

**ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**NAME OF COMMITTEE:** Public Works & Capital Projects Committee  
**DATE & TIME:** February 14, 2011 @ 5:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Library Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** Chairman Dean Fabiano, Deputy Chairman Peter Loughran, Legislators Roy Hochberg, James Maloney, Kevin Roberts, Frank Felicello (Arrived @ 5:10), Jeanette Provenzano

**LEGISLATORS EXCUSED:** All Present

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Mark Reynolds (Southern Ulster Times)

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 5:00 PM**

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2011 MINUTES:**

Motion offered by Legislator Hochberg, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, All in Favor, Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1) **Resolution Draft No. 0217, February 15, 2011** - Establishing Capital Project No. 337 For The Purchase Of Vehicles For The County Sheriff For The Year 2011 - Amending The 2011 Ulster County Capital Project Fund Budget (**This Resolution Requires a Bond Resolution**)

Motion offered by Legislator Provenzano, Seconded by Legislator Felicello, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: Chairman Fabiano stated that someone has asked him if any vehicles will be taken out of circulation, he was unsure of the answer and will make inquiries about that information. The purpose of this Resolution is to purchase four marked patrol cars at \$122,000.00, one SUV at \$34,500.00 and five packages of police vehicle software and equipment at \$ 53,385.00 for a total cost of \$209,885.00. The vehicles purchased will replace vehicles that have high mileage or have been damaged beyond reasonable repair and have been determined to be unsafe. The Committee had additional questions and concerns about the purchase of these vehicles and Chairman Fabiano stated that he would call the Sheriff to get the additional details.

- 2) **Resolution Draft No. 0219, February 15, 2011** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Consent To An Assignment Of Lease With Consent By Bernard Smith D/B/A Van Dale Properties, To Van Dale Properties, LLC - Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

Motion offered by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Maloney, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: Legislator Provenzano stated that in her Caucus, Legislator Gregorius felt that the County should purchase a site rather than continuing to lease. Chairman Fabiano stated that he has toured the

fabrication facility on Van Dale Road several times and expressed what a top notch operation they are running. After much discussion it was decided by the Committee to contact the County Executive and Deputy County Executive Robert Sudlow by letter asking for specific information regarding this particular lease and all other County leases. The Committee is concerned with the cost of this lease and they also discussed the South Manor Building/Lease and the Family Court Building/Lease. Both of those buildings have been a topic of discussion for the last couple of years and the Committee does not want to wait until the leases expire before they start to take action. Both of these buildings are in very poor condition. The letter will ask for a list and cost of all County leased buildings, and the number of triple net leases. The Committee feels that this is a beginning and will start the communication with the County Executive's Office regarding this matter.

**3) Resolution Draft No. 0234, February 15, 2011 - Accepting The Sole Bid In Response To County's Offer To Sell Certain Real Property Owned By Ulster County And Located At Chapel Hill Road In The Town Of Lloyd, Known As The "Lloyd Garage," No Longer Necessary For Public Use - Sale Pursuant To Section 215 (6) Of The County Law**

Motion offered by Legislator Maloney, Seconded by Chairman Fabiano, All in Favor, Carried.

Discussion: It is recommended that the sale of said property be sold for \$85,500.00 to Michael H. Serini, 336 Vineyard Avenue, Highland, New York. The Legislature authorized the letting of the bids for the said property with a minimum starting bid of \$65,000.00.

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:** Chairman Fabiano stated that he has been in communication with the Public Works Department and Deputy County Executive Robert Sudlow with regards to the Lloyd Project. Due to the severe inclement weather most of what DPW has been doing is plowing and sanding roads. The weather has also created additional delays for the Lloyd Project. He stated that in regards to the Kerhonkson Bridge Project, as soon as the weather breaks they will be pouring the decking. A full update will be given at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Legislator Loughran raised the question to the Committee with regards to County owned land on Flatbush Avenue. He asked if there was even any thought on leasing out that property for revenue. Legislator Maloney stated that he believes that it is a 13 acres parcel. Legislator Loughran stated that the County should try to get a major corporation to take on a long term lease for revenue. It could help tremendously to keep property taxes down.
- Mr. Reynolds from the Southern Ulster Times asked the Committee a few questions.
  - Stated that someone mentioned that the Lloyd Property that is being sold had a contamination issue? A/Felicello answered that there was an accusation made by a neighbor, that there may have been a contamination issue because of the salt. Q/If there was a contamination issue; does the County have to insure that this issue has been taken care of before they sell the property? A/Felicello advised Mr. Reynolds to contact the County Attorney, that he is unsure of the details and/or result of those accusations.
  - Asked about the Lloyd Bridge Project and the Contractors responsibility to that project and the delays in that project. He asked how a contractor can say he has been to the site and then find the cable later. A/Felicello stated that the County Attorney is handling the situation at this time. Q/Asked if next month would the Committee be releasing information

with regards to the legal status of this project? A/Fabiano/with regards to anything legal, the County Attorney would have to answer that; he can only comment and give an update from this Committee only with regards to the construction of the project.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**Motion to adjourn @ 5:40 PM**

Motion offered by Legislator Maloney, Seconded by Legislator Loughran, All in Favor, Carried.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Wilson, Senior Legislative Employee**