

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OBERACKER, MCCARTY, FRAZIER, FARWELL, WILBER
July 9, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Under the current COVID-19 emergency/Executive orders, this committee meeting was not physically open to the public at the County Office Building. The meeting was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Members: Representative Oberacker- present, in Board Chambers
Representative McCarty- absent
Representative Frazier- present, via zoom
Representative Farwell- present, via zoom
Representative Wilber- present, via zoom

HIGHWAY-RICHARD BRIMMER AND JAMES DENEKAMP via zoom

Rich Brimmer continued discussion about CHIPS, EWR, and PAVE NY funding related to roll over money, state reimbursement reductions, and claim submission vs. reimbursement received timeline.

Rich Brimmer sent department updates to the committee via email and discussed only the following updates during the meeting:

- Co Hwy 16 Bridge NY culvert project-construction should begin the week of August 3rd, anticipating that the road will be closed for the majority of August
- Highway crews completed an emergency FEMA project, replacing a culvert on Co Hwy 3A in Unadilla

Representative Frazier joined the meeting via zoom during the updates.

Representative Oberacker stated that there is a huge puddle at the intersection of Co Hwy 42 and St Rt 7, in Maryland, that needs to be looked at. Mr. Brimmer is aware of this and explained that there is a catch basin at the intersection that is not taking water which creates a large pool of water in the intersection.

Rich Brimmer added that the issue on CR 25A should be resolved today.

BUILDING SERVICES- KIM FIRENZE in Board Chambers

Kim Firenze sent department updates to the committee via email and discussed only the following updates during the meeting:

- having several issues with new and old Trane units at the PSB, noting a lot of the issues have been resolved

-issues with units at COB such as unit in back of building near small parking lot needs a compressor, new unit in phone room is freezing up, another unit is leaking- in the past refrigerant was constantly being added due to a leak instead of fixing. Trane tech found the leak, fixed it, evacuated the system and replaced the refrigerant.

Representative Farwell asked about the agenda item concerning staff taking vehicles home. Ms. Firenze stated that her past request was to allow the Maintenance Mechanics to take home county vehicles during the winter season. Ms. Firenze would like to change her request to also allow two of the Maintenance Mechanics to take the county vehicles home year round as they frequently get after-hour/weekend building issue calls that need to be resolved. Representative Wilber noted that there may be IRS reporting for such use that they might want to be research further. After further discussion, Representative Wilber moved to support the recommendation to the Administration Committee to amend the vehicle policy to allow three Maintenance Mechanic positions in Building Services to bring home county vehicles year round, to be used for county building emergencies as necessary. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,338; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 375- McCarty. Motion carried.

Kim Firenze stated that they are still having bird issues on the County Office building roof which they are trying to resolve and that they continue to silicone the holes being made by the birds.

TRANE- GREG ROYER via zoom

Greg Royer commented on a couple of issues presented earlier as related to the issues with units at the Public Safety Building explaining that there is a communication issue and that he will escalate the issues to the regional level and stated that the units at the County Office Building are at end of life.

Greg Royer asked if there was any update concerning moving forward with the Energy Performance Contract as related to the Energy Performance Study that they completed for the County. Representative Oberacker commented that he has no issues with Trane concerning the end of life equipment but does have an issue with Trane concerning the new equipment at the PSB that the county is having unresolved issues with, adding that it is difficult to move forward based on Trane's current track record with the County as well as the fact that the County is currently under financial stress due to the pandemic. Representative Farwell asked Mr. Royer for a list of at least five projects that Trane has completed.

Greg Royer stated that he has received authorization to allow the County if they move forward with the Performance contract, to replace the rooftop chiller and the air handler now with no upfront cost, noting that the cost would be added to the costs within the performance contract and then proceed with the rest of the work. Representative Frazier requested a copy of the proposed amended agreement as discussed.

Greg Royer discussed various efficiencies that could be implemented such as a web enabled BMS system.

BUILDING SERVICES- KIM FIRENZE in Board Chambers and BRIAN POKORNY via zoom

Kim Firenze and Brian Pokorny stated that they are concerned with the costs related to office modifications, office moves, phone moves, and interview stations etc. that are being requested by Social Services. Ms. Firenze added that this project is on hold for now because she does not have funding to support such request. Representative Wilber commented that funding needs to be found before possibly proceeding and if money is found then maybe the County should contract such work out due to the decrease in Building Services staffing levels. Representative Oberacker asked that more clarification be received from Social Services.

Kim Firenze requested an executive session. Representative Farwell moved for an executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,338; Ayes: 1,963; Absent: 375- McCarty. Motion carried.

The committee adjourned during executive session.