

FACILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

February 4, 2016

NOT APPROVED

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

Others Present: L. Ballengee, S. Burt, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, V. Grant, S. Grusendorf, D. Healy, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, J. Hopkins, B. Kelley, K. LaForge, B. Lamberson, J. Margeson, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, R. Scott, R. Swarthout, R. Whitney

Media Present: B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 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 January 6, 2016.

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to approve the Special Facilities and Communications Committee minutes of January 25, 2016.

Facilities-Related Matters

Discussion of LaBella Proposals for Old Jail Space

Legislator Pullen distributed copies of the five different proposals from LaBella. He gave a brief review of the original three proposals, and Options 4 and 5. Option 1 is the total renovation of the third floor including complete demolition for \$2,482,642, and we would be able to use the Dormitory Authority of State of New York (DASNY) Grant. Legislator Pullen noted the DASNY Grant is for \$250,000. Option 2 is to put in some windows and renovate certain corridors and one area for \$300,000, and would not qualify for the DASNY Grant. Option 3 includes window replacement and demolition for \$576,662. This option also doesn't qualify for the DASNY Grant. Option 4 includes renovation of two-thirds of the space for \$1,497,902. This option can use the DASNY Grant. Option 5 qualifies for the DASNY Grant, and provides space for the Public Defender's Office, stairwells, and upgraded restroom areas for \$884,520.

Legislator Pullen said he spoke with Interim County Administrator John Margeson. Mr. Margeson said the Board has done an excellent job addressing space needs over the last ten years. He believes the two most pressing space needs are with the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Public Defender's office. He recommends Option 4. He added he knows there are space needs with the Board of Elections, but he thinks there is a potential solution that doesn't involve the third floor. Mr. Margeson added he would like to speak with the Board of Elections Commissioners before discussing it with the committee.

Mr. Margeson distributed a financial summary for Option 4. The estimated cost of Option 4 is \$1,497,902. The County has \$322,359 in account H5633.200. The DASNY Grant is \$250,000. Additional funding necessary is \$925,543. Mr. Margeson noted he also considered Option 1, but financially that is a lot of money at this point in time. He believes they should take care of the immediate needs, and then they can renovate the other part of the third floor in the future. Legislator Healy noted the additional space that would be renovated in the future could be completed by the County, or by Alfred State Technical College. Legislator Fanton asked how the County will pay the \$1 million. He noted he has suggested taking money from the

landfill closure. Mr. Margeson said he has two to four different options, but the Ways and Means Committee would have to decide.

There was much discussion about the different options. Legislator Fanton was concerned that Option 1 didn't say anything about replacing windows. Legislator Pullen believes it is included, and said it shows the replacement on the design even though it is not written. Legislator Hopkins wondered if the square footage was accurate because the number of square feet listed doesn't match the drawing. Legislator Pullen noted they would have to get clarification from LaBella. Legislator Fanton asked if Option 4 included the complete demolition of the third floor. Legislator Pullen didn't know if it was included. Legislator Jessup noted there wouldn't be an effect on parking, or building maintenance except janitorial responsibilities. He said he always preferred Option 1, but thought Option 4 would be a good compromise as long as it includes full demolition and all new windows. Chairman Crandall agreed because he doesn't want to lose the DASNY Grant, and DSS has been one of their key issues.

Legislator Decker asked if they were going to do anything with the Courtyard on the third floor. Legislator Pullen stated no. Legislator Decker also asked if moving the DSS Administrative Offices and the Public Defender's Office upstairs would free up some space. Department of Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant stated by moving upstairs it will be helpful, but it will not address all of their space needs. She noted the current space for intake is not conducive or safe. However, she noted any new space would be helpful. Legislator Pullen said the space the Public Defender is using in the Health Department would go back to the Health Department.

Legislator Jessup made the motion to accept and approve Option 4 as long as it included the full demolition and new windows, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried.

Refer to Ways & Means

Communications-Related Matters

Public Safety Answering Pointes Sustainment Grant Information

The Sheriff's Office requested the acceptance and appropriation of the FY 2015 to 2016 as money will be used to update electronic equipment in the 911 Center. The Sheriff's Office received approval at the Public Safety Committee, and noted no further action is required from this committee. This is for informational purpose only.

A. County E-911 System Upgrade

Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf stated construction is under way at the 911 Center. They are waiting for Simplex to install the FM 200 Clean Agent Suppression System.

B. County Broadband Project Updates

Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf stated they are finalizing documents with County Attorney Tom Miner. He also reported they are close to reaching an agreement with Motorola. Legislator Fanton asked if the towers will be up by the end of the year, and broadcasting to last mile providers. Mr. Grusendorf responded if the weather stays mild, they will be able to start once everything is finalized. Legislator Graves asked how many towers were left. Mr. Grusendorf said there were two sites left to secure; one in Angelica and a replacement for White Hill Tower. Legislator Root thought the last time CONXX was here, they thought they would have some data sites running by the end of summer. Legislator Pullen believes they will have the towers on the Courthouse and Corbin Hill Road running by the end of the summer as a pilot. He believes a number of areas in the County will be up and running by the end of the summer, and most of the towers by the end of the year. Legislator Root clarified that up and running meant

the towers were up with the capability to provide services, but the Allegany County Telecommunication Development Corporation (LDC) has to find the last mile providers for the service. Legislator Pullen said the LDC is in the process of hiring the Executive Director. He noted part of the job responsibility of the Executive Director is to be developing standards and contracts with last mile providers. Legislator Root asked if they have identified any last mile providers. Legislator Pullen replied they have identified one, and have inquiries from at least one or two more. Legislator Root stated at New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) she heard about the \$500 million in Broadband funds. Legislator Pullen stated April 15, 2016, is the deadline for proposals. He noted the RFP information is online. Legislator Fanton said it did not sound positive for small providers. Legislator Pullen said that is a separate issue, and he may talk about it if there was time.

New Business

Health Department Space Discussion

Health Department Director Lori Ballengee requested permission to use the old break room space on the ground floor as Health Department office space. She commented she has budgeted for a new position, but does not have office space. Ms. Ballengee would like to move the educators and another person from the Environmental Health Office into this space. Ms. Ballengee said two Health Department employees currently use the break room for lunch. She stated they can use the Health Department conference room to eat their lunches. She also noted the vending machines were removed sometime last year, so there are only tables and chairs in the room. Legislator Fanton asked what needs to be done to bring the space up to specifications. Ms. Ballengee stated the table and chairs have to be removed. Legislator Graves asked what the Public Works Department thinks about this idea. Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes stated data and communication lines have to be installed to make it a usable space. Ms. Ballengee will work with the Department of Public Works to make the space usable. The request was approved on a motion by Fanton, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried.

Good of the Order

Legislator Graves suggested adding a monthly report by the IT Director to the committee agenda. He thought this would be very helpful. IT Director Keith Hooker gave a brief report. He noted there isn't an IT room, closet, power, or generator on the LaBella Option 4 floor plan. Mr. Hooker said there isn't a panel, and that would have to be added. Mr. Hooker stated he is looking at a different phone system. He thought he would do a demonstration at a Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Hooker said he is also working on the County webpage and iPads.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 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