

**FACILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 7, 2015**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: D. Pullen, C. Jessup, D. Fanton, K. Graves, A. McGraw, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall (Absent: D. Root)

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, S. Burt, D. Button, P. Curran, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, M. Evans, S. Grusendorf, D. Hanchett, D. Healy, R. Hollis, T. Hopkins, G. James, K. LaForge, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, D. Scholes, R. Swarhout

Media Present: D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Facilities and Communications Committee Chairman David Pullen.

Amendment & Approval of Minutes

It has been noted that in the section below, "Tesla" should be Testa (Construction)

Elevator Project

Legislator Pullen provided an update on the elevator project indicating that Otis representatives were on site Monday. The elevator cab is on site and is being assembled in coordination with **Tesla**. Testa. It is anticipated that the project will be complete by the end of the year.

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to approve the Facilities and Communications Committee minutes of December 3, 2014, as amended.

Facilities-Related Matters

Contract with Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY)

County Administrator Mitch Alger requested a resolution to authorize the Chairman of the Board to enter into a contract with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) in order to receive a State and Municipal Facilities Program "SAM" grant funding award of \$250,000 to renovate the former jail to create office space. The \$250,000 should be placed in appropriations account H5633.200 (Capital Projects-County Building-Jail Floor Renovation) with a like sum placed in revenue account H5633.3097.SAM (St Aid Capital-SAM Grant). It was noted that the funding is earmarked for capital improvements and cannot be used for engineering studies. Legislator Ungermann suggested that first things that should be done would be to put a roof over the "courtyard" and eliminate the top layer of concrete that held the jail bars in order to discern a truer estimate of available space. He also wondered where the most need is. Mr. Alger responded that the top three space needs are in DSS, E-911, and the Public Defender's Office (not in any particular order). It was also noted that LaBella is currently doing an analysis of space needs and will be meeting with Department Heads to determine the most critical needs. There was also a brief discussion of record storage needs. The request to accept the funding and to authorize the Chairman of the Board to enter into an agreement with DASNY was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Updates on Renovation Projects

Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Dean Scholes brought Committee members up to speed on current projects:

The elevator project: Otis is on-site, he said, and there is progress being made. Testa Construction should be back on-site next week to complete its portion of the project. Mr. Scholes is hopeful that he can report that the project is complete by the next Facilities meeting.

As regards the Building Security Sub-Committee, Mr. Scholes said that a new representative from Simplex had performed a walk-through and will return shortly with recommendations regarding cameras, swipe cards, etc. It was determined to have them attend the February Facilities meeting.

Finally, Mr. Scholes noted that he was in communication with CLLN Drilling in regards to the replacement of communication lines between the County Office Building and Employment and Training.

Communications-Related Matters

Legislator Pullen noted that work is progressing with CONXX and that equipment and materials had been ordered. He added that representatives from CONXX would attend a Facilities & Communications Committee meeting in the near future to update the Committee on the project's status.

Mr. Pullen then called on County Planner Kier Dirlam to tell the Committee about a copy of a letter that had been forwarded to him by Wellsville Town Clerk Sylvia LaChance. Mr. Dirlam said that "We have been made aware of a program being authorized to provide broadband service in Allegany, Broome, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties. The grant is for up to \$5,000,000 to be used for a portion of the cost to extend dark fiber backbone to expand broadband access and capacity. For Allegany County it appears that this will include extensions to Almond, Alfred, Wellsville, and Belmont areas. This will provide an additional line of fiber optic service that businesses and residents may be able to take advantage of. While this is not a County project per se it may tie in nicely with the broadband project that Allegany County is actively working on and may be useful in bringing even better service to some parts of the County."

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators