

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

May 22, 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
Bernard Kelleher
Dean Knox
Jolene Race
David Robinson**

Press: 1

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

Building- D. Robinson

D. Robinson gave an update on the Columbia County Courthouse. He gave a summary of the four prime contracts for the replacement of the existing courthouse heating systems, coming to a total of \$504,052.33. Asbestos abatement work was completed in the basement area around April 5th but additional asbestos was subsequently found on a pipe that was not visible or suspected, and Vermiculite was found in a CMU wall. A change order was done in the amount of \$37,409 to abate the materials found. A. Bassin made a motion to move forward with the change order and asbestos abatement, and E. Young seconded, the motion to move forward was carried. Another small piece of asbestos was found while air handler units were being installed on the roof, but Alpine Environmental determined that since it will not be disturbed again it can be handled by encapsulating it in concrete. Should that not work, and the area need to be abated it will cost \$21,745.00. The project is still moving along on time, and the projected completion date is still November or December. An update was also given on Pine Haven, the Public Safety Building, and Commerce Park Wastewater Treatment Plant. At Pine Haven Sprint and AT&T have already installed their equipment on the new telecommunications tower, and Verizon is expected to install theirs the second quarter of the year. DMI will be commencing their repair work on the 911/EOC roof on the Public Safety Building the week of May 20th, 2013. At the Commerce Park Wastewater Treatment and Plant work continues with the drum filter having been installed in a temporary manner, and new control panels and sludge withdrawal pumps are in the process of being installed, which should meet a schedule date of May 27th, 2013. D. Robinson also gave an update on the improvements at the Intersection of CR7 and NYS 82. The improvements have been completed, and have provided a substantial increase to the intersection sight distance, really improving the safety of the traveling public. They shared the cost of the improvements with the Department of Transportation, they bought the materials and the County did the work, it took about 7 or 8 days. A. Bassin told the committee that it truly makes a huge difference and it's a great improvement.

Facilities- R. Pinto

R. Pinto went over his work schedule with the Supervisors. He explained that two air conditioners have been purchased and are being installed at the Claverack Courthouse. The air conditioners work real well, and are County owned. An estimate has been received for soil and water per lease agreement, for the new carpet and tile. R. Pinto also gave the Supervisors a personnel update. The Assistant Director of Facilities is still out of work due to a work related shoulder injury. The full time laborer on FMLA due to birth of his child has no returned to work, and the full time Building Maintenance Worker retired effective April 26th, 2013. The interviews are complete for the vacant Laborer position.

Resolution Request: Authorization for the director of facilities to fill one budgeted position of Building Maintenance Worker, GR12B, 2013 Step 1 salary \$39,236 and any vacancies due to an internal appointment position, effective June 13, 2013. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by R. Knott, R. Staats opposed, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance.

Highway- B. Kelleher

B. Kelleher went over his work schedule with the Supervisors, and gave an update on the long range plan for road work that he is working on. His planning for 3 years at a time is not enough and he wants to start planning even further ahead. He also gave a personnel update on three employees. He has one employee, Donald Card who works out of the West Copake Outpost, is retiring June 17th 2013, after a 43.5 year career with the Highway Department. Two employees are still out of work on extended illness, and one will not return. One Motor Equipment Operator I has been terminated due to job abandonment, and the search still continues for a qualified Truck Mechanic.

Resolution Request: Authorization to fill 1 vacant position Motor Equipment Operator I at the 2013 Grade 11C, Step I Salary of \$32,138. Position is vacant due to termination. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by J. Nayer, R. Staats opposed, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance.

Resolution Request: To fill the vacant position of Motor Equipment Operator II grade 12B, and any vacancies created there from in the Highway Department at the 2013 base salary of \$40,217; salary level contingent upon length of county service of the appointee. This position is vacant due to the retirement of an employee. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by S. Sterling, R. Staats opposed, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance.

Solid Waste- J. Race

J. Race handed her Station Report out for all the Supervisors to look over. The numbers on the report were up a lot from last month's report. She also gave a project update. There will be an HHW Collection Event on Saturday June 1st from 8 until 12, at the County Highway Garage on Route 23b, rain or shine. She told the committee she would like to extend free metal/appliances collection until September 1st, there was a motion to approve by R. Knott, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried. Spring cleanup was started at all the stations, as was lawn maintenance and inventory of all containers in need of repair and painting. J. Race is in the process of revamping the station attendant's duties to assist in more accurate reporting of bag inventory and punch cards. There have been a number of phone calls to J. Race lately from people asking why credit cards are not accepted, she has spoken with R. Caponera and he assured her that his office would take care of it.

Engineering- D. Knox

D. Knox gave an update on the Federal- Aid Bridge and Highway Project. Columbia County Routes 7 and 7A highway rehab, and Brown's Bridge replacement in Copake, Federal/NYS funding closeout activities are ongoing. County Route 16 Hollowville Creek Claverack and Walkers Mill Bridge Historic Rehab in Livingston. At the County Route 16 Hollowville Creek, in Claverack, bridge replacement project, they are still awaiting NYSDOT approval of the final PS & E package (plans/specs/estimate), and authorization to advertise for construction bids. At Walkers Mill Bridge, final detailed design is also continuing. County Route 9 Indian Creek in Chatham, and County Route 25 Fitting Creek Stockport Bridge replacements, they are currently negotiating the consultant's work scope for design with independent fee estimates needing to be completed next for each design contract. County Route 18, Fish and Game Road, highway reconstruction in Claverack, the project IPP and PMP are partially drafted and will be submitted to NYSDOT/FHWA later this year for initial funding and programming of the design and row incidental phases of this project. He also gave an update on the Locally Funded Bridge Program. Inspection reports are still being reviewed from 2012. There are is still a lot of reconstructions going on within the County, mostly on bridges. There is also the long-term bridge rehab/ replacement plan. The department is currently finalizing a schedule of necessary County bridge projects involving major rehabilitation or complete replacement over the next 15+ years. Individual bridges anticipated to need major work or replacement will be indentified, along with the type of work, potential estimated costs and possible sources of funding. A County Airport update was also given. The County Attorney's office is currently handling the progression of the land acquisition process.

Resolution Request: Authorizing the Chairman of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to execute supplemental agreement #1 in the amount of \$249,231.00 with Barton & Loguidice, PC of Albany. NY for the performance of all Federally-Required construction administration, Inspection (full-time), Materials Testing,

etc. 16/Hollowville Creek Bridge replacement project in the Town of Claverack. Motion to approve by R. Staats, seconded by L. Andrews, 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 execute a professional services agreement with Ryan-Biggs Assoc of Clifton Park, NY for construction administration and inspection (part-time) of the bin 3222970- New Forge Road 2/Taghkanic Creek Bridge Replacement for a fee of \$55,900.00. Motion to approve by E. Young, seconded by S. Sterling, motion carried. Refer to Budget and Salary, if approved refer to Finance

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 7:10 P.M. by R. Staats, seconded by R. Scalera, motion carried.

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