

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

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

Others Present: M. Alger, S. Burt, K. Francisco, D. Healy, G. James, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, D. Scholes

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 January 7, 2015.

Highway

Request Permission to Award Bridge Decks

DPW received bids from LC Whitford and Laminated Concepts with the following results:

Bridge Project #	Whitford	Laminated Concepts
#15-01 (CR#6, Town of Cuba)	\$76,725	\$97,141
#23-08 (Barber Rd., town of Rushford)	\$82,471	\$88,979
#18-06 (CR#27B, Town of Granger)	\$77,951	\$103,575
#27-05 (Tucker Rd., Town of W. Almond)	\$55,783	\$59,533.85
#11-10 (Narrows Rd. town of Burns)	\$108,562	\$-----
Local Culvert # West-01 (Town of Wirt)	\$-----	\$47,155

Superintendent of Public Works Guy James recommended the first five projects listed above be awarded to LC Whitford while the final structure listed above be awarded to Laminated Concepts. When asked, Mr. James said that these two companies were the only bidders. Mr. James' recommendation on the awards was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

Request Permission to Award Truck Bids (ACDPW Bid) [Two Plow Trucks, Highway]

DPW requested permission to award the bid for two 2015 snow plow trucks to Kenworth Northeast, Inc. Two T800 Kenworth trucks with automatic transmission; body, plow and sanding package; one spare front tire and rim; two spare rear tires and rims; plus additional extended warranties, came in at a total of \$419,292. The 2015 Budget was \$440,000 for the two trucks. It was noted that pending Eaton inspection results at the end of year five (the warranty life), the warranty may be extended two more years at no additional cost. The purchase was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

Request Permission to Fill Motor Equipment Operator (MEO) Position (District 2)

DPW requested permission to fill an MEO (AFSCME Grade 10) position and all subsequent positions up to and including hiring from outside applications. This position became vacant as the result of a resignation. This position is responsible for the driving of trucks for the purpose of hauling material, plowing snow, operates stone crusher, rollers, performing road side

maintenance such as clearing brush, mowing, cleaning ditches, etc. This request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Request Permission to Hire Summer Help

Mr. Scholes sought approval to hire 19 seasonal workers at a budgeted cost of \$95,760 (\$9/hour, 40 hours per week, for a maximum of 14 weeks). The projected breakdown: Buildings & Grounds-3; Jail Buildings & Grounds-1; County Road-10; Road Machinery-1; Solid Waste-2; Engineering-2). Seasonal employees are a vital part of the Department's operation. These employees are County residents who are either college-bound or are already college students, and they provide "extra hands" to supplement the Department's decreasing full-time workforce. It was stated that these positions are necessary to augment the DPW workforce during the summer months. These positions perform routine tasks, allowing full-time DPW employees to perform other duties. A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to approve the hiring of 19 seasonal workers. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Approval to Put Old Equipment Up for Auction

Mr. James requested approval to put pieces of equipment out for bid, saying DPW is still generating a surplus list. It has not yet been determined what type of auction will be used. Three possibilities were mentioned: Teitsworth, the Angelica Fairgrounds, or virtually, via the Internet. Permission was granted on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

Solid Waste

Permission to Award Truck ("Piggyback" Bid Onondaga County) [One Recycling Truck, Solid Waste]

DPW requested permission to award the bid for a recycling truck, saying it had been given approval by the County Attorney's Office to piggyback onto Onondaga County's bid award. DPW had \$175,000 budgeted for this truck in the 2015 Budget; the bid came in at \$174,281.50. Purchase of the vehicle was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Attorney/Client Session

The Committee entered attorney/client session at 1:23 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. The Committee exited attorney/client session at 1:50 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried.

New Business

Consideration of a Policy Regarding Service Charges on County Landfill Bills

-Referral from Ways & Means

Following the attorney/client session, the Public Works Committee made the following statement:

"In view of the County Landfill's projected closing in approximately one-and-one-half years, and because, since there has been no financial abuse since Allegany County began charging tipping fees in 2005, and although we will continue to monitor this situation to ensure that no abuses occur, we are not prepared to take any action at this time to change any tipping fee policy."

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 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