

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FRAZIER, MCCARTY, FARWELL, WILBER, OLIVER
July 15, 2021
9:00 a.m.

The meeting was held in the Board Chambers and was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Committee members present: Representative Frazier, Representative McCarty, Representative Farwell, Representative Wilber and Representative Oliver

Others present: Personnel Officer Penney Gentile via zoom, County Treasurer Allen Ruffles via zoom and Board Chair Bliss.

FORESTRY- JORDAN CLEMENTS FROM SOIL & WATER via zoom and HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RICH BRIMMER via zoom

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

- Onondaga has all of the required documents to set up the bid for timber sales for Taylor Hill and Forest of the Dozen Dads
- County Attorney sent a letter to the Taylor Hill landowner
- Unable to locate a deed with survey map to the Taylor Hill property
- Landowner does not have an official survey map of their property

County Treasurer Allen Ruffles arrived via zoom.

Representative Frazier suggested finding the deeds and survey maps for all of the County forestry properties.

Jordan Clements suggested that the County possibly invest some funds from the sale of timber towards the purchase of significant replanting's were the timber was cut especially near the road side.

HIGHWAY- RICH BRIMMER via zoom

Rich Brimmer requested approval to fill a recently vacated funded Mechanic's Helper position due to a promotion. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, Oliver. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer requested approval to fund work on CR 1A bridge, to remove an existing DOT flag, not to exceed \$30,000 from D5112.522100 (local bridge repairs), noting that this bridge is shared with Delaware County and they have agreed to reimburse us for half of the cost. Mr. Brimmer explained that Delaware County will be handling the engineering and Otsego County will act

as the project manager. Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer requested approval to fill three (3) vacant funded MEO II positions at the highest grade @ \$19.5572/hr., adding that if approved this will also effect two existing MEO II positions that would need to be brought up to the same highest grade hourly rate. Mr. Brimmer noted the lack of interested applicants and the need to fill these positions in a timely manner so they can receive the proper training prior to snow and ice operations. Representative Wilber moved for approval. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer stated that only one vendor responded to the fuel bid. Mr. Brimmer added that the County can award bid OTGOV-012-21 to Mirabito with the firm differential or go off of the OGS contract which is also Mirabito. Mr. Brimmer explained that Mirabito may not honor the fixed price as bid as they needed a response from the County in June. Representative Wilber moved to award the fuel bid to Mirabito OTGOV-012-21 using the firm differential. Seconded, Oliver. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried.

Rich Brimmer stated that the Town of Butternuts has accepted the County's offer for the property acquisition.

Board Chair Bliss arrived during the above discussion.

Rich Brimmer continued discussion on the plow truck replacement plan options. After further discussion, the committee agreed that Mr. Brimmer should add funding for four (4) plow trucks (~\$960,000) in the 2022 budget by utilizing the funding from the bed tax rate increase.

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

STATE COURT SYSTEM- WILLIAM CLARK, COUNSEL FOR CAPITAL PLANNING FOR THE NYS UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM via zoom and COUNTY TREASURER ALLEN RUFFLES via zoom

Bill Clark gave a brief background of the relationship between the Court system and municipalities. Mr. Clark added that the Unified Court system may pay a percentage of the interest/interest aid on the bonds in connection with the energy efficiency/Trane project. Mr. Clark noted that there are documents that must be submitted as well as the County needs to update their capital plan which was last submitted in 1989. Next steps include, Garth Brown and Allen Ruffles in connection with William Clark will work on an initial narrative of the project to submit to the state as well as work on updating the capital plan.

County Treasurer Allen Ruffles left the meeting.

BUILDING SERVICES- GARTH BROWN in Board Chambers

Garth Brown presented photos and gave a brief overview of the water intrusion issue occurring in the Courthouse. Mr. Brown added that he received a quote from FW Dennis Roofing LLC to repair the areas of intrusion (roof and sandstone coping stone and brickwork). Due to the nature of the issue, Representative Wilber moved to deem the Courthouse roof repairs an emergency and accept the FW Dennis quote at \$77,495 and taking the necessary steps needed to move forward with the repairs ASAP. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,152. Ayes: 2,152. Motion carried. The committee requested that Mr. Brown submit this through Onondaga.

Representative Farwell asked Mr. Brown to contact his state court contact to see if there is funding available for a building condition report to be completed by an architectural firm.

Representative Wilber asked for an update on the air situation at the County Office Building.

Garth Brown noted a meeting next week with Trane concerning the project at the Public Safety Building.

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

The meeting adjourned in executive session.