

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FRAZIER, MCCARTY, FARWELL, WILBER, OLIVER
June 17, 2021
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 Frazier- present, via zoom
Representative McCarty- present, in Board Chambers
Representative Farwell- present via zoom
Representative Wilber- present, via zoom
Representative Oliver- present, via zoom

Others present: County Treasurer, Allen Ruffles via zoom

BUILDING USE REQUEST- LORI BAILEY-TANDEM CAGE PRODUCTIONS

Lori Bailey submitted a request for building use of the exterior of the Old Courthouse, the interior courtroom in the Courthouse, interior of Old Jail with one floor of cells and a section of the courtyard in front of the old Courthouse on October 9, 10, and 11 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of a motion picture film, noting approximately 40 occupants.

Topics discussed:

- Use of bathrooms in buildings vs. portable bathrooms. No use of building bathrooms was granted. Portable bathrooms was recommended.
- Tent located on property for food.
- Already completed a walk thru with Mr. Brown.
- Security for the event. Responsibility of requester.
- County staff on-site during use. Cost to the requester is to be determined based on their needs.
- State court system/judges approval of building use is required. Requester to work with the Unified Court system. Mr. Brown will help facilitate.
- Building use fee to be determined based on the weekend/holiday use.
- Insurance requirements.
- Detailed contract needs to be created and agreed upon. Mr. Brown will help facilitate.

Representative Wilber moved approval of the building use request in accordance with the conditions as discussed. Seconded, Oliver. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY- RICH BRIMMER and JAMES DENEKAMP via zoom

Rich Brimmer requested approval to award the bid to Tioga Construction for the bridge floor replacement project on 11B – OTGOV-012-21 at \$575,519.15 and to authorize the purchase of related materials and services from various vendors; total project cost not to exceed \$625,000 from CHIPS capital maintenance. Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer requested approval to fill a soon to be vacant funded MEO II position #23, due to a resignation. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer requested approval to surplus a 1984 Ford 540A tractor (#137) as it has reached the end of its useful life. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Representative Frazier noted that County stickers, emblems, etc. need to be removed from County vehicles/equipment that get surplused before disposing of them and asked who is responsible to make sure that it gets done. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer stated that there is no further information to report in connection with the possible Town of Butternuts building and land acquisition.

Rich Brimmer continued discussions on the proposed plow truck replacement plan.

Rich Brimmer sent department updates to the committee via email that were not discussed during the meeting.

Representative Frazier asked about the Kipps Hill project. Rich Brimmer stated that he is waiting on the engineering for that project.

Representative McCarty asked when Snow and Ice payments were going out. Rich Brimmer stated probably within the next couple of weeks.

Representative McCarty stated that several people have expressed concerns about the St Rt 80 and Co Hwy 26 intersection near the Fly Creek firehouse. Rich Brimmer stated that a solution is in the works.

Representative McCarty mentioned receiving a letter (Soule) concerning a tree on CR 22. Rich Brimmer stated that the tree was taken down last week.

Representative Farwell asked when we will hear about Bridge NY. Rich Brimmer stated that we should hear back in late fall or wintertime.

BUILDING SERVICES- GARTH BROWN via zoom

Garth Brown requested approval of the following budget transfer:

Transfer from A1625.545620 COB maint & repairs \$1,999

Transfer to A1620.545650 Courthouse water and sewer \$1,999

Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Oliver. During discussion, Representative Wilber left the meeting. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 1,665. Absent: 487- Wilber. Motion carried.

Garth Brown mentioned a problem with the card reader door access system because we have reach our card usage cap but there is a gap in the card sequence; additional cards to fill that gap are able to be generated and should be in next week.

Garth Brown informed the committee of ongoing issues with the control of building keys for county and non-county employees, even though there is a key policy. Mr. Brown stated that the policy needs to be revised and asked for input concerning revisions and enforcement. The committee recommended that a key and door access inventory of each department, vendors, outside agencies, non-county employees be completed and the policy revised. The committee also supports asking the Administration Committee to enforce such policy.

Garth Brown gave a brief update on the Trane project, with the exception of the Public Safety Building, the project is moving very fluidly and productively. Mr. Brown stated that the second air handler at the COB has been installed and is moving air, noting that temperatures are inconsistent throughout the building. Mr. Brown mentioned that about 1/3 of the VAV's don't work. After further discussion, it was suggested that funding be budgeted each year to replace VAV's and their related costs.

Representative Wilber rejoined the meeting via zoom during the above discussion.

Garth Brown mentioned that the building envelopes portion such as doors and windows at the Meadows building are progressing and the lighting portion will start soon.

Representative Frazier noted that an email was sent to the committee concerning the reports that were sent to the Commission on Corrections regarding the Public Safety Building.

Representative Frazier stated that Representative Brockway reached out to him and is asking for consideration of designated parking for DMV clients in Cooperstown. Representative Farwell noted that she has also heard from constituents who are upset about the Oneonta DMV being closed. Representative Oliver noted that he has received similar concerns about parking and folks having to drive to Cooperstown. The committee recognizes that there is a parking issue at the COB and the need for a conversation about expanding parking. No action was taken.

Garth Brown mentioned that Probation is asking for a designated parking spot closer to the door at 242 Main Street, Oneonta building.

Representative Frazier mentioned a concern that he received from an elderly gentleman who had an appointment at 242 Main Street, who parked at the ground level (old DMV entrance) at 242 Main Street but had to walk and

enter through the front door. Representative Frazier explained that he was under the impression that we hired security for two entries at that building but that is not occurring. (One at the front door and one at the ground level)

FORESTRY- JORDAN CLEMENTS FROM SOIL AND WATER AND RICH BRIMMER FROM HIGHWAY via zoom

Jordan Clements gave Forestry updates but was not limited to the following:

- Taylor Hill/Edmeston- there is a boundary line issue
- Taylor Hill-will move forward with the sale-estimated over 4,000 trees (over \$200,000 in sale of timber)
- Sale being set up for Forest of Dozen Dads timber (approx. \$80,000 in timber)which will go to Onondaga for bidding before the end of the month or first part of July
- Forester working on another management plan for another property
- 188 property near Schenevus-land locked-need to figure out where to gain access

Representative asked if the County would see the revenue in 2022. Mr. Clements explained that when we put out the bid that most contracts for forestry are for two years and if the weather is right and they are ready to go, it could begin in 2021.

Representative Wilber moved for an executive session to discuss the negotiation of a contract for the proposed acquisition of real property. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned in executive session.