

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

September 26, 2012

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Jeffrey Nayer, notified

ALSO PRESENT:

**Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Jolene Race
David Robinson
Dean Knox
Bernard Kelleher
Steve Hook
David Ames
Ronald Caponera
Trevor Speenburgh
Supervisor R. Scalera**

PRESS: 1

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

SOLID WASTE: J. Race

STATION REPORT – HANDOUT

PROJECTS:

Met with the Regional VP & the VP of Regulatory Affairs for Casella Waste Systems to discuss a private-public partnership. Discussed a variety of options that their company provides. They have provided us with a list of municipalities that have similar structures (no landfills, incinerators, etc), and we will be following up with these Counties to discuss the pros & cons.

We will be setting up a meeting with another vendor to discuss their successful private-public partnerships.

Met with Mr. EWASTE in Hudson. We have worked out arrangements with them to take a portion of our electronic waste, while retaining our current vendor Regional Computer Recycling out of Rochester, NY. They will also serve as another market for some other commodities we handle.

For the month of August, our office has processed \$171,919.09 in revenue checks that was once handled by the Treasurer's office and is now being processed through our office.

Would like to expand the free scrap metal until the end of January of 2013, motion by J. Braley, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried.

Resolution Request:

Authorization to transfer \$10,000.00 from Account EL-8E-4961-E4000 Household Waste Cleanup to EL-8E-8160-4025-E4000 Service & Repair, motion by J. Braley, seconded by T. Garrick, motion carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

Budgeted amount for HHW collection was \$35,000.00, we spent \$24,900.51, after transfer \$99.49 will remain.

Chairman Benson requested for J. Race to forward the list they received from Casella Waste Systems, also requested when J. Race plans to meet with Waste Management, he would like to know.

Central Services: D. Ames

Resolution Request: Authorization to award the bids for Meats/Meat Products and Canned/Frozen Food products, motion by R. Staats, seconded by J. Braley, carried. Refer to Finance.

Highway: B. Kelleher

Reviewed the Work Schedule.

B. Kelleher discussed the Federal Communications Commission, (FCC) is mandating that all VHF and UHF, FCC licenses must convert to and operate at least 12.5 efficiency by January 1, 2013. All of the radios presently operate at 25 kHz efficiency. This means our 2 ways radios which are capable of being programmed must be re-programmed by January 1, 2013. We are checking on the cost of the software as it might be cheaper to purchase software and re-program ourselves rather than pay the \$31.00 per radio to have our radio repair vendor do it. The older radios which are not capable of being re-programmed must be replaced by January 1, 2013. B. Kelleher believes that they would get this radio equipment cheaper if they were to go out to bid. Chairman Benson requested B. Kelleher to go to bid, and the committee can review at the next committee meeting. B. Kelleher discussed on new sign equipment. The committee decided to get four (4) written quotes, and review those at the next committee mtg.

Resolution Request:

To fill the vacant position of Motor Equipment Operator I at the 2012 Step I starting salary of \$31,354.00. This position is vacant due to the resignation of an employee, motion by T. Garrick, seconded by A. Bassin, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

To create and fill (6) Six Seasonal Laborer positions in the Highway Department at the 2012 Grade 11, Step I starting hourly rate of \$14.0569 for the period November 15, 2012 thru April 1, 2013. These positions are needed to adequately staff the plow trucks for the 2012 / 2013 snow and ice season, motion by J. Braley, seconded by L. Andrews, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

To award the bid for cutting edges for the period October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013 to Chemung Supply Company of Elmira N.Y. who was the low bidder at a cost of \$13,529.60, motion by J. Braley, seconded by T. Garrick, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

To transfer \$2,000.00 from the DM 5E51304150E4000 Machinery Fund Education line, with a balance of \$2,865.00 in it, to the DM 5E51304027E4000 Machinery Fund Rental/Lease line which has a balance of \$153.14 in it. This money is needed to cover the cost of acetylene and oxygen used in the repair of our equipment for the remainder of the year, motion by J. Braley, seconded by S. Sterling, carried. Refer to Finance.

To authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement to extend the existing Snow and Ice control contracts with the Towns of Stuyvesant, Hillsdale, Ancram and Chatham for the period September 1, 2012 thru September 1, 2015, motion by J. Braley, seconded by L. Andrews, carried. Refer to Finance.

Buildings: D. Robinson

Columbia County Courthouse :

Weekly construction meetings began last week, September 18, 2012. A draft construction schedule from that meeting showing only the General Contractor's projection is attached. The project schedule showing all four prime contracts will be developed at second construction meeting on 9/25/12. Progress schedules will be updated every two weeks.

City of Hudson has offered use of the parking lot behind the Catholic Church on East Court Street for contractor parking.

Columbia County Communications / EOC Center

A roof leak was experienced at the Public safety Building on 9/18/12. Notification was made to the roofing manufacturer in accordance with the roof warrantee.

Pine Haven:

The County received approval from the Establishment / Project Review Committee of the Public Health and Health Planning Council on 9/20/12 for the proposed replacement skilled nursing facility. The last approval needed will be from the full Health Council on 10/11/12 in NYC.

The County received competitive bids for the erection of the new communications tower on 9/21/12. A bid summary is attached. Advanced Network Systems was found to be the lowest responsible bidder at a cost of \$143,800. The attached summary of the total project costs shows the project payback from lease payments for the carriers at under 3-years.

Resolution Requests:

Authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute a revision to an existing lease. A memorandum of lease and related documents between Independent Wireless One Leases Realty Corp. IWO and Columbia County for occupancy on the new Pine Haven Communications tower contingent upon the recommendation of the County Attorney.

The revised lease provides for additional revenue to the County in the form of a one-time lump sum of \$15,000.00 and an additional \$402 increase in monthly payments through the term of the contract, motion by J. Braley, seconded by S. Sterling, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

Authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute a construction contract with Advanced Network Systems in the amount of \$143,800 for the purpose of erecting a new Communications tower at the County's Pine Haven site, motion by A. Bassin, seconded by J. Braley, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

Authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement with PB, Inc. to revitalize the parking lot at the County's Philmont Nutrition Center at no cost to the County. The County will provide labor and equipment to mill the existing wearing surface form of the parking lot. PB, Inc. will incur all costs to reconstruct the parking lot using stone pavers., motion by Chairman Benson, seconded by L. Andrews, carried. (2 opposed), utilizing up to \$60,000 of grant funds awarded to PB Inc, from the NYS Main St, program administered by NYS Homes and Community Renewal/Office of Community Renewal. . Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

Motion to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:03 PM by L. Andrews, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried.

REASON: to discuss possible litigation

Motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 7:16 pm by J. Braley, seconded by A. Bassin, motion carried.

Authorizing the County to commence legal action against Hoosac Valley Contractor, Inc. And to obtain Counsel to proceed against DMI Dimension Metals, Inc. and S&L Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc. in connection with the Failure of the Roof and associated structures at the PSB, Supervisor Scalera requested before spending more money he will meet with the County Attorney in reference to contacting the Attorney General's Office to talk with them on this complaint. R. Scalera stated this is one of the issues the Attorney General's Office deals with. This is on hold to see the out-come from the Attorney General's Office.

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;
UPPER FORGE BRIDGE; MICHALUK BRIDGE; PRATT BRIDGE; FELTS BRIDGE;
CANAAN 4 CORNERS BRIDGE/VOSBURGH BRIDGE/EAST TAGHKANIC BRIDGES
COUNTY AIRPORT UPDATES:
R/W 21 END RSA IMPROVEMENTS/LAND ACQUISITION**

Resolution Request – COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTION AND STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT – STUYVESANT FALLS BRIDGE WITH Ryan-Biggs Assoc. of Clifton Park NY in the amount of \$82,400.00, motion by R. Knott, seconded by S. Sterling, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

Resolution Request – USDA/NRCS EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM GRANT/PROJECT AGREEMENT ACCEPTANCE in the amount of \$135,338.77, motion by J. Braley, seconded by A. Bassin, carried. . Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVE FORM – 2012 NYS LOCAL BRIDGE CONFERENCE in North Syracuse, NY with One (1) attending on October 23, 2012 – October 25, 2012 at a total cost of \$375.00, motion by Chairman Benson, seconded by R. Knott, carried.

Facilities: R. Pinto

Work Schedule 1-27 was reviewed. There were no questions.

Resolution Request: Authorization to transfer funds from different accounts in the amount of \$3,500.00, to cover needed operation expenses, motion by R. Knott, seconded by J. Braley, carried. Refer to Finance.

R. Pinto informed the committee about the underground oil tank at the Ockawamick Bldg, which he requests to take the tank of service. Chairman Benson advised he work with DEC on this.

The question came up in reference to a Bldg. Inspector by Supervisor Sterling, asked if the county has one, this would save us on costs by using others not associated with the County. D. Robinson stated we did but do not have one now.

Supervisor Scalera asked about the \$2.00 fee for leaves and grass at the Greenport Transfer Station. Also the question as to being weighed, residents are waiting in lines for the scale for just a little bag of grass. D. Robinson stated they can use the punch card, this would eliminate the waiting line at the scales for a process more user friendly.

Chairman Benson and committee will have budget reviews of the Public Works Departments on October 5th, starting at 8:00 AM.

With no further discussion a motion to adjourn at 7:57 PM by J. Braley, seconded by A. Bassin, motion carried.

