

## **FACILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**September 2, 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, B. Budinger, S. Burt, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, S. Grusendorf, D. Healy, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, G. James, K. LaForge, J. Luckey, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, R. Scott, R. Swarhout

**Media Present:** No media present

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Facilities and Communications Committee Chairman David Pullen.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried to approve the Facilities and Communications Committee minutes of August 5, 2015.

### **Facilities-Related Matters**

Dean Scholes stated there was nothing to report regarding facilities related matters.

### **Communications-Related Matters**

Legislator Pullen stated there was an initial meeting of five initial directors of the Local Development Corporation. The initial directors include, Legislator Pullen, Legislator Fanton, Legislator Curran, County Administrator Mitch Alger, and Planner Kier Dirlam. The Directors elected a temporary chairman, Legislator Curran. During the meeting, the Directors adopted bylaws of the new corporation. In the bylaws, a permanent Board of three to nine Directors is required. The current Directors anticipate seven or nine Directors to serve on the Board. Four or five of the Directors will be community members not directly involved as County officials, officers, or employees. The Board is seeking a broad representation of the community, such as individuals from business, finance, education, medical, and or legal fields. The Directors will provide initial guidance and will not be compensated. Legislator Pullen stated if anyone has any suggestions for public members, please let one of the initial Directors know. Once the Directors have been identified, Chairman Crandall will bring the names to the Board of Legislators for approval. The next meeting of the Local Development Corporation is on September 14, 2015 at 11 a.m.

Shawn Grusendorf stated two tower sites have been updated with new generators, platforms, and cabinets. CONXX is working on the equipment. Mr. Grusendorf stated it has been difficult accessing different towers for 911 and Broadband connectivity, but working diligently to access them. Four sites have been secured to build new towers. One site will be purchased while the other three sites will be leased. Mr. Grusendorf stated they will quickly put the new towers out to bid. Legislator Ungermann asked about the tower issues. Mr. Grusendorf stated the issues were back-up generator failures at the tower sites, but the issue

has been fixed. Legislator Ungermann asked if the new towers were under the grant as well. Mr. Grusendorf stated yes except for the land and surveying.

Mr. Grusendorf stated they are ready to renovate the 911 space previously occupied by emergency services. Simplex and maintenance will complete minor details before construction will begin in order to save money. Mr. Grusendorf has met with Labella three times and sent the 95 percent specs back to them. Mr. Grusendorf stated this week or next week they will be putting the construction out to bid. He anticipates construction to begin the end of October or early November. Legislator Healy stated when he toured the jail facility five years ago, he was assured there was enough space in 911. Because this was not the case, Legislator Healy asked what percentage of the space will be filled by new equipment and how much space will be available for expansion. Mr. Grusendorf stated 50 percent of the room will be filled with equipment. The old electronic room can't be torn down until new equipment is up and running but there is a couple of racks available to use in that space. Legislator Healy asked how many years they can expect the space to fill their needs. Mr. Grusendorf stated he couldn't speculate on time frame, but can't foresee adding anything in the near future because everything is brand new.

Legislator Pullen stated WNEC had four towers that were not serving a purpose for them, but would meet the needs of the County. Legislator Pullen asked about the potential for the County to acquire the towers for free or \$1. Tom Miner stated Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES originally owned the towers and gave them to WNEC. Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES has to sign off on the towers before WNEC can give them to the County. Attorney Miner stated he has been in contact with Superintendent Linda Quick regarding signing off on the towers. Once Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES has signed off on the towers, they can be transferred to the County.

Legislator Pullen stated he had a phone conversation with CONXX about moving forward and working on the towers once the leases for the land have been signed.

### **New Business**

Legislator Pullen welcomed the new Secretary to the Clerk of the Board, Becky Scott, to the committee meetings.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Scott, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators