

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018  
3:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Barry J. Cheney, Chairman  
Leigh J. Benton, Katie Bonelli, James M. Kulisek, Michael D. Paduch,  
Paul Ruskiewicz, Peter V. Tuohy, John S. Vero

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman  
Laurie R. Tautel, Legislator  
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel  
Joseph Mahoney, Assistant County Attorney  
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works  
Travis Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/Engineering Division  
Brian Titsworth, Deputy Commissioner of Infrastructure Services  
(Buildings and Grounds), Dept. of Public Works  
Ed Magryta, Director, Airport  
Tim Tucker, Budget Analyst

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:31 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Mr. Vero moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$900,000.00 for Orange County Airport's water connection to the Town of Montgomery. This project is pending the award of New York State grant funds in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 Upon approval a new capital project will be created (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Denega stated he and Mr. Magryta met with the Airport Advisory Board recently and a discussion arose regarding what to do about water and sewer to fully develop the airport which is essential infrastructure to make this happen. The advisory board stated this is the time to spend some money and make it happen and there is full support. The committee was presented with two applications; one is for the water which would come from the town and the other is sewer that would come from the village. He stated the overall cost for the water is \$2.4 million, a million and a half will come from the grant and they are looking for \$900,000.00 bonding appropriation to move forward with the project. Again, these are essential infrastructure improvements to bring in the corporate jets, larger hangars and businesses at the airport.

Mrs. Bonelli asked if the grant Mr. Denega is referring to needs to be filed within days.

Mr. Denega replied yes, it has to be submitted by Friday.

Mrs. Bonelli stated that at the Airport Advisory Board meeting, they spoke about support documentation and asked Mr. Magryta if he needs a letter of support from the legislature.

Mr. Magryta replied that he spoke to Chairman Vero and he mentioned that he would summarize the findings of the meeting last month which would be important to support this. As far as the application is concerned, the findings of the committee today and tomorrow will give him the ability to demonstrate in the application that the county is willing to provide the remaining funds after the \$1.5 million, if the grant is received. So, in the scheme that the State uses for grants and who gets the grants based on a scoring system, he believes that if the municipality gives more than the 25% match it gets maximum score for that category for the scoring of the actual package. The previous three grants they have applied for from the State DOT and have received funding for, they have only had a 10% match but had a good enough case to award the funding which was \$2.3 million between the three grants. This grant will probably be the best package as far as numbers are concerned because of the potential of the matching money being more than 10% and they emphasized that they heavily looked at that. He stated the efforts and the results of this committee and tomorrow's committee will give him the ability to demonstrate that the county is willing to support the project financially in addition to the package and endorsements from the County Executive, Senator Larkin, and Assemblymen Brabenec who have all stated they will write letters to support the project.

The committee discussed the funding and construction of the project as well as its economic benefits to the airport and to the County of Orange. Legislators further discussed potential benefits to the surrounding community.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved the request for supplemental appropriation to the Capital Projects budget in the amount of \$600,000.00 for Orange County Airport's sewer connection to the Village of Montgomery. Upon approval a new capital project will be created (bonding), seconded by Mr. Vero.

Mr. Denega stated there have been discussions with the Village of Montgomery regarding connection fees and how to get the sewer from the town. There was a comparison done by the engineering staff about getting sewer from the town instead of the village along with a cost analysis. The outcome was to have the sewer connection with the village. Negotiations have been made for fees; therefore, this appropriation would help supplement them.

Mr. Magryta added this is somewhat of a grant on "life support" that is requiring action from the financial side to be complete. This grant was applied for in 2008, there was some engineering done but was stopped and there was also some extended negotiations regarding connection fees. He has contacted the State to see if it is still viable and was granted a one-year extension. Since then two other extensions have been granted and the State made it clear there needs to be some type of action by April of next year or the money will be returned the State and the county will lose the grant. Public Works Engineering did an analysis which showed a probable cost between the village sewer and the town sewer and even with the connection fee, the village sewer because of its shorter run, became the better option by half million dollars. He stated there have been discussions with the village who is supported of a graduated scheme where there would be an initial payment of \$100,000.00 to \$140,000.00 and then a ten-year payback out of operating funds

for the remainder of \$30,000.00 a year for connection to the village sewer. He reiterated that these numbers are in principle but not on paper with an IMA. If the funding is approved then the IMA will be pursued and they will be working with the village to finalize the details. Based on budgetary concerns and information that has been provided, the village sewer option is \$1.7 million. The State gave him indication that if he can provide them with a financial commitment as well as an IMA with the village and some type of bid, they would approve the extension.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature in support of an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Climate Smart Communities grant program, by the County of Orange Department of Public Works to rehabilitate the Cromline Creek Pump Station, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Denega stated the Cromline Creek Pump Station is in the Town of Chester near the black dirt that is essentially flood mitigation. The pumps have been a maintenance issue for several years because there is always a risk of failing and this request is to help permanently replace them.

Mr. Ewald added the pumps were installed in 1978 and there are other grant applications by which they are hoping will come to fruition. This request is the back-up plan which requires a 50% match for a \$1 million grant. The match would have to be bonded for district user fees and it is a NYS DEC Environmental Climate Smart Communities grant.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the County of Orange to participate in the New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) 2016-2017 Local Government Efficiency Grant application for the Orange County Water Efficient Fleet Wash Project and supporting the joint application by the County of Orange, the Town of Goshen, the Village of Goshen and other municipalities for the purposes of seeking funding for the installation of a shared Water Efficient Fleet Wash at the Orange County DPW complex, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega explained this has been a reoccurring request help with the longevity of bigger vehicles and the salt that ruins them.

Mr. Ewald stated that the Planning Department has done an excellent job generating interest from other municipalities.

Mr. Cheney commented that the garage floor suffers as well due to the large amount of salt that comes off of the trucks.

Mr. Denega responded that is correct and this fleet wash will help prevent that.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Titsworth addressed the last agenda item, and update on the Government Center. He stated the HVAC system has been a questionable issue but the contractors were able to adjust it within acceptable limits.

Mr. Cheney asked if there is truth to the rumor that the HVAC system shuts down at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Titsworth replied that it goes into a maintain stage energy efficient setting.

Mr. Paduch asked if the system can be balanced.

Mr. Titsworth replied yes, there are intake and outtakes in each room.

Mr. Denega pointed out that there was a quick turnaround when the contractors arrived.

Mr. Cheney asked when the courts will be ready.

Mr. Titsworth replied that the courts will be move in ready by the beginning to mid-August.

Mr. Denega added that there was elevator training in case of a power outage or something goes wrong.

Mr. Benton asked if there has been any progress on the financials.

Mr. Denega replied there is a big push to make sure everything is closed out by the end of the year and based on the report given last month, they are \$600,000.00 under budget. They are still negotiating regarding some changes with the contractors and will remain in that spot for the next few months. He is hoping they have exact numbers soon.

Mr. Kulisek asked if there have been any issues with the outer-buildings.

Mr. Titsworth replied no, there has not been any issues.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.