

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OBERACKER, MCCARTY, FRAZIER, FARWELL, WILBER
JUNE 11, 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, via zoom
Representative McCarty- present, via zoom
Representative Frazier- present, via zoom
Representative Farwell- present, via zoom
Representative Wilber- present, via zoom

Others present: County Treasurer Allen Ruffles via zoom.

BUILDING SERVICES-KIM FIRENZE in Board Chambers

Kim Firenze gave a brief update about issues in the Jail such as the new Trane heating/cooling unit is malfunctioning and the old unit has several issues. Representative Frazier stated that the county should be asking for an extended warranty from the time when the unit is working properly. Ms. Firenze also noted that the sprinkler system has been temporarily fixed but requires more repairs in which she has requested an estimate for.

Kim Firenze stated that the Constellation energy rate is due to expire and the county needs to pick one of the rates.

Kim Firenze briefly discussed the RNM application (remote net metering) noting that the county will apply solar credits towards the agency homes but while the agency homes are on hold, the county can apply solar credits to a different building such as the 242 Main Street, Oneonta building.

242 MAIN STREET, ONEONTA OFFICE BUILDING- EVE BOUBOULIS/DSS via zoom, TAMIE REED/OFA via zoom, DAN NAUGHTON/Probation via zoom, KIM FIRENZE/Bldg srvs. in board chambers

Eve Bouboulis updated the committee regarding reevaluating the current space and the space to be vacated by DMV at the 242 Main Street, Oneonta office building. Ms. Bouboulis added that after several meetings and site visit, several departments would be relocated to the 242 Main Street, Oneonta office building. Ms. Bouboulis explained the proposed plan as such: Step 1-Relocate OFA staff from Elm Park to the two window offices on the first floor facing Main Street on the left hand side of the entrance and share two offices with the state Veterans Office on the first floor facing Main Street on the right hand side of the

entrance. Step 2-Probation-colocation utilizing a portion of the vacant DMV space in basement. Ms. Bouboulis noted that state parole lost their space in the City's building; therefore, they may be sharing space with Probation. Step 3- Prepare space for security. Step 4-DSS-colocate income maintenance utilizing a portion of the vacant DMV space in basement. Ms. Bouboulis noted that DSS would still utilize the space on the first floor as well for child welfare and that she continues to work with Mr. Klingler for a magnetometer for the building.

Tamie Reed stated that they are excited about the move to 242 but she is concerned about the parking. Mrs. Reed requested two designated handicap compliant spaces; add signage in which she will ask Highway, and have a couple other spaces designated county business only, not to be utilized by employees.

Dan Naughton added that Probation would have 2 offices in the vacant DMV space that could be shared with state parole.

Eve Bouboulis added that the Westcott entrance would have swipe card access to the building for employees only.

Representative Frazier moved approval to move forward with the 242 Main Street, Oneonta office building moves as presented to include, OFA, Probation, DSS and NYS Parole at no rental cost. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,338. Ayes: 2,338. Motion carried.

PLANNING- KAREN SULLIVAN via zoom

Karen Sullivan explained that the county agreed to do the excavation in house for the agency home project in conjunction with the geothermal noting that approximately half of the trenches are dug. Mrs. Sullivan explained that the Highway department is currently on four 10 hr. shifts with Fridays off. Therefore, Mrs. Sullivan requested to use an existing Highway employee to complete the excavating on Fridays and Saturdays not to exceed 100 hours, at his overtime rate, adding that such cost is reimbursable by the grant. After further discussion, Representative McCarty moved to use an existing Highway employee and allow them to work Friday's and Saturday's, not to exceed 100 hours and not to exceed \$3,000, authorizing the Highway to pay him overtime to complete the required excavating work at the agency homes. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,338. Ayes: 2,338. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY- RICH BRIMMER AND JAMES DENEKAMP via zoom

Rich Brimmer requested approval to move forward with the CR 16, Bridge NY, box culvert project and purchase the following adding that the estimated total project cost excluding county labor is \$220,000:

- box culvert from Binghamton Precast-off bid OTGOV-004-20, \$136,752.42
- guide rail materials from TCBR-off bid OTGOV-012-20, \$21,877

-other miscellaneous materials from various vendors such as asphalt, stone, membrane, crane, etc.
Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,338. Ayes: 2,338. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer requested approval to contract for engineering in conjunction with any or all of the three superstructure replacement projects, which include CR 11B, CR 8, and Race Street bridges, not to exceed a total cost of \$20,000 using CHIPS funding. Mr. Brimmer added that if the engineering is approved, then they would put the projects out to bid as well. Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,338. Ayes: 2,338. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer stated that the county's CHIPS funding has been confirmed that the county will get at least 80% reimbursement if not 100% reimbursement. Mr. Brimmer noted the following amounts:

CHIPS funding- \$3,065,364.05
Pave NY funding-\$699,699.85
EWR funding-\$452,397.15

Allen Ruffles discussed CHIPS funding and cash flow noting that the county has to upfront the money and then seek state reimbursement. It was agreed that before moving forward with large CHIPS projects, that the Highway will do a small cost project, submit to the state for reimbursement and see how long it takes the county to receive the actual funds from the state as a test.

Rich Brimmer stated that he was contacted by Board of Elections who are asking for two Highway employees to deliver voting machines on two full days on June 22 and 23 and a part of a day on June 19, noting that overtime expenses if incurred would be reimbursed by the Cares Act funding through Board of Elections. Representative McCarty also volunteered to be a driver if necessary and if approved by the County Attorney. Representative Oberacker moved approval to allow Highway employees to pick up and deliver voting machines for Board of Elections on 6/19, 6/22, 6/23 and to authorize overtime for such if incurred which such overtime is reimbursable under the Cares Act. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,338. Ayes: 2,338. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer noted that on May 15th a storm hit the county and took down numerous trees that required several crews to be called in on overtime.

Representative McCarty briefly asked about budget reductions and was concerned about the budget reduction in centerline/edge line painting. Rich Brimmer added that he did not reduce the snow and ice budget contract line in response to the Town of Richfield dropping because he will most likely need extra money for salt, etc. Mr. Brimmer stated that he would rework the budget reductions that he sent to the committee.

Representative McCarty asked Mr. Brimmer if the CR 54 project (~\$1.6 million project) will move forward or not this year. It was suggested that this project be discussed at a future meeting based on the county's current cash

flow concern and hoping that more information on state reimbursements are received.

Allen Ruffles stated that he and Rich Brimmer will look into BAN's as related to funding large Highway projects if needed in the future.

Representative Farwell stated that approval was given to fix the trusses at the Gilbertsville salt shed a while ago, inquiring when they will be fixed. Rich Brimmer stated that the Highway staff can do the work and Kim Firenze stated that Building Services could assist also.

BUILDING SERVICES- KIM FIRENZE CON'T in Board Chambers

Discussion continued about the Constellation energy rate options. Representative Wilber moved approval to select the 36-month rate at \$48.38. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,338. Ayes: 2,338. Motion carried.

Kim Firenze stated that the Board of Elections has requested assistance with cleaning of four poll sites after the elections on June 24 and/or June 25. Ms. Firenze stated that if she had two cleaners available and willing to do it, then overtime would possibly be incurred as those same cleaners are currently working and would have to go after hours to those locations to clean as well as they would be offered a county vehicle to drive to the location. The committee discussed another option of whether the municipality where the poll site is located would clean the area. If so, the county could reimburse the municipality for such cleaning cost. Representative Oberacker moved approval for two cleaners to clean four poll sites after the election either on June 24 and/or June 25 and to allow overtime if necessary to achieve such task, to be funded by grant reimbursement through the Board of Elections. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,338. Ayes: 2,338. Motion carried.

Kim Firenze discussed the annual water usage report that was due in March which is required to be submitted to DEC for well #1 and #2 at the Meadows/PS bldg. Ms. Firenze explained the difficulty in determining the actual usage because of the lack of flow meters. Ms. Firenze added that the usage can be estimated but if actuals were needed, then the installation of three flow meters would be required, at an approximate cost of \$1,000 each.

Kim Firenze briefly discussed the budget reductions that were sent to the committee in response to the second request for budget reductions. Representative Wilber moved to accept the budget reductions as submitted. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,338. Ayes: 2,338. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL- PENNEY GENTILE via zoom

Penney Gentile requested an executive session. Representative Wilber moved for an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal

of a particular person. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,338; Ayes: 2,338. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned in executive session.