

**FACILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

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

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, A. Bigelow, S. Burt, D. Button, 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
Guests from Simplex: J Rizzo and R. Myers

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Facilities and Communications Committee Chairman David Pullen.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator Graves to approve minutes of January 7, 2015.

Facilities-Related Matters

Elevator Update

Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Dean Scholes said the elevator project is about 99 percent completed. He indicated only cosmetic work was still needed. The following day, he said, there would be a final inspection and that by the end of next week, everything should be up and ready to go. Mr. Scholes wanted to go on record to thank Steve Brown and his crew for going above and beyond to get the elevator project to this point.

Building Security

Simplex Representatives Jeff Rizzo and Ray Myers addressed the Committee, reporting on what activities had been conducted regarding the proposed installation of additional cameras and swipe card readers in the County Office Building. The first issue, they said, was that after doing several walk-throughs of the premises and talking with pertinent individuals, the bids they generated were done two ways: the first would have Allegany County personnel install the cable infrastructure, while the second would have Simplex do the entire system. The only difference in the two bids, they said, would be the cost of the labor if Simplex laid the infrastructure as well. The scope of work for the project included 26 high definition 2 mega-pixel cameras and one high definition 5 megapixel camera outdoors, and one high definition PTZ (pan, tilt, and zoom) outdoor camera. There was discussion regarding the cameras' capabilities, where they would be placed, and which doors would be swipe card entrances. Additionally, the necessary new workstations were discussed. When asked, DPW indicated that it would be more helpful to their area if the County had Simplex do the entire project, including the cabling infrastructure. Legislator Graves indicated he would like the County to find the resources to do this project. Legislator Fanton suggested that we spend the next two months seeking any possible grant funding for such a project and revisit this issue at the April Facilities meeting. Additionally, it was noted that since the County is in the midst of a space needs study it would be foolish to go ahead with the security project until it is known what areas will be housed on the top floor of the building as that may alter the current configurations.

Communications-Related Matters

E-911 Project Update

Lt. Dan Hanchett noted that the project is moving forward at the site locations. Engineers are *en route* from tower manufacturer to make sure that the weight loads are okay. So far, he said, all is good. Just one site left to inspect, but the weather has been an impediment. Additionally, he introduced Shawn Grusendorf who will be assuming Lt. Hanchett's duties after his retirement.

Broadband Project

County Planner Kier Dirlam distributed an informal Broadband Project update from Bill Risse of CONXX.

- “CONXX provided information to grant manager (KHEOPS) for the Broadband Quarterly Report and was told that it was sufficient.
- “CONXX has been engaged during December to the present with the 911 Team on planning and engineering for the purchase and/or construction of additional towers needed to complete the microwave ring. Persistent tough weather has made it hard to climb towers and confirm some lines of sight, and Trent Tanner is on standby looking for clear days that are not frigid (when it is really cold, there are ice crystals in the air that prevent long-distance visibility between towers.
- “911 has also brought in their preferred tower builders to inspect towers that might be available for the County to acquire—to assess current physical condition and determine if strengthening is needed.
- “Long-term equipment has been ordered, and we are currently trying to improve on a delivery schedule for the MPLS switches that has been forecast for May
- “We have worked with 911 to come up with some options for storage and staging, and will make site visits this month and settle on a location.
- “We had a short conference call with the County's architect with regard to space needs for equipment at the prison.
- “We have made repeated calls to the NYS Broadband Office looking for details on their two new broadband funding programs with no success. We have also sent emails to both the state and the network operator regarding the fiber network that has been funded to include connections in Alfred, but no response to date.”

Legislator Healy inquired about potential last-mile providers. Legislator Pullen responded that there are three potential companies at this time who have exhibited an interest in becoming the last-mile provider when the time is appropriate.

Good of the Order

Legislator Burt inquired whether all the afternoon committee meetings could adjust their start times to 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30. He was advised that this topic is under discussion at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried.

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