

Facilities & Communications
September 7, 2016
Not Approved

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

Others Present: L. Ballengee, H.B. Budinger, S. Burt, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, M. Evans, S. Grusendorf, M. Healy, K. Hollis, K. Hooker, J. Hopkins, C. Knapp, K. LaForge, B. Lamberson, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, R. Swarthout, M. Washer

Media Present: Brian Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Facilities & Communications Chairman David Pullen at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes with Corrections

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Jessup, and carried to approve the Facilities & Communications Committee minutes for August 3, 2016.

E-911 Project

Lieutenant Shawn Grusendorf stated the site work has been completed at the Rushford location, noting the pads for the towers are poured and ready for tower construction to begin. Lieutenant Grusendorf stated the Bolivar site is also prepared and ready for tower construction. Alma is currently being worked on to clear the site for construction to begin. Lieutenant Grusendorf stated it takes thirty days for concrete to cure before a tower can physically be built; therefore, there is a time constraint with that part of the construction process; however, once the concrete is cured, the towers will go up quickly. Legislator Fanton questioned if there are any towers going up at this time. Lieutenant Grusendorf stated at this time there are no physical towers going up as they are all in the concrete curing phase. Facilities & Communications Committee Chairman David Pullen asked for an update on the Whitesville, Alfred, and Angelica sites. Lieutenant Grusendorf stated they are currently waiting for the landowners to sign the contract agreement at the Whitesville site and noted a tower already exists; they are just doing enhancements and some ground work. Lieutenant Grusendorf stated there is a phone conference on September 12 regarding the Alfred site to finalize the terms of putting up a tower behind the farm complex. Lieutenant Grusendorf went on to state the Angelica site has been finalized; they are just waiting on the contract to be signed by the landowner. The soil testing has been ordered on the ground, and the 90-day period will begin once that testing is completed. Facilities & Communications Committee Chairman David Pullen questioned if the goal is to get the towers up on all sites by the Fall season. Lieutenant Grusendorf stated he hopes to as long as the weather permits and allows them to get all concrete poured before the ground freezes. Legislator Decker asked how many yards of concrete are used at each tower site. Lieutenant Grusendorf stated there are 72 yards of concrete (7 full truck loads) and each tower is 34 feet x 34 feet, 2 feet in thickness, 6 feet into the ground, with 3 foot pillars across that are 6 feet tall. Lieutenant Grusendorf noted that they have received great help from Town Highway and County DPW who, by doing a lot of the work, has prevented them from having to go out to bid on this project, resulting in a significant savings of money.

Broadband Project

Planner, H. Kier Dirlam stated that the Broadband project is currently on hold until some minor technical issues are taken care of. Legislator Fanton questioned if we are going through the County's facility now. Facilities & Communications Committee Chairman David Pullen stated for one portion, short term we are, but we are very close to signing a contract between ION and The Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation.

Telephone Upgrade

Legislator Graves asked Director of Information Technology Keith Hooker for an update on the telephone upgrades. Mr. Hooker stated they have met several times with New Castle who have done an initial site survey and are in the process of getting the network testing done. Mr. Hooker anticipates it will be a few months before a phone is put into place.

Dean Scholes, Public Works Deputy Superintendent

Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes attended the meeting to update the committee that on August 18th the County utilized their summer staff and cleaned out a significant portion of the old Jail; however, there are still some additional protected items that they will need to find storage for.

Attorney/Client Session

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to enter into attorney/client session at 2:13 p.m. Immediately following discussion at 2:36 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to end the attorney/client session and return to the regular meeting.

Update on the Tronetti House

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to table the discussion of the Tronetti house pending further research.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator McGraw, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Washer, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators