

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: **DPW**

DATE: **MAY 23, 2006**

Committee Members Present:

Supervisors Belden
Bentley
Haskell
Mason
Geraghty
Merlino

Others Present:

William Remington, DPW Superintendent
William Lamy, Deputy DPW Superintendent
George Van Dusen, Assistant Engineer
William Thomas, Chairman
Joan Parsons, Commissioner of
Administrative and Fiscal Services
Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board
Supervisor Caimano
Supervisor Champagne
Supervisor Gabriels
Christine Margiotta, *The Post Star*
Nicole Livingston, Second Deputy Clerk

Committee Member Absent:

Supervisor Stec

Mr. Belden called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Mason, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2006 meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Remington, who distributed copies of his agenda packet to members of the committee, a copy of which is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Remington began the Agenda review with Referral Items. He updated the committee members on the status of the Great Escape project. He said that the paving would be started today, followed by the striping and the traffic light would be changed over to three-color, as opposed to flashing, on Thursday. Mrs. Parsons questioned if it had stayed within the budget and Mr. Remington replied affirmatively.

Continuing with the Referral Items, Mr. Remington stated that in regards to the reprinting of the County maps he had been in contact with Jimapco. He added that there were two different sizes of maps available and he was looking at the smaller size map which would save a substantial amount of money. He noted that he would be getting quotes for the printing of the maps and he thought for \$6,000 to \$7,000 he could purchase 10,000 maps.

Mr. Caimano questioned if Mr. Remington had tried to get anyone to act as a sponsor to defray the costs of the maps. Mr. Remington explained that Paul Dusek, County

Attorney, had concerns with doing that and did not recommend advertising on the County maps. Mrs. Parsons added that Mr. Dusek had advised against advertising on the County maps in the interest of getting them done and also because of protocol. She stated that Mr. Dusek had said if it were a Tourism map being printed then they could go in that direction. Mr. Remington recommended getting enough maps to carry through this year until next year, and update the maps every year.

Mr. Lamy expounded the next Referral Item on the list was Mr. Dusek had requested the assistance of the appraiser for additional work-up and that the appraiser be prepared if the issue regarding the condemnation of the existing Alder Brook Bridge were to go to court. He explained that Mr. Dusek, George VanDusen, Assistant Engineer, and he had met with the property owners and their attorney. He said Mr. Dusek had outlined to them the procedure that the County used in coming up with an offer for the property. He stated that the property owner had made a counter-offer and had also compiled a list of concerns which he had conveyed to Mr. Dusek. He noted that Mr. Dusek would be giving the property owners an official response and depending upon the response back from the property owners, a decision would be made whether there would be an agreement or if the condemnation process would begin.

Returning to the Referral Items, Mr. Remington informed the committee that the demonstration was ready for the Gas Boy System and he would arrange to have that done for the committee members when it was convenient for them.

Mr. Remington reported that the costs for overtime expenses in the Maintenance Shop were under control and Mr. Belden agreed.

Mr. Lamy stated that in regards to the Corinth Road project, the right-of-way acquisition firm was back out on the corridor revising sales information to update the appraisals. He noted the appraisal information was good for eighteen months and that time had passed. He concluded that the updating of the appraisals was well under way.

Mr. Remington returned to the Agenda review with Item 3, the emergency generator bids. He stated he had received an alternate bid that did not meet the specifications and it was the low bid. He said he would like to accept the second low bid from Advance Rental and Supply. Mr. Belden asked if Mr. Remington had checked the State and Federal bids for the generator and Mr. Remington replied Advance Rental and Supply was less expensive than the State bid.

A motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to accept the second low bid on WC 49-06, for six emergency generators and award the bid to Advance Rental and Supply for a total amount of \$14,850. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the next board meeting.

Continuing the Agenda review, Mr. Remington referred to New Business. He apprised the Tandem Truck bids had gone out, but he was having trouble comparing them equally. He noted that Bruce Belden, Auto Mechanic Supervisor, had gone to look at the trucks and talk to the two vendors in regards to what was on the trucks. Mr. Belden questioned if there was one on State bid that could be used and Mr. Remington responded there was but it was more money. Mr. Belden asked for an approximate figure for the truck and the make and model of the truck. Mr. Remington replied the truck would cost approximately \$145,000 and they were looking at a Tandem Truck and either the Sterling or International model.

Continuing with New Business, Mr. Remington reported that there was a new bridge in Lake George on Big Hollow Road. He noted it had been a shorter span bridge and had been replaced with a longer span bridge, over twenty-five feet in length. He explained that according to the Highway Law, it would now be transferred over to the County. He said he would be contacting Mr. Dusek to ensure the bridge transfer to the County was done correctly. Mr. Belden suggested that Mr. Remington meet with Mr. Dusek and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Mr. Remington returned to the Agenda review, and stated there was approximately \$97,000 extra in the CHIPS (Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program) funding this year. He added that he would like to transfer that money into the Highway Projects in order to get them done and add to the expense and revenue side of the budget. He noted it would not have an impact on the budget, but would allow him to use that money to meet the obligations he intended to meet.

A motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to amend the County Budget to increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$97,259.24 to reflect the increase in CHIPS funding. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Returning to the Agenda review, Mr. Lamy expounded he had two resolution requests that involved a transfer of funds between Capital Projects. He explained that three different master agreements were done and the money that had been allocated had been spent. He clarified that he was not asking for additional funding; he was requesting to decrease the funds from the Chester Creek Bridge (Capital Project No. H196.9550 280) in the amount of \$20,000, and to increase the funds for the Starbuckville Bridge (Capital Project No. H194.9550 280) in the amount of \$20,000, to pay the remainder of the bills.

A motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Haskell and carried unanimously to authorize the request as outlined above and to refer the same to the Finance Committee. Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.

Continuing the Agenda review, Mr. Lamy directed the committee members attention

to a letter in the Agenda packet from the State of New York Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) regarding the Route 9/254 and Quaker Road Signals Project. He said that the State had decided to award the construction contract to Kubricky Construction. He further stated that the cost of the project for both the Quaker Road Signals and the Route 9 and 254 Project were significantly higher than originally planned for. He explained that the State had requested that Warren County provide an additional \$46,823.70 for an advanced deposit for the County's portion of the project. He added that he did not have all the necessary paperwork at this time and he hoped to have it all by the Finance Committee meeting, or at the latest, by the Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Haskell and seconded by Mr. Bentley to authorize the request to approve the supplemental agreement with NYSDOT as outlined above.

Mr. Belden questioned if the \$46,823.70 was in the budget and Mr. Lamy replied he would have to check the budget and the Capital Project before he could accurately answer that question. Mr. Belden said Mr. Lamy would need to have an accurate answer by the Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Champagne entered the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Mrs. Parsons asked if the intent was to combine one of the projects with one of the Capital Projects because the resolution request form stated that the supplemental agreement with NYSDOT for engineering and construction of the Quaker Road Signals Project and combining the construction with the 9/254 project. She further stated that there was already a Quaker Road Signals Project and wondered if he planned on renaming that project to include the Route 9/254 project. Mr. Lamy replied he was not prepared to answer that at this time. Mrs. Parsons added that Mr. Lamy would need to clarify if there was not going to be two separate projects, the project would need to be renamed, as well as the funding issue.

Following discussion, the question was called and the motion was carried unanimously authorize the request and to refer the same to the Finance Committee. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors would be held to act upon this request and it was advised by Mr. Lamy that adequate funds were available and no Finance referral was needed.)

Mr. Lamy expounded he had three resolution requests, to increase the Padanarum Road Bridge project, increase the Tannery Bridge project and increase the Grist Mill Road project, by \$10,000 each. He explained that these three Capital Projects were set-up in 2005 and they had determined the budget and the local share for those projects. He further stated that in the 2006 budget, a local match of \$10,000 had been identified for each of these projects; however, he said, the \$10,000 could not be accessed until fiscal year 2006. He said this was the paperwork to put the additional \$10,000 that was in the 2006 budget into the Capital Projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Geraghty and carried unanimously to approve the three resolution requests as outlined above and to refer the same to the Finance Committee. Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.

Mr. Lamy explained the next item on the Agenda was the MS4 Stormwater Annual Report which was a program that Warren County had entered into with adjoining municipalities. He introduced George Van Dusen, Assistant Engineer, who was asked to give a short briefing to the committee members, which was required by DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) on an annual basis.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. Van Dusen who distributed two packets to the committee members, the Stormwater Management Program Annual Report and the Municipal Compliance Certification, copies of which are on file with the minutes. Mr. Van Dusen explained that the packets were a summary of what had been done during this five year program which began in 2003. He noted they were required to be in full compliance by January 2008. He added that one of requirements in the minimum control measures was that the Annual Report had to be presented at a public meeting and any comments that were made needed to be recorded and reported back to DEC. He stated this was the last step to be taken in order to be in compliance for this year.

Mr. Champagne questioned if there was anything in the report of any significance that went beyond the 'red tape' that the committee should be aware of and Mr. Van Dusen replied affirmatively. He stated they had applied for a grant and he had heard from a representative of DEC that they were in rather favorable standing to receive that grant, although that was not official at this time. He said they were working with other municipalities in the area to accomplish this.

Mr. Belden asked Mr. Van Dusen if he had an idea of what the total amount would be for the grant and Mr. Van Dusen responded it would be a matching grant and it would be for a total of \$18,000, which would be \$9,000 from the County budget and \$9,000 from the State grant.

Mr. Lamy questioned what the project was and Mr. Van Dusen replied the project was the implementation of the required rules and regulations, yet it was not a project on the ground, it was a paper project. He further explained that they were required within the six minimal control measures to adopt a local law and to adopt a departmental policy on how the DPW conducted its activities in regards to stormwater protection. He added that for them it would be a policy and there was sample verbiage provided by the State that could be used to develop that policy.

Mr. Belden thanked Mr. Van Dusen for reviewing the Annual Report.

Returning to the Agenda review, Mr. Lamy apprised he had a resolution request to amend an existing contract with Earth Tech Northeast, Inc., which involved the Woolen Mill Bridge Project. He noted there would be property acquisitions that would be taking

place at the four corners of the bridge. He stated that the parcels of properties needed to be appraised and would need to have a dollar value determined before the properties could be acquired. He added that the properties would need to be in the possession of the County before DOT would award a construction contract. He said they would need to revise the engineers contract and the master agreement, and then the project would be eligible for Federal Aid. Mr. Lamy said the engineer would be using R.K. Hite and would get a proposal from them and then he would have the dollar figure for the contract amendment.

Mr. Lamy further stated that he was a part owner of one of the parcels of property and he did not anticipate any problems, although he could not speak for the other three people listed on the deed.

A motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried by majority vote with Mr. Haskell abstaining, to approve the request as outlined and the necessary resolution was authorized for the next board meeting.

Mr. Lamy expounded the last item on the Agenda involved the purchase of property related to the relocation of Meadowbrook Road. Mr. Lamy requested an executive session in order to discuss matters pertaining to the proposed acquisition of property.

A motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously that executive session be declared pursuant to Section 105 (h) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive session was declared from 10:09 a.m. to 10:19 a.m.

Committee reconvened.

Pursuant to executive session, motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to accept the recommendation of the County Attorney and to authorize an offer of \$9,200 to purchase a parcel of property from Beechwood, Inc. and Glens Falls Home Resources Inc., which was required for the realignment of Meadowbrook Road; and to authorize an offer of \$52,500 to purchase a parcel of property from Schemerhorn Residential Holdings which was also required for the realignment of Meadowbrook Road. Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the next board meeting.

There being no further business before the Committee, on motion by Mr. Haskell and seconded by Mr. Bentley, Mr. Belden adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Livingston
Second Deputy Clerk