

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**(REMOTELY)
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020
2:00 P.M.**

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

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Thomas J. Faggione, Legislator
Kathy Stegenga, Legislator
John S. Vero, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive
Harry Porr, Deputy County Executive
Dan Bloomer, Director, Operations and Cost Control
Stacy Butler, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Kerry Gallagher, Deputy Commissioner of Finance
Erik Denega, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works
Travis Ewald, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/Engineering Div.
Brian Titsworth, Deputy Commissioner of Infrastructure Services
(Buildings and Grounds), Dept. of Public Works
Robert Gray, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Public Works/
Environmental Facilities & Services
Dave Trimble, Fiscal Technician, Department of Public Works (EF&S)
James S. Brooks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Mike Amodio, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Alan Sorensen, Commissioner of Planning
Eenika Cruz, Administrator, Orange County Water Authority
Edward Magryta, Director, Airport
Kevin Sumner, Director, Soil and Water Conservation District
Christine DeGroot, Secretary to the Soil and Water Conservation District Board
Deborah Slesinski, Deputy Budget Director
Deanna Crawford, Budget Analyst

Chairman Cheney opened the committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All committee members were present.

Mr. Sumner presented the 2021 recommended budget for the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget for the Soil and Water Conservation District, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Ms. Cruz presented the 2021 recommended budget for the Orange County Water Authority.

Mr. Kulisek moved to amend the 2021 recommended budget for the Orange County Water Authority, by seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Brooks and Mr. Amodio presented the 2021 recommended budget for the Department of Parks and Special Recreation Facilities.

Mr. Ruskiewicz moved to approve the 2021 recommended budget as presented for the Department of Parks and Special Recreation Facilities, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to accept the 2021 Capital Plan for the Department of Parks, seconded by Mr. Paduch.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Paduch moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the County of Orange to contract with certain towns and villages for snow and ice control on certain County roads. Funding in the amount of \$324,380.00 is available in the 2020 Snow Removal budget, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega stated this is a standard yearly request for snow plowing.

Mr. Kulisek asked if the cost per mile has increased.

Mr. Denega replied it increased by \$100.00.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to approve Capital Project No. 890 which was established for Transfer Station replacement equipment. During the time of closure, the County received additional State revenue in the amount of \$5,882.66 and have excess State revenue in the amount of \$7,669.66. Request that the additional State revenue be accepted and

that excess revenue of \$7,669.00 be applied towards debt service. Supplemental appropriation required. Project to be closed, seconded by Mr. Cheney.

Mr. Denega explained these items are clean-up items that the Department of Finance sends so they can close-out these capital projects. The money was received awhile back, but this request is to officially close it.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to approve Capital Project No. 889 which was established for Transfer Station replacement equipment. During the time of closure, the County received additional State revenue in the amount of \$43,975.66 and have excess State revenue in the amount of \$43,976.32. Request that the additional State revenue be accepted and that excess revenue of \$43,976.32 be applied towards debt service. Supplemental appropriation required. Project to be closed, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Mr. Denega stated this request is the same as the previous one, to accept additional funds and close out projects.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to approve Capital Project No. 826 which was established for Sewer Infiltration and Inflow. During the time of closure, the County received additional State revenue in the amount of \$9,685.00. Request that the State reimbursement amount of \$9,685.00 be accepted and applied towards debt service. Supplemental appropriation required. Project to be closed, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Tuohy moved to adopt a resolution confirming all and increasing certain rates charged at Orange County-owned solid waste disposal facilities for all waste streams and amending all past resolutions setting previous rates, seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Before explaining the request, Mr. Denega pointed out that on one of the documents there was an error regarding the tipping fee which should read, "113.50" which will match what is being done with the municipal solid waste. He stated they have looked at all of the municipal waste streams and recycling that comes through the transfer station and this resolution takes into consideration a number of old resolutions that effected different streams of waste coming through the transfer station. The tipping fee which is \$113.50 will begin January 1, 2021 and will be in line with the budget, \$110.00 is for single-stream recycling which is also in the budget and other fees are for miscellaneous commodities such as; monitors, tires, papers, etc. Due to COVID-19 budget

restraints, they would like to get the price changes for small commodities in place for December which could potentially bring in another \$20,000.00 in revenue to the transfer station. Furthermore, these smaller items do not affect municipalities, it will only affect individual bagged garbage and other recycling commodities.

Mr. Kulisek clarified the current tipping rate states \$106.00, but he thought it was \$104.00.

Mr. Denega stated it was \$104.00 in 2019 and increased to \$106.00 in 2020.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Denega and Mr. Magryta presented the 2021 recommended budget for the Orange County Airport.

Mrs. Bonelli moved to accept the 2021 recommended budget as presented for the Orange County Airport, seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to accept the 2021 Capital Plan for the Orange County Airport, seconded by Mrs. Bonelli.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Denega presented the 2021 recommended budget for the Department of Public Works (Small Watershed Protection).

Mrs. Bonelli moved to accept the 2021 recommended budget as presented for the Department of Public Works (Small Watershed Protection), seconded by Mr. Kulisek.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Denega, Mr. Gray and Mr. Trimble presented the 2021 recommended budget for Environmental Facilities and Services which included Sewer District No. 1.

Mr. Kulisek moved to accept the 2021 recommended budget as presented for Environmental Facilities and Services including Sewer District No. 1, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to accept the 2021 Capital Plan for Environmental Facilities and Services including Sewer District No. 1, seconded by Mr. Tuohy.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Denega and Mr. Ewald presented the 2021 recommended budget for the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Kulisek moved to accept the 2021 recommended budget as presented for the Department of Public Works (Administration, Buildings, Central Motor Pool, County Road, and Road Machinery), seconded by Mr. Ruskiewicz.

Motion carried. All in favor.

Mr. Kulisek moved to accept the 2021 Capital Plan for the Orange County Department of Public Works, seconded by Mr. Benton.

Motion carried. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.