

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018
3:30 P.M.**

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Laurie R. Tautel, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Wayne C. Booth, Director of Operations and Cost Control
Joseph Mahoney, Assistant County Attorney
Donna McCarey, Deputy Commissioner, Human Resources
Alison Tyack, Director of Personnel Management, Human Resources
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
David Church, AICP, Commissioner of Planning
Tim Tucker, Budget Analyst

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 3:35 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Mr. Paduch moved the request for the Planning Department in cooperation with the Orange County Water Authority and the Town of Crawford seeking legislative authorization to apply for a grant to the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation in support of construction financing for the Dwaar Kill Intermunicipal Water Supply Project, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Mr. Church explained that in mid to late July there was an opportunity to get up to 60% construction financing from the Environmental Facilities Corporation in New York for a project that they have been working on for some time now. He anticipated that the county along with the Water Authority would construct this because it is on county property and would partner with the Town of Crawford Water District. Over the past few weeks, there were several conversations which concluded that this project serves only a single municipality; therefore, the county cannot borrow or back the Water Authority when borrowing so he will revisit the discussion. Given the grant deadline, the Town of Crawford agreed to be the lead applicant for the project by resolution complimenting the Orange County Water Authority's Board resolution to support being a partner.

Mr. Kulisek asked the total cost of the project.

Mr. Church replied the total cost of the project is \$4 million and if the grant is successful, it will cover 60% of the construction costs.

Mr. Cheney clarified that the intent is that the Town of Crawford will bond the project to pay for the local share of the grant.

Mr. Church stated that is correct and the county would have a license and/or lease agreement with the Water District to operate the facility. The county would receive a payment per thousand gallons of water.

Mr. Kulisek asked if this has been finalized.

Mr. Church replied no, it is in negotiations. He reiterated that he is looking for support from the legislature to be a partner in the grant application which will be led by the Town of Crawford.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved the request to create one (1) Assistant Highway Supervisor, Grade 10, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Denega stated this request is for an Assistant Supervisor for the paving crew which it currently does not have. They currently have an EEO1 which is a high-level operator within the Department of Public Works who has recently retired at a very high step, so the plan is to freeze that position and create the Assistant Highway Supervisor. He added that even though this is a higher position, it comes in at a lower step so there will be a cost savings for a number of years.

Mr. Paduch asked how many Assistant Highway Supervisors they currently have.

Mr. Ewald replied there are several for every crew, but he is not sure of the exact number.

Mr. Paduch clarified that this crew has never had an Assistant Supervisor.

Mr. Denega stated that is correct.

Mr. Kulisek clarified that the vacant position will remain unfunded.

Mr. Denega stated they would like to freeze it instead of abolishing it for future need.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to adopt a resolution making a supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for Intersections and Improvements. This project has been approved under the 2018 Capital Plan as Project No. 39. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$100,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Mr. Denega stated intersection improvements are done on an annual basis.

Mr. Ewald explained that in the past there have been multiple versions of this capital project, but they have used the monies for upgrades to existing traffic signals, upgrade electric services, replace two flashing signals with a fully functional traffic signal, analysis for an intersection, etc. He added that this capital project will be used for interim measures.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to adopt a resolution making a supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for the Preliminary Engineering and Design Phase of the replacement of the Grahamline Bridge in the Town of Mount Hope. This project has been approved under the 2018 Capital Plan as Project No. 49. Upon approval, a new capital project will be created, \$125,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Ewald stated the Grahamline Bridge is in Mount Hope, approximately 191 feet long, was constructed in 1969 and carries County Route 18 over the MetroNorth Railway. It was constructed with steel girders and a concrete reinforced deck. The steel beams are deteriorating and is yellow flagged by NYS DOT, so they are looking to replace this before it is red flagged and cannot be used. He added that they would be looking at a 2018-2019 design process and going into construction in 2020.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature Assuming Lead Agency Status under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEORA) with respect to the Otisville Viaduct in the Village of Otisville, classifying the action as Unlisted and determining that the action will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Denega explained there are potential alternatives for this bridge and they were evaluating an alternate that would eliminate the need for the bridge by taking a different path and would be a cost savings. The solution is looking less promising because someone's home would have to be taken but they are not looking to give up; therefore, they would like to move forward with another alternative to replace this bridge as quickly as possible. He added that this would be shrunk down to a one span bridge and requires less maintenance in the future.

Mr. Ewald reviewed a handout that was distributed (see original minutes).

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Benton moved to adopt a resolution making a supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for the replacement of the Otisville Viaduct. This project has been approved under the 2018 Capital

Plan as Project No. 48. Upon approval, the funds will increase existing Capital Project No. 522, \$2,800,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega stated this is the money portion required to complete the project.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to adopt a resolution of the Orange County Legislature Assuming Lead Agency Status under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) with respect to the replacement of the Dwaar Kill Bridge in the Towns of Crawford and Montgomery, classifying the action as Unlisted and determining that the action will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Mr. Ewald stated the Dwaar Kill Bridge is in the Towns of Crawford and Montgomery, was constructed in 1934 and carries Fleury Road over the Dwaar Kill. It is approximately 40 feet long and does not meet any of the modern standards for bridge construction. He added all of the elements of the bridge are deteriorating; therefore, they are proposing to replace it with a three-sided three precast concrete box.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to adopt a resolution making a supplemental appropriation to the capital projects budget for the replacement of the Dwaar Kill Bridge. This project has been approved under the 2018 Capital Plan as Project No. 33. Upon approval, the funds will increase existing Capital Project No. 449, \$650,000.00 (bonding), seconded by Mr. Benton.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to adopt a resolution requesting to reduce authorization in Capital Project No. 100 (Partial Reconstruction of and Construction of Additions to the Orange County Government Center Building Complex) by \$175,000.00 and increase authorization in Capital Project No. 100-17 (Orange County Government Center FFE & IT) by \$175,000.00, seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Mr. Denega explained that he has touched on this over the course of two to three months to let everyone know that they would be addressing the committee with regard to adjusting the FF&E budget. The \$175,000.00 is planned to get them to the end of construction. He reviewed the expense sheet with the committee (see original minutes).

Mr. Kulisek asked if the moving cost is an actual cost.

Mr. Titsworth replied it is the actual cost. The moving company finished moving the courts in last week.

Mr. Vero moved the request to accept and appropriate grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for work at the Orange County Airport described as Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design for Obstruction Removal and Mitigation. Total cost of the project is \$161,000.00 (Federal Share: \$144,900.00; State Share: \$8,050.00; County Share \$8,050.00). Upon approval, this will increase funding of Capital Project No. 620, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Mr. Denega stated this is the second phase of a five-phase obstruction project that is required by the FAA in order for the airport improvement program grant recipients to be eligible for the grants. The study looks at approaches to the airport and makes sure all obstructions are out of the fly zone. He added that request makes the county eligible to receive grants.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Titsworth addressed the committee with an update on the Government Center. He explained that the courts are all moved in, the furniture was closed out, there are a few contractors still working on fire alarms and security, the interior signage is on its way, the gravel parking lot will be closing on September 4th for paving and there are sub-contractors throughout the building for the HVAC system who are putting cooling fans on the roof.

Mr. Denega mentioned that more improvements to the parking lot will be done at the same time the other parking lot is paved.

Mrs. Reed commented that there is a lot of water and ponding.

Mr. Denega stated they are keeping an eye out and watching the storms to find out where and why the water is getting trapped.

Mr. Kulisek asked if the Rio Grande is cleaned out on a regular basis.

Mr. Denega replied that they have been speaking with the County Executive's Office regarding the issue because it is very overgrown. When the road crews have an opportunity this fall, they will do a clearing to allow the drainage to pass through better than it does now.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.