A.Bassin, carried. This was presented to Budget and Salary earlier today, forward to Finance.

CENTRAL SERVICES: D. Ames

Resolution Request: Authorization to award the bid for Non-Food/Paper products to Calico Industries, Inc., E.A. Morse & Co. Inc., Ecolab, Inc., Hill & Markes, Inc., Central Poly Corp., Interboro Packaging Corp. and Bob Barker Co., for the period of April 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, motion by R. Staats, seconded by R. Knott, carried. Refer to Finance.

A motion by R. Staats, seconded by J. Braley at 7:31 PM to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION, motion carried.

REASON: to discuss certain personnel

A motion by R. Staats, seconded by L. Andrews to return to REGULAR SESSION at 7:48 PM, motion carried.

Per the discussion, a motion to table until further information is gathered, motion by T. Garrick, seconded by J. Nayer, carried. 2 opposed.

With no further discussion, a motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM by R. Staats, seconded by J. Nayer, motion carried.

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