

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
December 2, 2015
NOT APPROVED

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

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

Media Present: No media present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:01 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 November 4, 2015.

Highway

Superintendent Guy James acknowledged the Public Works Department relationship with Ted Hopkins as a Town Supervisor and as a Legislator. He noted Mr. Hopkins would come into the office, asked questions, and made informed decisions. Mr. James said it was very nice to work with someone like him, and they will miss him.

Mr. James wanted to talk about some things that came up at the last Budget hearing and Board meeting. There were some comments made about unexpended capital projects, and he wanted to clarify and correct some of the information.

1. Capital projects can be and often are multiple years.
2. Capital projects are not related to fund balance.
3. Unexpended bridge project funds have nothing to do with the County's Fund Balance.
4. Mr. James distributed a color-coded Capital Fund Project worksheet. He commented that half of the \$12 million is not the Department of Public Works Projects. Mr. James said their projects include: two building and grounds projects, local bridge projects, federal bridge projects, and correlates with page seventy-nine of the 2016 Budget.
5. The portion of unexpended local bridge money is primarily due to five things:
 - a. Project is on hold at the town's request.
 - b. Project being delayed at a business' request.
 - c. A cold January to March 2015 delayed projects.
 - d. Significant Flooding in July 2015 delayed projects.
 - e. Under budget on completed projects.

Mr. James stated if anyone had questions, to please feel free to contact him. Legislator Decker asked about the Federal Wellsville Weidrick Road Bridge Project. Mr. James stated it was originally on a list, and Map 21 which is a State and Federal program came along and changed the criteria. So it was no longer eligible, but the money was appropriated in 2013. It is still on the list because they hope it will become eligible again. Legislator Decker said no work has been done, but the \$500,000 could go into the project. County Treasurer Terri Ross said it is the total project budget, and it doesn't reflect any revenue. Legislator Decker also asked

about County Road 43. He understands it is a \$3.7 million project, and wondered when it was going to start. Mr. James said it is slated to go out to bid the end of 2016, and will be a 2017 project. He noted a contractor will do the project, and they have to follow the State and Federal guidelines. Legislator Decker asked why they had to wait so long. Mr. James said the money is not available any sooner, and you have to go through a step-by-step process because it is a State project.

Budget Transfer

Superintendent Guy James requested a resolution to transfer funds within and between budgeted Capital Accounts. Mr. James said the transfers are year-end housekeeping, and should be as follows:

From:		
H5938.200	Granger, Town BR 18-01	\$12,350
H5941.200	West Almond, Town BR 27-05	\$15,300
H5942.200	Wirt, Hassard Rd Culvert	\$24,250
H5944.200	Granger, CR27B, BR 18-06	\$13,500
H1621.200	Asbestos Abatement Building Improvements	<u>\$ 7,641</u>
		\$73,041
To:		
H5936.200	Hume, Town BR 20-18	\$25,350
H5940.200	Rushford, Town BR 23-08	\$40,050
H5633.200	Jail Floor Renovations (Elevator)	<u>\$ 7,641</u>
		\$73,041

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Renew Inter-Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement

Superintendent Guy James requested a renewal of the Inter-Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement with the County towns and villages. He said it is an annual renewal, and the only change is the date on the front of the agreement. Legislator Graves believes it is an awesome program, and a model for economizing and saving money. He is 100 percent in favor of it. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Department Of Transportation Shared Service Agreement

Superintendent Guy James requested a resolution to enter into a shared services agreement with the Department of Transportation. He noted this is a similar agreement to the aforementioned Inter-Municipal Aid Agreement. He said this was sent out to the County towns and villages as well. He added he asked County Attorney Tom Miner look at the agreement, and he did not have any issues with it. Mr. James said it is a one-year agreement, and will not exceed \$10,000. Legislator Decker asked if this is new agreement or a renewal. Mr. James said unofficially they have done this, but this is the first time it is in writing. He noted the County's equipment was used to help the State Department of Transportation in the County last year because of the snowstorm in Buffalo. He noted they exchange services all the time. Legislator Graves remarked he was glad to see it in writing. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Solid Waste

Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes stated he had nothing to report. Legislator Decker asked about the timeframe for closing the landfill. Mr. Scholes reported it is the same, the spring of 2016. He noted it is a moving target depending on the tonnage, but it looks like it will close on April 1, 2016. He noted the request for proposal is very close to being done. Legislator Decker asked how the closing will affect the transfer stations and hours of operation. Mr. Scholes said everything will be kept the same through 2016. Legislator Decker asked how often they recycle the electronics, because when he was at the Friendship transfer station there was a lot. Mr. Scholes reported at least once a month. He noted they take in a lot of electronics. Legislator Fanton said the County is fortunate to be able to get rid of the old style televisions without being charged. Many other counties are being charged to recycle their electronics. Mr. James said they need to give kudos to the public for recycling the items, so they are not going into the waste stream.

Buildings & Grounds

Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes stated he had nothing to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

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