

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OBERACKER, MCCARTY, WILBER, FARWELL, LAPIN
September 17, 2019**

Also Present: Deputy Treasurer Crisman

Absent: Representative Wilber and Representative Farwell

HIGHWAY- SUPERINTENDENT RICH BRIMMER, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT JIM DENEKAMP, AND DEPUTY TREASURER CRISMAN

Superintendent Brimmer distributed copies of the consent agenda and program updates.

Superintendent Rich Brimmer, Deputy Superintendent Jim Denekamp, and the Committee discussed concerns regarding the Salt and Sand 5142-4555 budget through the end of 2019. Mr. Brimmer said a combination of factors resulted in the budget deficit, including but not limited to an increase in the cost of the material and having used more salt this year than estimated from previous years due to weather conditions. Mr. Brimmer said that he reviewed the Highway department budget, considering the amount of funds remaining in the Salt and Sand line plus reducing other budget items and combining these funds, Mr. Brimmer said the department has funding which could potentially offset the cost of salt and sand needed to get to next year. Representative Oberacker said that he gives his support to the decisions made by the Highway department. Representative McCarty moved to approve using Contingent funds in the amount of \$250,000 to purchase salt. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Superintendent Brimmer requested approval for the following budget transfer:

Transfer from:	CHIPS Culvert Replacement	5113-2104-D	\$300,000
Transfer to:	CHIPS Capital Main	5113-2121-D	\$300,000

Representative McCarty moved to approve the budget transfer. Seconded, Oberacker. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Superintendent Brimmer requested approval to purchase sheet piles for the County Hwy 32 project not to exceed \$17,000 from CHIPS Capital Main 5113-2121-D. Representative Lapin moved to approve the purchase. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Superintendent Brimmer requested approval to purchase hot mix asphalt for the Gilbertsville Salt Shed and parking area not to exceed \$75,000 from CHIPS

Capital Main 5113-2121-D. Representative Lapin move to transfer the funds. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Superintendent Brimmer and the Committee discussed the Gilles contract ending in December 2019. After the contract ends, the parts work is planned to be completed in-house. Mr. Brimmer inquired whether or not the department should do procurement for the outside entities that are currently using the contract for parts, for example towns, villages and school districts. Representative Oberacker said he would like to continue to support the outside entities that plow roads. Representative McCarty requested Mr. Brimmer reach out to the outside entities regarding changes beforehand to ensure the changes are clear.

Superintendent Brimmer updated the Committee on the following, including but not limited to:

- completed DEC required remediation on Norton Cross Rd.
- CR 3 near CR 2 in Unadilla: fixed scour issues
- CR 3 and 15: completed flat stackable walls
- CR 14 bridge: additional work to replace the deck will be completed
- CR 16 Bridge NY culvert replacement: ROW forms are at DOT, awaiting approval in preparation to bid out the box culvert
- CR 34: replaced 5 ft. diameter culvert in Westford
- CR 38 "High Bridge:" work likely to begin in spring 2020
- CR Hwy 54 (Cherry Valley): paperwork has been sent for approval and still waiting on DOT response
- crews have been completing maintenance work cutting shoulders and cleaning ditches on CR 18, 18A, 19, 20, and 49 in Edmeston and Plainfield
- Deputy Superintendent Denekamp is working on formulating long-term bridge maintenance plans
- all CHIPS paving work has been completed (pending the Gilbertsville Salt Shed)
- Road Closures: had to close CR 11 by Whispering Pines in Hartwick for one day and CR 34 in Westford for two days for culvert replacement, will be closing CR 11 at the New Lisbon and Laurens town line for the culvert replacement on scheduled for Tuesday, September 17 through Wednesday, September 18, 2019
- crews are working on mowing, Gradall projects, and road painting
- CR 4 and 8 water main installation in Gilbertsville: working with contractor on site restoration
- one MEO II position is still vacant

Superintendent Brimmer notified the Committee that the County Forester has given two weeks notice and will resign to pursue other opportunities. Representative Lapin expressed concern that the County Forester's initiatives on forest management and carbon sequestration through land management continue after the personnel change.

Superintendent Brimmer and the Committee continued the above discussion regarding the Salt and Sand budget. Superintendent Brimmer requested the following budget transfers into the Salt and Sand budget shortage for 2019:

Transfer from:	Centerline/Edgeline Painting	5112-2092-D	\$5,000
Transfer to:	Salt and Sand	5142-4555-D	\$5,000
Transfer from:	Stockpile Patch Material	5112-2095	\$10,000
Transfer to:	Salt and Sand	5142-4555-D	\$10,000
Transfer from:	Crack Sealing	5110-4574-D	\$15,000
Transfer to:	Salt and Sand	5142-4555-D	\$15,000
Transfer from:	Asphalt/Stone/Sand/Oil	5110-4570-D	\$75,000
Transfer to:	Salt and Sand	5142-4555-D	\$75,000

Representative Lapin moved to transfer the funds. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Superintendent Brimmer, Deputy Treasurer Crisman, and the Committee discussed the proposed 2020 budget.

Representative McCarty moved to reduce the amount requested by the Highway department in 2020 in line Asphalt/Stone/Sand/Oil 5110-4570-D from \$750,000 to \$650,000. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Representative McCarty moved to reduce the amount requested by the Highway department in 2020 in line Parts 5130-4540-DM to \$336,000. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Representative Oberacker moved to reduce the amount requested by the Highway department in 2020 in line Equipment 5130-2000-DM to exclude the purchase of plow trucks. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Doug Czerkies, Director of Building Services, entered during the above discussion.

The Committee continued discussion regarding structuring a fund specifically for the County Highway department and next steps.

Mr. Brimmer and Mr. Denekamp exited the meeting.

E911- ROB O'BRIEN

Rob O'Brien reported he received two responses from the re-issued tower management RFP.

Rob O'Brien reported he received a request from AT&T for space on the Public Safety tower at the Meadows, with monthly rental payments in the amount of \$1,200. Representative McCarty moved to accept the lease agreement with AT&T. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Rob O'Brien and the Committee discussed AT&T's offer to buy out their lease on the Cornish Hill tower. Mr. O'Brien reported that the company has offered \$293,000. Representative McCarty moved to accept AT&T's buyout offer in the amount of \$293,000 for their lease on the Cornish Hill tower. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Committee Chair Oberacker declared a break.

The Committee reconvened.

BUILDING SERVICES- DOUG CZERKIES ALSO PRESENT: DEPUTY TREASURER CRISMAN, SHERIFF DEVLIN, UNDERSHERIFF ALLISON, LIEUTENANT O'CONNOR

Public Safety Building:

Doug Czerkies, the Director of Building Services, reported that the renovations on the jail have required change orders beyond the original scope of the project, creating unforeseen costs. The Committee, Mr. Czerkies, and Sheriff Devlin discussed specific parts of the changes and the additional work needed. The initial project cost was estimated to be \$1,345,900, however with additional change orders, Mr. Czerkies requested the Committee make available the budgeted \$1,500,000 for the jail renovation. Representative McCarty moved to make available \$1,500,000 for the jail renovations.

Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Representative Oberacker and Representative Lapin encouraged Board members who have not seen the project to visit the jail.

Sheriff Devlin, Undersheriff Allison and Lieutenant O'Connor exited the meeting.

**BUILDING SERVICES- DOUG CZERKIES (cont'd)
ALSO PRESENT: COMMISSIONER BOUBOULIS (DSS), PENNEY GENTILE (PERSONNEL),
AND DEPUTY TREASURER CRISMAN**

Doug Czerkies distributed copies of the agenda. Mr. Czerkies gave the following program updates, including but not limited to:

County Office Building:

-renovations in the DSS department are on hold pending investigation to a reported asbestos disturbance

Penney Gentile entered during the above discussion.

242 Main St.:

Commissioner Eve Bouboulis and Penney Gentile, Personnel Officer, updated the Committee regarding plans for security at County-owned properties, including but not limited to the number of positions, hourly rates, civil service law requirements, and the possibility of reimbursement options through the cost allocation plan. Commissioner Bouboulis reported that some DSS staff will be relocating to 242 Main Street as soon as internet access is available.

Commissioner Bouboulis exited the meeting.

Representative Oberacker said that due to time constraints at this meeting, he will schedule a budget review workshop with Mr. Czerkies to review the proposed 2020 budget.

County Office Building:

Doug Czerkies requested approval to accept the low bid for the County Office Building roof renovation, not to exceed \$92,000. Representative McCarty moved to accept the low bid. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Meadows:

Doug Czerkies reported that the Agency Housing Community Center construction is complete. Mr. Czerkies said Building Services will be working on pouring foundations for the agency housing project again beginning next week.

Highway:

Doug Czerkies reported that the Highway mechanic shop roof repairs are estimated at approximately \$40,000.

OTHER- REPRESENTATIVE OBERACKER

Representative Oberacker presented a thank-you letter he received from the Village of Cherry Valley for the surplused Chevy Tahoe they plan to receive and use as a community utility vehicle. Representative McCarty requested further discussion, as he recalled the vehicle was intended to be used for the Village's emergency service department as a constable vehicle. The topic was tabled for further discussion.

TREASURER- DEPUTY TREASURER ANDREW CRISMAN

Deputy Treasurer Crisman inquired about a bid received for the Rose Avenue property in Oneonta, and sought the Committee's guidance whether to accept or reject the bid. Representative Oberacker moved to accept the bid. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

Deputy Treasurer Crisman shared a communication from Absolute Auction regarding the Clifton Street, Unadilla property. Mr. Crisman said the company would like approval to put the bid out on the property with no minimum amount, instead of the minimum amount of \$150,000 as previously discussed. Representative Lapin moved to put out to bid the Clifton Street property with no minimum as recommended by Absolute Auction. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

The Committee set the next meeting date for Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 9:00am in the County Office Building.

**PERSONNEL- PENNEY GENTILE
ALSO PRESENT: DOUG CZERKIES**

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. Seconded, Oberacker. Total: 2,247. Ayes: 1,257. Absent: 990- Wilber, Farwell. Motion carried.

The Committee adjourned while in executive session.