

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

January 23, 2013

PRESENT:

Michael Benson, Chairman
Raymond Staats
Arthur Bassin
Thomas Garrick
Ronald Knott
Jeffrey Nayer
Sarah Sterling
Jeffrey Braley
Elizabeth Young
Richard Scalera

ABSENT:

Lawrence Andrews, notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Jolene Race
Bernard Kelleher
David Robinson
Dean Knox
Robert Pinto
Steve Hook
Robert Fitzsimmons
Barrett Mack
Kevin McDonald
Paul Martin
Arthur Proper
David Ames
Matt Murell
Ronald Caponera
Facilities Dept. Employees
Ray Jurkowski
John Cutsumpas
Rick Thoma
PRESS: 1

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 5:57 PM.

Highway: B. Kelleher

Work Schedule:

Patching potholes and shoulders.

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

Parking lot improvements at the new temporary court house in Claverack.

Roadside sign maintenance.

Equipment maintenance.

Snow and Ice control.

FYI: One Sr. Auto Mechanic / Fabricator has retired.

Working on the 2013 road work schedule, annual commodity, service and equipment bids.

Resolution Requests: To purchase (1) One 1/2 ton 4 wheel drive pickup truck with no plow equipment and (1) One 3/4 ton 4 wheel drive pickup truck with plow equipment under the NYSOGS purchasing contract from Van Bortel Ford of Rochester N.Y. at a total cost with accessories not to exceed \$60,000.00, motion by E. Young, seconded by S. Sterling, carried, referring this to Budget & Salary before moving on this, the date when we order and when we would have to pay for to be disclosed.

Resolution Requests: To transfer \$25,000.00 from the 2012 Motor Fuel line in the Machinery fund to the 2012 Diesel Fuel Line in the Machinery fund. This transfer is needed to cover a shortfall of funds in the Diesel fuel line. The present balance in the Motor Fuel line is \$103,554.25, motion by R. Staats, seconded by T. Garrick, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary, if approved forward to Finance.

Central Services: D. Ames

Resolution Request: awarding bids for Meat/Meat products to Ginsberg's Inc., Quandt's Foodservice, Sysco Albany LLC, US Foodservice and Wohrle Foods for the period of March 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013 and Canned/Frozen Food products to same vendors for the period of March 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013, motion by R. Staats, seconded by T. Garrick, carried. Forward to Finance.

Solid Waste: J. Race

Station report: Distributed with review.

Projects:

Completed & in the process of submitting the required NYSDEC Annual transfer station reports for all eight stations.

Working on the NYSDEC Recyclable & Recovered materials reports, which are now required for all the stations... Also in the process of completing the electronic waste facility report.

Completed and submitted the 4th Quarter report to NYSDEC for all stations.

The Department has received the approved application for the 2012 Household Hazardous Waste collection event & we have submitted the State Aid Voucher & required paperwork. We were awarded \$11,801.40 which should be received within the next month.

We would like to request permission to extend the free metal collection until the end of March, motion to extend by R. Staats, seconded by R. Knott, carried.

The Department has been working in coordination with the County's Records Retention staff to transfer our files to their storage facility. On February 4th we will be transporting over 100 boxes of records.

After numerous conversations with NYSDEC & Crawford & Associates (our engineering firm that assists with the post closure landfill monitoring) I have asked Crawford & Associates to make a formal request on behalf of the County to the NYSDEC. Based on the last five years of data that we have collected through sampling, I would like to see some of the regulations relaxed. Although we are the first to make such a request, I am hopeful that we will be able to reach a feasible agreement that will help reduce our continual expense, while meeting the needs of the State.

Request to go to bid for an excavator for the Department. This piece of equipment is an essential part of the daily operations & was approved during the budget process; the bidding will be done in March or April.

Resolution Request: Awarding the contract for the household hazardous waste collection to MXI, Inc. Whereas, MXI, Inc. was the lowest bidder and the contract is not to exceed the budget amount of \$35,000.00, motion by R. Staats, seconded by E. Young, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

Buildings: D. Robinson

An update was given on the County Courthouse. The Town of Claverack Building department has requested a code review of the Claverack School Bldg. prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for a change of use from a school use to a government office use. The Office of Court Administration was approached to assist with this request but stated they do not have the expertise to conduct this code review. The Architectural Bureau was solicited to provide this service to the county and attached is their proposal in the amount of \$9,850.00. This resolution request is on **hold** to get a couple more prices, the committee requested D. Robinson to solicit another quote. Asbestos abatement work began 1-2-2013 and will proceed through the building one level at a time with the basement representing the first level undergoing abatement. There will be an allowance deduction; this will have a minor change order in contract to handle.

In response to Requests for Information (RFI's) from the electrical contractor, Morris Assocs. Revised and reissued the electrical drawings. Chairman Benson requested to look at RFI Log, which was agreed by R. Thoma, who holds the logs. Discussion continued with R. Jurkowski and J. Cutsumpas, which the electric service was priced for and 800 AMP service which actually needs to be a 1200 AMP service, and a change order is recommended to the electrical contractor in the amount of \$56,744.13.

The revised drawings, panels and amp change, transformer, pole relocations, and J. Nayer felt the County should not have to pay for the mistake the Architect made on the amp/electrical service. The committee noted it needs to be done but the professionals hired for this project should have known this from the start.

Resolution Request:

Authorization for the Chairman of the Board to execute an extra work authorization with Tectonic in the amount of \$5,530.00 for out-of-scope services relative to the design of a new telecommunications tower at the County's Pine Haven Skilled Nursing Facility, motion by R. Staats, seconded by E. Young, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

This was discussed due to an extra work authorization in the amount of \$5,530.00 representing out of scope work performed in 2012 resulting from the need to redesign the communications tower a second time to accommodate a heavier equipment load requested from Sprint. Sprint has previously off-set this cost by paying the County a lump sum of \$15,000.00. The added cost for the tower was equal to \$1,740.00 resulting in a net difference of \$13,260.00 which will be used to defray the added engineering cost. The difference remains with the County.

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

2013-2016 LDSA CONSULTANT SELECTION

Locally Funded Bridge Program update:

FUTURE CAPITAL BRIDGE PROJECT PLANNING; 2013 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 – SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY BRIDGE RED FLAG REPAIR DESIGN – LITTLE CREEK BRIDGE – STOCKPORT in the amount of \$6,700.00, motion by R. Staats, seconded by R. Knott., carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

Resolution Request – EXTRA WORK APPROVAL FOR EMERGENCY BRIDGE RED FLAG REPAIR – LITTLE CREEK BRIDGE – STOCKPORT in the amount of \$36,500.00, motion by E. Young, seconded by J. Braley, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance.

Resolution Request – 2013 CO. MULTI-BRIDGE REPAIR CONTRACT – DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT, in the amount of \$51,500.00, motion by J. Braley, seconded R. Scalera, carried. Refer to Budget & Salary Review, if approved forward to Finance

Conference Objective Form: Capital District NYSSPE Engineer's Week, February 14, 2013 in Albany New York at a cost of \$100.00, with two (2) attending, motion by E. Young, seconded by S. Sterling, carried.

County Attorney: R. Fitzsimmons

Resolution Request: Authorizing the County of Columbia to commence legal action against Hoosac Valley Contractors, Inc. and to obtain counsel to proceed against DMI Dimensional Metals, Inc. and S & L Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. in connection with the Failure of the Roof and associated structure at the Columbia County Public Safety Building, motion by R. Staats, seconded by J. Nayer, carried. Refer to Finance.

Traffic Safety Board: K. McDonald presented

There needs to be a decision on the Bingham Mills Bridge which connects the Town of Livingston and the Town of Clermont in crossing the Roeliff Jansen Kill, i.e. the closing of the bridge with no schedule for replacement or repair is of great concern of those who are aggrieved by its closing. According to Supervisor Staats and Supervisor McDonald this needs to be revisited and look at the cost of replacing i.e. (one half million dollars), talk about turnarounds on the road that there are none and either close the road and /or fix it. A decision needs to be made.

Facilities: R. Pinto

Work Schedule reviewed with two (2) resolution requests:

Authorization to transfer funds within the PSB Budget in amount of **\$10,553.00**, motion by E. Young, seconded by J. Braley, carried. One (1) opposed.

Authorization to transfer funds within the Sewer District Budget in the amount of **\$3,043.00**, motion by E. Young, seconded by J. Braley, carried, three (3) opposed. The oppositions were due to asking if funds were available to transfer, and B. Pinto did not know, referring to R. Caponera, R. Caponera thought funds were available. R. Staats recommended for the past two (2) years to bring to committee the Munis Year to Date Budget Report showing if funds are available. Once again this is highly recommended.

A motion to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:20 PM by R. Staats, seconded by S. Sterling, carried.

REASON: to discuss certain personnel

A motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 8:47 PM by E. Young, seconded by J. Braley, carried.

With no further discussion or business a motion to adjourn at 8:48 PM by R. Staats, seconded by S. Scalera, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Michael Benson, Chairman

Raymond Staats

Arthur Bassin

Thomas Garrick

Ronald Knott

Jeffry Nayer

Sarah Sterling

Jeffrey Braley

Elizabeth Young

Richard Scalera