

FACILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

AUGUST 3, 2016

NOT APPROVED

Committee Members Present: D. Pullen, D. Fanton, K. Graves, C. Jessup, N. Ungermann

Absent: A. McGraw, D. Root

Others Present: L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, H. Budinger, S. Burt, B. Clark, C. Crandall, P. Curran, D. Decker, S. Decker, M. Evans, V. Grant, S. Grusendorf, D. Healy, K. Hooker, J. Hopkins, C. Kanpp, K. LaForge, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, R. Swarhout

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:13 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 July 6, 2016.

Facilities Related Issues

Replacement of Boilers and Water Tanks at Jail

The replacement of two boilers and two water tanks at the Jail had been discussed extensively during the Public Works Committee meeting held earlier in the day. That committee voted to refer the issue to Ways & Means. The Facilities & Communications Committee didn't feel it was necessary to further discuss the issue. A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to concur with the Public Works Committee by referring it to the Ways & Means Committee. **Refer to Ways & Means.**

Display of Portraits in Courthouse

Committee Chairman David Pullen stated that Hamilton Ward IV, Esq. has offered to donate to the Allegany County Bar Association portraits of Hamilton Ward, former Justice of the Supreme Court, and Hamilton Ward, Jr., former New York State Attorney General. The Allegany County Bar Association is requesting approval to display these portraits, as well as other portraits of former judges and State officials from Allegany County, in Room 352 of the Allegany County Courthouse. Mr. Pullen indicated that the Ward family has deep roots in Allegany County. The committee discussed which courtroom these would be hung in and whether there was enough room. It was determined that Judge Brown's court room, where these would be hung, had plenty of space. **Prepare Resolution.**

Communications Related Issues

E-911 Console Replacement

It was decided that due to extensive discussion of the replacement of dispatch consoles for E-911 at the Public Safety Committee meeting earlier in the day, no further discussion on the matter was necessary. Both committees had received a copy of a proposal from Motorola Solutions. The Public Safety Committee voted to refer the issue to Ways & Means. A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to concur with the Public Safety Committee and refer this to Ways & Means. **Refer to Ways & Means.**

Property Lease, Town of Angelica

After a prior property lease fell through, property needed to be located for a tower. Lieutenant Grusendorf indicated that new property on Bailor Hill Rd., on which a tower would be constructed, had already been identified as a replacement. Committee Chairman David Pullen thanked Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf and his personnel for their efforts on the E-911 Tower Project. A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to move forward with the property lease. **Refer to Ways & Means.**

Old Business

Tower Project Update

Committee Chairman Pullen noted that the Broadband Corporation had met the previous night. The Rushford site is prepared and ready to have concrete poured. Lieutenant Grusendorf stated that work is being done in Grove and Bolivar as well. Legislator Healy said that a Cuba area resident had inquired about the tower on Hamilton Hill and what it would be used for. Lieutenant Grusendorf stated that it would be for E-911 and broadband. Legislator Ungermann asked how many had signed up for broadband service. Legislator Pullen indicated that they are not yet offering service, but they've had many phone calls from individuals interested in signing up. It was noted that there are 11,000 unserved households in Allegany County; and the typical adoption rate is 65 percent. Legislator Healy asked if anyone had been chosen as the last-mile provider. Legislator Pullen stated that there has been some interest, but no one has been chosen.

Update on Tronetti House

Committee Chairman Pullen read a report on the condition of the Tronetti House put together by Deputy Public Works Superintendent Dean Scholes. Some of the areas needing attention include: roof shingles, soffits and fascia, gutters, siding, possible asbestos, some original windows, front porch damage, exterior doors, (2) kitchen remodels, bathroom remodels, interior walls and ceilings, and interior floors. The chimneys appear to be in good condition. The driveway is in good condition. The attic and basement were not inspected. Due to overgrowth and a feral cat issue, the foundation was difficult to inspect. Legislator Healy asked if a lead survey had been done. Mr. Scholes reminded the group that he was not a building inspector, but was simply making observations as to the condition of the property. Pictures of the inside and outside of the house were distributed for the Committee to look at. It was noted by some that the architecture was something that should be preserved. Currently the garage is being used to store voting machines. The committee weighed the pros and cons of the property and whether it was worth saving. They also discussed what use their might be for the house and why it was purchased in the first place. Legislator Graves asked how much the property was purchased for. It was stated the purchase price was \$82,000. The property was purchased for property access behind the house. The Committee also discussed the feral cat issue. Elections personnel have noted there are many cats hanging around the property. Public Works has tried to address the cat issue, but hasn't been successful. Legislator Graves suggested hiring a private contractor to seal off the building might be a better option. Legislator Pullen stated he thinks the committee needs to decide whether the County can try to use it or whether it should be demolished. Legislator Ungermann suggested having the newly formed Land Bank Corporation take care of fixing it up and selling it. Legislator Pullen questioned if County-owned property could be refurbished by the Land Bank. Legislator LaForge stated he would have to do some research. The group agreed that something would need to be done with the roof if the

house was going to be salvaged. Committee Chairman Pullen asked Dean Scholes to get an estimate for replacing the roof and to report back to the committee.

Attorney/Client Session

The Committee entered attorney/client at 3:04 p.m., following a motion by Legislator Jessup, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. The Committee exited attorney/client session at 3:16 p.m., following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

Good of the Order

Legislator Ungermann remarked that he'd like to see the space study former County Administrator Mitch Alger had done.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah M. Decker, Journal Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators