

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 7, 2015**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: D. Fanton, A. McGraw, P. Curran, D. Decker, K. Graves, T. Hopkins, C. Crandall

Others Present: M. Alger, H. Budinger, D. Healy, R. Hollis, G. James, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, D. Scholes, N. Ungermann

Media Present: D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Public Works Committee Chairman Dwight Fanton.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of December 3, 2014.

Highway

Re-appropriation of Remaining 2014 CHIPs Funding

Public Works Superintendent Guy James requested a resolution re-appropriating the amount of SFY 2014-15 Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) funds remaining from 2014. The amount of \$12,127.85 should be appropriated to D5112.223 (County Road CHIPS Paving) with a like sum placed in D5110.3501.00 (State Aid CHIPS Revenue). Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

Refer to Ways & Means

Transfer of Funds from H5120.200 into Six Capital Projects

During the discussion of the six capital projects, Legislator Ungermann wondered where culverts are named in the resolution establishing the repair of bridges/cost sharing. Mr. Ungermann said the resolution makes no mention of culverts, and it also says that no town bridge may be constructed or approved by the County unless such bridges are in excess of 25 feet. Mr. James told Mr. Ungermann that he was correct, but that the culvert, presented at the time of the budget, had always been presented as a culvert. It was approved during the budget process in November. Mr. James said DPW is going to try to utilize the Inverset panels on this project if possible. Mr. Ungermann went on to say that the culvert repair seems to "bend the rules" as set forth in the resolution. How is it, he wondered, that the rules can be bent at some times, but not at others, particularly as those rules "pertain" to Birdsall. County Attorney Tom Miner noted that

the basis for the Bridge Cost Sharing Program is based on State Highway Law. That law, said Mr. Miner, prescribes a procedure as to how it's to go through; it's very clear. It's a state law that we're under. However, the procedure for what is a bridge and what is a culvert and is allowable on our Cost Sharing Program is something that we've adopted here, and that's what's been bent. To bend it the other way conflicts with a state law."

Town of Burns

Mr. James requested a Capital Project be established for the Town of Burns, Narrows Road, Bridge #11-10. Funds of \$457,100 should be appropriated to account H5939.200 (Burns,

BR #11-10, Narrows Road). Funding will come from H5120.200 (Maintenance of Bridges). DPW also requested that the Town Share of \$68,565 from above project be recorded as below:

From: H03.2300.5120 (Revenues-Intergovernmental Charges)

To: H5939.2300.00 (Local Town Share)

Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Town of Rushford

Mr. James requested a Capital Project be established for the Town of Rushford, Barber Road, Bridge #23-08. Funds of \$302,000 should be appropriated to H5940.200 (Rushford, BR#23-08, Barber Road). Funding will come from H5120.200 (Maintenance of Bridges). DPW also requested that the Town Share of \$45,300 from the above project be recorded as below:

From: H03.2300.5120 (Revenues-Intergovernmental Charges)

To: H5940.2300.00 (Local Town Share)

Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Town of West Almond

Mr. James also requested a Capital Project be established for the Town of West Almond, Tucker Road, Bridge #27-05. Funds of \$224,000 should be appropriated to H5941.200 (West Almond, BR#27-05, Tucker Road). Funding will come from H5120.200 (Maintenance of Bridges). DPW also requested that the Town Share of \$33,600 from Above Project be recorded as below:

From: H03.2300.5120 (Revenues-Intergovernmental Charges)

To: H5941.2300.00 (Local Town Share)

Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator McGraw, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Town of Wirt

Mr. James also requested a Capital Project be established for the Town of Wirt, Hassard Road, Culvert #01. Funds of \$167,000 should be appropriated to H5942.200 (Wirt, Culvert #01, Hassard Road). Funding will come from H5120.200 (Maintenance of Bridges). DPW also requested that the Town Share of \$25,050 from Above Project be recorded as below:

From: H03.2300.5120 (Revenues-Intergovernmental Charges)

To: H5942.2300.00 (Local Share).

Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

County Bridge #15-01, Cuba

Public Works requested a Capital Project be established for County Bridge #15-01, County Road 06, Cuba. Funds of \$291,500 should be appropriated to H5943.200 (Cuba, CR6, BR#15-01). Funding will come from H5120.200 (Maintenance of Bridges). Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

County Bridge #18-06, Granger

Public Works requested a Capital Project be established for County Bridge #18-06, County Road 27B, Granger. Funds of \$335,000 should be appropriated H5944.200 (Granger, CR27B, BR#18-06). Funding will come from H5120.200 (Maintenance of Bridges). Approval

was granted on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.
Refer to Ways & Means

Condition Review & Feasibility Reports for Four Town Structures

In accordance with Section 238 of the NYS Highway Law, the Department of Public Works is submitting to the Board for its review a condition and feasibility report on the following Town system bridge, to be constructed under the County/Town Bridge Cost-Sharing Program as per County Resolution No. 65-95.

(1) Location: Narrows Road, Town of Burns, B.I.N. 2214400, Local Bridge #11-10

The present structure consists of a 2"x4" stick deck supported by severely deteriorated steel "I" beams on sheet piling abutments and wing-walls. This structure is 58 feet long, 20 feet wide, and has a 45 degree skew and was built in 1976. The existing beams are in very poor condition, the structure is currently restricted to one lane and is load posted for four tons. It is proposed to replace the entire structure with a new super-structure on concrete abutments and wing-walls founded on the exposed bedrock, along with upgrading the guide rail system to current standards. The structure can no longer carry loads as originally designed. This road serves as a school bus route, a US mail route, and as an emergency access for local residents. The bridge has been structurally flagged (red and/or yellow) or safety flagged for the last nine inspections. There will not be an on-site detour and alternate routes around the project location will be utilized for the detour as determined by Steve Mullen, Town of Burns Highway Superintendent.

Estimated Cost \$457,100

County Share (85%) \$388,535

Town Share (15%) \$68,565

(2) Location: Barber Road, Town of Rushford, B.I.N. 2214960, Local Bridge #23-08

The present structure consists of an open grate deck supported by severely deteriorated steel riveted trusses on sheet piling and stone abutments and wing-walls. This structure is 40 feet long, 16 feet wide, has a 0 degree skew and was built in 1935. The existing structure is in very poor condition, is currently posted as a one-lane bridge, and it is also load-posted for six tons. It is proposed to replace the entire structure with a new super-structure on concrete abutments and wing-walls on the exposed bedrock, along with upgrading the guide rail system to current standards. The structure can no longer carry loads as originally designed. This road serves as a school bus route, a US mail route, and as an emergency access for local residents. The bridge has been structurally flagged (red and/or yellow) or safety flagged for the last 10 inspections. There will not be an on-site detour and alternate routes around the project location will be utilized for the detour as determined by Willy Westfall, Town of Rushford Highway Superintendent.

Estimated cost: \$302,000

County Share (85%) \$256,700

Town Share (15%) \$45,300

(3) Location Tucker Road, Town of West Almond, B.I.N. 2215150, Local Bridge #27-05

The present structure consists of a Jack Arch superstructure supported by deteriorated concrete abutments and wing-walls. This structure is 31 feet long, 18 feet wide, has a 0-degree skew, and was built in 1934. The existing structure is in very poor condition and the structure is currently load-posted for three tons. It is proposed to replace the entire structure with a new super-structure on steel sheet piling abutments and wing-walls, along with upgrading the guide rail system to current standards. The structure can no longer carry loads as originally designed.

This road serves as a school bus route, a US mail route, and as an emergency access for local residents. The bridge has been structurally flagged (red and/or yellow) or safety flagged for the last 13 inspections. There will be an on-site detour at the project location as determined by Ryan Marble, Town of West Almond Highway Superintendent, because the structure is located on a dead-end road.

Estimated Cost: \$224,000

County Share (85%) \$190,400

Town Share (15%) \$33,600

(4) Hassard Road, Town of Wirt, Local Culvert #West-01

The present structure consists of a severely deteriorated corrugated steel deck on deteriorated steel "I" beams supported by interlocking steel sheet piling abutments and wing-walls. This structure is 19',6" long, 24 feet wide, has a 0 degree skew, and was built in the late 1960s. It is proposed to replace the entire superstructure (deck and beams) with a new superstructure and re-use the existing abutments. Stream bank scour protection, along with a new upgraded guide rail system to current standards will also be incorporated on the project. The corrugated deck is severely deteriorated and the roadway has been narrowed to keep traffic off the outer edges. The supporting steel "I" beams can no longer carry the loads as originally designed. This road serves as a school bus route, a collector for area farms, a US mail route, and as an emergency access for local residents. There will not be an on-site detour and alternate routes around the project location will be utilized for the detour as determined by Curtis Rung, Town of Wirt Highway Superintendent.

Estimated Cost: \$167,000

County Share (85%) \$141,950

Town Share (15%) \$25,050

Permission to Bid Bridge Decks

Superintendent of Public Works Guy James indicated that based on the information above, DPW request permission to bid the bridge decks in multiple ways (as always) to secure the best structure and the best price. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Permission to Bid Road Building Materials/Services

Mr. James also requested permission to bid on road building materials and services, saying this would include guide rails, steel, gravel, and blacktop, among other items. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried

Permission to Bid (and/or "piggy back" bid) Budgeted Equipment for Highway & Solid Waste

Similarly, Mr. James requested permission to bid on the necessary items in the budgeted equipment for Highway and Solid Waste. He noted that this is in the 2015 budget. There is a possibility, he said, that Steuben County has a piggyback agreement for trucks. We may bid our own, or jump on another [County's bid] if it suits our needs. He will get the numbers and return to Committee for approval. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Permission to Bid (and/or "piggy back" bid) Oils & Lubricants for Highway & Solid Waste

Again, Mr. James said the concept is the same as above. He was requesting permission to bid and/or piggyback on the bids of another County if it is appropriate for us. He indicated

there may be a possibility of an OGS bid (Office of General Services) opportunity. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried

Permission to Fill HMEO I Position

The Department of Public Works requested approval to fill one HMEO (Heavy Motor Equipment Operator I) position (AFSCME, Grade 13) in District 3 in anticipation of a retirement and all subsequent positions including hiring from the outside. This position is responsible for the maintenance and operation of specialized heavy motor equipment necessary to the daily operation of the County's Highway Department. The position is in the 2015 budget. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

Refer to Ways & Means

Buildings & Grounds

Permission to Bid (and/or "piggy back" bid) Janitorial Supplies

Mr. James noted that the County now needs to bid on janitorial supplies because of the sheer volume purchased. He noted that Steuben County is getting good prices, so he will look into the possibility of a piggy back bid. He then requested permission to bid and/or piggy back bid the County's janitorial supplies. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried.

Solid Waste

Permission to Extend Recycling Contracts for One Additional Year

Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Dean Scholes requested permission to extend the County's recycling contracts for one additional year with all vendors for our commodities. He noted that the original contracts signed last year had contained this option and that all vendors are interested in an extension at the current rate. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried.

Request Resolution to Renew Leachate Disposal Contracts with Towns & Villages

Mr. Scholes also requested a resolution to renew the Leachate Disposal Contracts with the Towns and Villages for the current rate of 2.5 cents per gallon. He said that formerly there had been six municipalities involved in these contracts, but Cuba has opted not to participate; however, should that change, Cuba could be easily added to the contracts. The remaining municipalities include Belmont, Bolivar, Wellsville, Houghton, and Friendship. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare**

Resolution

Old Business

It was noted that there was no update on the possibility of a solar energy installation at either the Landfill or the Jail sites.

New Business

Legislator Curran requested updates on current projects. Mr. James reported that the Bridge Crew is finishing up the Hume Bridge on Higgins Creek Road which is a 2014 project, and weather permitting, should re-open that structure to traffic in four weeks. From there DPW will move on to Town of Granger: Bridge on Ottis Smith slated to be off-line for nine weeks; the detour is already in place. The first project of 2015 will be the bridge on County Route 27B, just a couple of miles south of Ottis Smith Road Bridge.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

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