

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**APRIL 25, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk**  
**Jolene Race**  
**Steve Hook**  
**David Robinson**  
**Robert Pinto**  
**Dean Knox**  
**Bernard Kelleher**  
**Paul Martin**

**PRESS: 1**

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM.

**Buildings: D. Robinson**

**Columbia County Courthouse:**

100% drawings have been submitted to OCA for their review. Preliminary comments have already been received from OCA's Architect's office.

Two meetings are scheduled with OCA for Tuesday 4/24/12 to review this project, one with OCA's district office and one with OCA's local courthouse personnel.

It is anticipated that the project will go to bid mid May 2012. D. Robinson stated the bid will go out on May 15, 2012 running for 5 weeks, returnable by June 21, 2012.

**Columbia County Communications / EOC Center:**

The County Attorney's office is commencing a lawsuit against Dimensional Metals, Inc, Hoosic Valley Contracting and S&L Roofing in regards to the roof leaks at the public safety building. Joe Iuviene is preparing a cost estimate to repair the roofing problems which will then be incorporated into the lawsuit as the "cost to cure".

Brunswick Electric has submitted a plan depicting which ventilation dampers were installed outside the wall cavity. A meeting will be set-up with the NYS Dept. of Labor to review the installations and determine whether the work satisfies the intent of the NYS Uniform Building Code.

**County Route 7 / NYS Route 82 Intersection:**

The County met with NYSDOT's resident engineer, Jennifer Hawkins, P.E., on Thursday April 12, 2012 in an effort to develop a project plan for the removal of the retaining wall in front of the Tin Smith house which is residing on NYSDOT property and ancillary site grading to improve sight distance at the County Route 7 / NYS Route 82 intersection. Jennifer is taking the project back to NYSDOT's regional office in Poughkeepsie for their assistance with some of the project specifics, such as the amount of grading which can be done without compromising the existing structure.

As in the past, Columbia County offered labor and equipment assistance in an effort to move this project forward.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute a professional services agreement with Alpine Environmental Services in the amount of \$3,700.00 for the purpose of preparing a hazardous demolition materials design for the Columbia County Courthouse, motion by R. Staats, seconded by R. Knott, carried. Refer to Finance.

**Highway Department Building Project:**

Based upon the Board's site visit of March 30, 2012, the Highway Department has been reevaluating the building project as one for meeting Vehicle Maintenance needs as opposed to the Hudson Outpost needs. A preliminary program drawing was developed and sent to Fingerlakes Contracting, Inc. for the purpose of soliciting a preliminary project budget. A meeting was subsequently held with Fingerlakes Contracting, Inc. on April 20, 2012. A copy of their preliminary project budget for this building is attached. Other costs still need to be developed for items not included in Fingerlakes estimate, such as vehicle lifts, vehicle exhaust system, etc. Also, renovation costs need to be developed for the main garage under the scenario that it will service as: 1) a vehicle maintenance facility, or 2) a outpost garage. We will complete these figures within the next month at which time a cost comparison can be made.

**Engineering: D. Knox**

**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; CO. RTE. 18 RECONSTRUCTION – DAMITA DR. TO NYS RTE. 217 - CLAVERACK

**Locally Funded Bridge Program Update:**

Future Capital Bridge Project Planning; 2012 Maintenance/Repair Planning; Multi-Bridge Element-Specific Repair Design/Contract - 2012; Bloch Bridge; Upper Forge Bridge; Michaluk Bridge; and Pratt Bridge/Felts Bridge

**COUNTY AIRPORT UPDATES:**

R/W 21 END RSA Improvements/Land Acquisition

**Resolution Request** – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT DESIGN OF REPLACEMENT OF BIN 3342310 – EAST TAGHKANIC BRIDGE – TAGHKANIC in the amount of \$93,626.00;

**Resolution Request** – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT DESIGN OF REPLACEMENT OF BIN 3342540 – CANAAN 4 CORNERS BRIDGE – CANAAN, in the amount of \$71,170.00;

**Resolution Request** – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT DESIGN OF REPLACEMENT OF BIN 3342390 – VOSBURGH BRIDGE – LIVINGSTON, in the amount of \$77,000.00; motion to approve three (3) above requests by J. Braley, seconded by L. Andrews, motion carried.

**Resolution Request – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT CONDITION EVALUATION OF BRIDGE DECK/JOINTS OF BIN 3342270 – STOTTVILLE BRIDGE – STOCKPORT. in the amount of \$24,050.00;**

**Resolution Request – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT PREPARATION OF AIRPORT SNOW/ICE CONTROL PLAN AND TRAINING – COLUMBIA COUNTY AIRPORT. in the amount of \$1,500.00, motion for the two above requests by J. Braley, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried.**

**Highway: B. Kelleher**

**Work Schedule: Reviewed**

**Replacing culvert pipes.**

**Sweeping the roadsides and hamlets.**

**Dismantling, servicing and storing snow and ice control equipment.**

**Cutting shoulders.**

**Roadside sign maintenance.**

**Equipment maintenance.**

**Resolution Request:**

**Authorization to fill the vacant position of Sr. Auto Mechanic in the Highway Department and any vacancies created there from, at the Grade 13C, 2012 Step I starting salary of \$36,691.00. This position is vacant due to the lateral transfer of an employee to Central Garage, motion by R. Staats, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried.**

**Facilities: R. Pinto**

**Work schedule was provided and reviewed. Noting that the basement at 401 State St. is being emptied in preparation for storage of BOE voting machines.**

**Solid Waste: J. Race**

**STATION REPORT – distributed**

**PROJECTS**

**Completed & submitted 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report to NYSDEC for station activity.**

**Shipped 2.61 tons (8 pallets) of electronic waste to our new vendor in Hudson.**

**We have been updating our County website to include HHW information and some minor changes.**

**News signs have been made & installed at our stations....thanks to the sign crew for a great job.**

**The Dept. is looking at the possibility of extending the hours at the Greenport Transfer Station from 7 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This will allow the scale to be open longer to accommodate the needs of contractors. We will be meeting with the Union to discuss the possibility of changing to 4 – 10 hr. days from Memorial Day until the end of September.**

**J. Race approached the Treasurer about the need to accept credit cards. She will be meeting with the Treasurer's office & the Bank of Greene County in the next few weeks to discuss the possibility of using credit cards at the Greenport Transfer Station for scale transactions & the roll off portion of the business, as we've had many requests by customers.**

**We have published the final RFP for the County's recycling services. Our 20 yr. agreement with FCR, Inc. to handle our recyclable material ends in July. The RFP's are due on May 16<sup>th</sup> & we should have our recommendations for the May committee mtg.**

**RESOLUTION REQUEST:**

To accept the bid from Almstead Nursery to grind material at the Greenport Transfer Station at a cost of \$2,350.00/day with a \$900.00 mobilization charge per grinding session(One time fee), Almstead Nursery was the lowest bidder, motion by J. Braley, seconded by J. Nayer, carried.

R. Staats asked the committee for a motion in reference to the backboard currently located at an old tennis court on the County's Ockawamick property in the Town of Claverack, to be declared surplus and given to Supervisor Robin Andrews, motion by R. Staats, seconded by A. Bassin, motion carried.

There will be a Special Public Works meeting on May 9, 2012 at 6:45 PM for bids being received on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Felts Bridge (Overlook Rd)-Copake and Pratt Bridge (Upper Hollow Rd)-Austerlitz, and any other business that may come before the Public Works committee.

With no further business or discussion a motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM by R. Staats, seconded by A. Bassin, motion carried.

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