

Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: May 7, 2015, 6:15 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Fabiano
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Dean Fabiano, Peter Loughran, Lynn Archer, Manna Jo Greene, (Kevin Roberts arrived 6:05 PM)
EXCUSED: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Susan Plonski Commissioner Department of Public Works, Erica Guerin Legislative Counsel

Chairman Fabiano called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Motion No. 1 Resolved to Approve Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2015
Motion Made By: Legislator Lynn Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Peter Loughran
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Fabiano proceeded with the motion to take Resolution No. 227 out of order, Seconded by Legislator Peter Loughran, All were in Favor, Carried.

Motion No. 3 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 227

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Reconstruction Of The Perrine’s Bridge, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$350,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$350,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Motion Made By: Legislator Peter Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Manna Jo Greene

Discussion: Chairman Fabiano explained to the committee this resolution corrects a typo from last month’s resolution already approved by the full Legislature.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 208

Text of Motion: Amending Capital Project No. 405 – SUNY Ulster Renovation Of The Kelder Center – Ulster County Community College

Motion Made By: Legislator Peter Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lynn Archer

Discussion: Sue Plonski read a prepared synopsis from Purchasing Director Marc Rider stating the initial project was for a smaller renovation, however after working with an architect, the college decided to complete the project in two phases and increased the scope of the overall project. The first phase, the exterior renovation, was completed by Paul Turner Construction last Fall. That contract was for \$147.5K and was approved by Resolution No. 377 of 2014. The Second Phase, the interior renovation, can begin once this resolution is passed, and the low bidder was Nicholas Construction, whose contract for \$156K was approved by the Legislature last month by Resolution No. 97 of 2015 – noting there is still no county funding required. Sue summed it up stating there was an increase/change in the scope of work. Legislator Archer will follow up with Legislator Donaldson – Chair of Legislature Programs, Ed & Community Services Committee as previous plans and much discussion focused on being cost effective.

Both Legislator Loughran & Roberts expressed their apprehension to vote on this resolution, as there was not a representative from the college at the meeting to discuss the resolution. Legislator Loughran noted for the record that future resolutions presented without representation from the sponsor may not be considered going forward.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene
Voting Against: Roberts
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 5 Resolve To Approve Resolution No. 212

Text of Motion: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – C&S Companies, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Motion Made By: Legislator Peter Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kevin Roberts

Discussion: Chairman Fabiano noted this contract is for construction inspection services for the replacement of the Baily Bridge located on Denning Road Bridge over the east Branch of the Neversink Creek. 80% Federal, 15% State, 5% County

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 6 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 213

Text of Motion: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – W.M. Schultz Construction, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Motion Made By: Legislator Kevin Roberts for Discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Peter Loughran

Discussion: This resolution is for the Bailey Bridge construction services for replacement of the bridge located on Denning Road Bridge over the east branch of the Neversink Creek – a project increase of \$483K.

Sue Plonski stated, although this was the low bid, the combination of the region experiencing higher than expected construction bids at the present time, and the remoteness of the Denning Road Bridge site has driven up the costs. The County is responsible for five percent of the cost. The capital project number was only within the last eight months. Sue provided a written statement from Andrew Emrich, Civil Engineer for the county, noting there

were several items that came in substantially higher than the engineer's estimate, such as:

- Removing Existing Superstructure (Truss)
- Predrilling Holes for Piles – Casing required
- Uncoated Bar Reinforcement for Concrete Structures
- Epoxy Coated Bar Reinforcement for Concrete Structures

Chairman Fabiano and Legislator Archer asked if there is any recourse the county has, and or can we go out for a rebid. Sue noted it's at the discretion of the purchasing director to determine if the cost is in line with market value.

Motion Made By: Legislator Lynn Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Peter Loughran
Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 7 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 214
Text of Motion: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – J&J Tree Works, Inc. – Department Of Public Works
Motion Made By: Legislator Lynn Archer for Discussion
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Peter Loughran
Discussion: Chairman Fabiano stated the contract is for the removal of dead and dying Ash trees located on county property as a result of the invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer. The fee is \$125.00/tree. The wood will be destroyed – per the contract. Legislator Roberts inquired as to the purpose of cutting the trees down. Sue Plonski replied for safety factors along the county roads - the ash borer kills the tree, falls on the roadway, and causes property damage. Also prevents the borer from spreading.
Motion Made By: Legislator Peter Loughran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kevin Roberts
Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 10 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 217
Text of Motion: Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget To Fund Allocate Additional Funds For Highway Salt For Year 2015 – Department Of Public Works
Motion Made By: Legislator Peter Loughran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lynn Archer
Discussion: Chairman Fabiano noted this is a budget modification to support the anticipated purchase of additional salt needed for this budget year – 2015. The estimate budgeted for 2015 was \$825K. The county projects an additional \$275K will be needed in materials. Also the cost of salt has escalated by twenty seven percent from the prior year. These monies will only be earmarked for salt, sand and chloride for winterizing county roads.
Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against:
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 11 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 218
Text of Motion: Amending Capital Project No. 260 – Bailey Bridge (BIN 3347090), A Project for the Bridge Replacement On Denning Road Over The East Branch Of The Neversink Creek – Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) Not On The State Highway System – Amending the 2015 – 2020 Capital Improvement Program – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)
Motion Made By: Legislator Peter Loughran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Manna Jo Greene
Discussion: Chairman Fabiano noted this resolution goes hand in hand with Resolution No. 213, whereas the committee spoke to earlier.
Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 12 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 220

Text of Motion: Establishing Capital Project No. 455 – Security Improvements – Various Buildings – Amending the 2015 – 2020 Capital Improvement Program – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Peter Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lynn Archer

Discussion: This Resolution is for the approval of \$150K earmarked for Professional Services – Architectural, and described as “Phase I.”

Chairman Fabiano expressed this security measure was long overdue. The goal is to install surveillance cameras throughout the county building, along with cameras facing out into the back parking lot. Completion of the installation will include passive and active security measures in various county facilities. The county is projecting \$250K for design work, and one million in construction costs, totaling a cost of \$1,250,000.00 come year 2020. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Loughran a longtime proponent of surveillance camera’s - security measures, requested exactly what the services will entail. Sue Plonski replied via email the next day stating: The \$150K will be used to determine the number and location of cameras, and assess safety and security threats. The consultant will provide recommendations as to how best to address the issues.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 13 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 222

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into Two Lease Agreements With Access: Supports For Living, For Office Space To Provide Mental Health Services To The Community – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Peter Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lynn Archer

Discussion: Chairman Fabiano called upon Legislative Counsel Erica Guerin who shared with the committee, per the UC Charter and Administrative Code a resolution should address only one matter. Resolution No. 222 entails two separate lease agreements – two separate matters - two different locations. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Fabiano deferred to Counsel as to how to move forward with this resolution before the committee. Counsel Guerin recommended proceeding

with the resolution as is – not to hold up the contracts. Sue Plonski will reach out to Jim McTague going forward with future contracts.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 14 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 223

Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With Family Services, Inc. For Office Space Of Ulster Prevention Council At Trudy Resnick Farber Center, Ellenville – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Peter Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kevin Roberts

Discussion: Legislator Greene inquired if this could be combined with Resolution No. 222. Although similar, this is a different matter as it pertains to a lease agreement with a different vendor.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Old Business:

(Sue Plonski followed up with her department & emailed the following information the following day)

Elmendorf Street: Sue spoke to Ed Pine again about this overpass. He confirmed that the stone abutments are in good shape. The wood does not appear to be a problem and there is a piece of steel running along the top (they assume this was to protect the wooden part of the structure from steam and perhaps coal embers.) Ed inspected the pavement and noted no cracking that would be indicative of the timbers deteriorating below. Sue is still working on finding out more about the ownership issue, but it does not appear that the structure is at risk of collapse.

Organizational Chart: Sue is still working on getting a draft copy.

Underground Cables: The poles that were being moved by the Fairgrounds were Verizon's – not Central Hudson's. Joe has a call in to Verizon about putting the lines underground, but has no answer at this time.

Tappan Zee Bridge Spans – Decking Panels Usage: The County is on the list however most of what they have is enormous and would be cost prohibited to transport. The county may have two projects if any that could accommodate the span of the panels.

Siemen's Report Update: Bob Sudlow has advised via email that Thomas Garrett w/ Siemens will attend the June meeting to present an update of the overall direction of the project.

New Business:

Chairman Fabiano will not be in attendance next month and has asked Deputy Chair Peter Loughran to chair the June 4, 2015 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Loughran and seconded by Legislator Archer, all were in favor, and Chairman Fabiano declared the meeting duly adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Note: Complete audio content is posted on the Legislative website.

Dated the 17th of May, 2015
Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved on: June 4, 2015