

**PUBLIC WORKS
OBERACKER, MCCARTY, WILBER, FARWELL, LAPIN
October 15, 2019**

Absent: Representative Lapin

BOARD OF ELECTIONS- COMMISSIONER LORI LEHENBAUER and COMMISSIONER MICHAEL HENRICI

Commissioners Lehenbauer and Henrici updated the Committee regarding an increased need for additional secure space for election equipment. The Commissioners requested additional space in the same area of their offices at the Meadows. Representative Oberacker said that while the Committee generally approves of giving the department more space for the equipment, the Committee will inquire further into what is available and will follow up.

Commissioner Lehenbauer and Commissioner Henrici exited the meeting.

HIGHWAY- SUPERINTENDENT RICH BRIMMER and DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT JIM DENEKAMP

Superintendent Brimmer requested approval to fill a vacant MEO II position. Mr. Brimmer noted this has been approved by Personnel and the Treasurer's office. Representative Farwell moved to fill the MEO II position. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

Superintendent Brimmer requested approval for Town & Country Bridge & Rail to repair steel beams on County Highway 11B in Laurens (Mt. Vision) in the amount of \$26, 923.92 off Bid #8978. Funds to come from Local Bridge Repair 5112-2020-D. Representative Farwell moved to approve the repairs. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

Superintendent Brimmer requested approval to bid all phases of the County Highway 54 Safety Improvements Project, with a plan to bid the project during the winter and begin construction in the spring. Representative McCarty moved to approve bidding the project. Seconded, Wilber. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

Representative Wilber moved to enter into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, and invited Superintendent Brimmer and Deputy Superintendent

Denekamp to remain present for the discussion. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

The Committee reconvened.

Representative Wilber moved to decline the request from the Town of Plainfield to pay additional costs for personnel. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

Superintendent Brimmer discussed recent changes at a vendor from which the County purchases sand. Superintendent Brimmer and the Committee discussed the following, including but not limited to:

- price increases from other vendors
- alternative options: Otsego County becoming lead agency and screening own material?
- permitting and manpower concerns
- possibly working with surrounding Town Highway departments on this project

Mr. Brimmer and the Committee agreed to further research options for this.

Representative Oberacker and Mr. Brimmer reported that Fall Safety Day went well, approximately 100 people attended, Department of Labor presented, and improvements for next year's program may include class offerings for other town and/or village employees.

OTSEGO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (OCSWCD)- JORDAN CLEMENTS

Jordan Clements, District Manager for Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation District (OCSWD), gave the following program updates, including but not limited to:

- working to fill vacant Forester position, continuing with the three-year contract model, goal for start date in early November
- Farm Tour: County legislators attended, visited Reforestation Area #6 with new parking area and information kiosk
- sales of ash are on hold due to market prices being low
- still to do: Forester to inventory remaining areas

Representative McCarty suggested researching methods of salt application used by neighboring counties, for example in the Lake George area, with regards to conserving the material and keeping the watershed clean.

Mr. Clements exited the meeting.

OTHER- REPRESENTATIVE OBERACKER

Representative Oberacker read aloud a letter from the Village of Cherry Valley Clerk-Treasurer regarding the surplused Chevy Tahoe, re-requesting the vehicle be transferred to the Village for use as a utility vehicle. The Committee discussed the request. Representative Wilber motioned to allow the transfer of the Chevy Tahoe to the Village of Cherry Valley, with the understanding that the Village must decommission any remaining parts of the emergency package from the vehicle, remove any logos, etc. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY- (CONT'D), PENNEY GENTILE (PERSONNEL)

Penney Gentile, Personnel Officer, entered the meeting.

Representative McCarty moved to enter into executive session to discuss the matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person, and to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

The Committee reconvened.

Ms. Gentile exited the meeting.

BUILDING SERVICES- DOUG CZERKIES

Doug Czerkies, Director of Building Services, distributed copies of the agenda, and gave the following updates:

County Office Building:

Doug Czerkies reported that Part I of the asbestos investigation has been completed, no violations were found, Mr. Czerkies met with the Department of Labor last week, still waiting on a contamination assessment, employees complete annual training regarding asbestos, and reports have been forwarded to NYS and the union.

Mr. Czerkies discussed with the Committee renovations to the County Office Building roof. Mr. Czerkies said the scope of the project requires a heavier

silicone finish than initially anticipated and requested approval to authorize change orders on the project not to exceed \$7,000. Representative Wilber moved to approve Mr. Czerkies to authorize change orders on the County Office Building roof project not to exceed \$7,000. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

Mr. Czerkies discussed with the Committee adding an additional office space to the County Attorney's office. In order to complete the project, Mr. Czerkies requested approval to renovate a portion of the Unified State Court space and to allow the Unified State Court to utilize office space first floor. Representative Wilber moved to approve the renovations and office space moves. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

Public Safety Building:

Mr. Czerkies and the Committee discussed specific additional change orders and costs. The Committee expressed the concern that the project has had a number of change orders that were not included in the original plans, questions regarding how change orders are approved, and concerns that the project will go over budget. Mr. Czerkies said he will discuss his request for the additional change order funds with the Administration Committee.

Meadows:

- completed two more foundations for the Agency Housing project
- the geothermal system will be installed in the corn field once the corn is harvested

Highway:

Mr. Czerkies said that he is reviewing bids for repairs to the mechanic shop roof and the estimated cost will be approximately \$80,000.

242 Main:

- reviewing quotes for floor coverings and the front door

Equipment Purchase:

Mr. Czerkies requested approval to purchase a mounted plow in an amount not to exceed \$13,500. Representative Oberacker moved to approve purchasing the plow. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

Mr. Czerkies requested approval to contract with Fuller Paving to pave areas near the Central Kitchen loading dock and the public parking area in an amount not to exceed \$33,920. Representative Farwell moved to approve the paving. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

Mr. Czerkies requested the following budget transfer:

Transfer from:	Other	\$5,659.72
Transfer to:	Vehicle Lease	\$5,659.72

Representative Farwell moved to approve the transfer. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,899. Absent: 348- Lapin. Motion carried.

Representative Wilber exited the meeting.

TRANE- GREG ROYER and BRYAN MURPHY
Also Present: Deputy Treasurer Andrew Crisman

Greg Royer and Bryan Murphy presented to the Committee the results of the investment grade audit. Mr. Royer distributed a Project Financials chart which listed options for energy conservation measures on ten County-owned buildings, including but not limited to costs, savings, and possible incentive payments.

Deputy Treasurer Andrew Crisman entered during the above discussion.

The Committee discussed the primary focus of the proposed upgrades to be performed on the County Office Building.

Mr. Royer said the next steps include presenting this information to the full Board of Representatives at the November Board meeting, making a determination regarding which upgrades will be performed, and contacting a lender for financing options.

Mr. Royer and Mr. Murphy exited the meeting.

TREASURER- DEPUTY TREASURER ANDREW CRISMAN

Deputy Treasurer Andrew Crisman requested guidance regarding the bid received on the Clifton Street property. Representative McCarty moved to discuss accepting the bid. Seconded, Farwell. The Committee discussed accepting the bid, including but not limited to the high bid received was

\$100,000. The Committee voted to accept the \$100,000 high bid on the Clifton Street property. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,412. Absent: 835- Wilber, Lapin. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee set their next meeting date on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 9:00am at the County Office Building and adjourned.