

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**April 24, 2013**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Angela Rothermel, Asst. Dep. Clerk  
Ronald Caponera  
Robert Pinto  
Bernie Kelleher  
Dean Knox  
Jolene Race  
David Robinson  
Christopher Watz  
Pat Grattan**

**Press: 1**

**Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 5:57P.M.**

**Assistant County Attorney- C. Watz**

**C. Watz updated the Committee Members on the progress and future steps necessary to take Meadowgreens property by Eminent Domain. He still has not received a response in regards to the offer or letter sent to Meadowgreens. C. Watz wants to meet with the owner and see if he is interested in a counter off. May 8<sup>th</sup> is the date set up for the Public Hearing if he still does not here back.**

**Highway- B. Kelleher**

**B. Kelleher went over his work schedule with the Supervisors. He did a personnel update on three employees. Two of his men are out on an extended sick leave, and one is absent in what appears to be Job Abandonment. B. Kelleher explained that Job Abandonment is when an employee is absent more than 7 days with no notice or call. B. Kelleher went over his proposed summer work schedule with all the supervisors. He explained what work he would be doing and where he would be doing it. A handout was provided to the supervisors breaking down the expenses of the needed work. The total of all projects came to \$2,823,499.00.**

**Conference Request- Requesting permission to send two men to the NYS DOT Bridge & Culvert Maintenance Expo sponsored by Mohawk Valley Community College and the NYS DOT to be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Utica, New York. The expo focuses on live demonstrations of the strategies and materials used for the repair and prevention of highway structures. The total cost of the expo including registration, lodging, and meals is not to exceed \$500.00. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by S. Sterling, motion carried.**

**Resolution Request- Request authorization to increase the CHIPS County Road Expenditure line and the CHIPS Revenue line by an additional \$288,000.00 The state of New York has increased the available CHIPS funding this year by \$288,000.00 and the increase is needed in order to do the work and qualify for the reimbursement. Motion to approve by L. Andrews, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance.**

**Solid Waste- J. Race**

**J. Race went over her projects list with all of the Supervisors. She met with the Greene County Solid Waste to have a discussion about them converting to a scale or commercial billing program. Their Director and Administrative Assistant will be spending a day with J. Race's Administrative staff to see how they operate. J. Race would like to work with them on expanding their recycling program as well. J. Race also met with Casella and their Organics Division. They looked at potential usages for the old recycling center located in Commerce Park. Commerce Park has a well established division. Casella is a green business with a lot of potential. J. Race hopes to get them before the committee hopefully next month. There will be a bid put out**

for the Leachate Collection at the various closed landfills next month. There is an HHW event scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Highway Garage, from 8:00 A.M to 12:00 Noon. J. Race will be provided with a cost savings for the county due to the NYSDEC agreeing to change their yearly monitoring of the closed landfills to every other year. It is a roughly \$15,000 a year in savings. J. Race updated the Supervisors on the new Single Stream Recycling. She said that there have been a few concerned people, but mostly everyone is adapting well. It is not too much of a change, except that there is just one spot for all recycled material, and has an automated sorter.

**Resolution Request-** Authorization to fill the position Motor Equipment Operator I in the Solid Waste Department at a Step 1 Salary of \$32,138.00. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by J. Braley, R. Staats opposed, and the motion was carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved Refer to Finance.** R. Staats asked if overtime would be a cheaper solution than filling the positions, J. Race said that is something that she would have to look into. Right now she is hiring for a Tuesday through Saturday position.

**Resolution Request-** Authorization to accept the bid from Almstead Nursery to grind the material at the Greenport Transfer Station at a cost of \$2,525 a day with a \$500 mobilization chair per grinding session. Motion carried by R. Staats, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance.**

#### **Facilities- R. Pinto**

R. Pinto gave the supervisors a personnel update. The Assistant Director of Facilities is still out of work due to a work related shoulder injury. Applications are being accepted for the Labor Position until April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013. 16 Applications have already been turned in. A full time Building Maintenance worker is putting in his retirement notification. R. Pinto went over his work schedule with the Supervisors. He explained that he and a few employees had to move the Hudson City court files. The files came up clean, no trace of asbestos, and were loaded up and moved. The County no longer houses the court files. He also told the Supervisors that the District Attorney moved from the North West corner to the South West Side of the building, swapping offices, for more room. R. Pinto and his employees are responsible for cleaning the Sons & Daughters Nutrition Center 2 times a week. R. Pinto and his employees have saved \$2,400 in gas, and \$1,500 in trucks since the permission to reassign was given. J. Nayer thanked R. Pinto and his work crew for all they have done at the courthouse, and within the County.

#### **Engineering- D. Knox**

D. Knox gave an update on the Federal- Aid Bridge and Highway Project. At the County Route 16 Hollowville Creek (Claverack) bridge replacement project, all row acquisition offers have been accepted and the detailed design is complete. The Utility Relocation and Environmental Permitting are now complete. D. Knox is still awaiting NYSDOT approval of the Final PS & E package which includes the plans, specs, and estimates, and also authorization to advertise for construction Bids. Design consultant selection has been completed for each bridge project located at County Route 9/ Indian Creek in Chatham, and County Route 25/ Fitting creek in Stockport. Highway reconstruction in Claverack on County Route 18, Fish and Game Road, is partially drafter and needs to be submitted later this year for the initial funding and programming of the design.

He also gave an update on the Locally Funded Bridge Program. There review of 2012 inspection reports is continuous for 2013 seasonal maintenance work and future Capital Bridge Replacement/Rehab with the use of local funds and any other available funding sources.

**Resolution Request-** Authorizing the chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to award the construction contract for the replacement of bin 3222970 carrying New Forge Road 2 over Taghkanic Creek in the town of Taghkanic to A. Calarusso & Son, INC. of Hudson, NY, determined to be the lowest responsible bidder at \$618,283.00. Motion to approve by L. Andrews, seconded by J. Braley, motion carried. **Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance.**

**Resolution Request-**Authorizing the chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to authorize the implementation, and funding in the first instance of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-Aid eligible costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and appropriating funds therefore. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by E. Young, motion carried. **Refer to Finance.**

#### **Building- D. Robinson**

D. Robinson gave the Supervisors an update on the Columbia County Courthouse. All the work on the courthouse is on schedule at this time. The workers feel comfortable with their completion date of November

or December of this year. They have not yet asked for an extension, though it is possible that they will need one if they come upon any problems. Morris Associates will have the design plans for the replacement heating system done by April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Once the county has the opportunity to do their final review on the plans, they will provide the plans for the change order pricing to the contractors. The asbestos abatement work was completed in the basement on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A change order is currently under review to address the additional asbestos that was found in a pipe and in the roof of the building. All the concrete floors and most of the CMU exterior and interior walls were poured and set for the new addition. D. Robinson told the Supervisors that a weekly construction meeting is held every Tuesday morning at 9:00 A.M, and all supervisors are welcome to sit in on the meetings. Two additional change orders have been submitted by the electrical contractor. Electrical Circuiting Revision 7 is in the amount of \$54,156.99, and Electrical Circuiting Revision 8 is in the amount of \$30,780.00. This change order is a result of the revised electrical drawings developed between December 2012 and January 2013. The design team will be available to discuss the need for this change order. M. Benson said to D. Robinson that he would like a detailed list broken down of all the revisions and the reasons for the changes. D. Robinson gave an update on Pine Haven. The interviews were held for 5 architectural firms, who submitted proposals for the design of the replacement building, on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2013. Sprint and AT&T have already installed their equipment on the new telecommunications tower, and Verizon is expected to install their equipment the second quarter of this year. D. Robinson and the Supervisors had a long discussion about their thoughts on the Pine Haven project. M. Benson voiced his concerns on this project. He does not believe the county should start the project when they do not know anything about the site or what is on it. T. Garrick said the county needs the facts before they start the project. He said that it is not really a Public Works matter, and that they are just offering guidance. Al Wassenhove, a past member of the Chambers, was at the meeting and gave his input on the situation and the Pine Haven Project. He said Pine Haven is the Flagship of homes in Columbia County. Building the new site will give more room for residents, and it will also produce more jobs. He also explained to the Supervisors that it would be raise Sales Tax Revenue. M. Benson thanked him for his words and his time. An update on the Public Safety Building was also given. DMI has resubmitted their drawings for the repair of the metal roof over the 911/EOC portion of the building. The County expects the work to begin the second quarter of this year. Work also continues at The Commerce Park Wastewater Treatment Plant with the drum filter due for arrival the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. New control panels are to be installed by Memorial Day to control the sludge wasting from the primary and secondary clarifiers.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 7:29 P.M. by R. Knott, seconded by S. Sterling, motion carried.

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