

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: COUNTY FACILITIES

DATE: JULY 20, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: GIRARD
WOOD
STROUGH
CONOVER
BEATY
MONTESI
BRAYMER
SIMPSON
LEGGETT
MACDONALD

OTHERS PRESENT:

JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
FRANK MOREHOUSE, SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, WARREN COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BROCK
FRASIER
MCDEVITT
MERLINO
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
STEVE ABBOTT, REPRESENTING RICH AIR, LLC
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: SEEBER

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the July 20, 2016 meeting of the County Facilities Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:
<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2016/facilities/>

Mr. Girard called the meeting of the County Facilities Committee to order at 10:33 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Frank Morehouse, Superintendent of Buildings, who distributed copies of the Building & Grounds agenda to the Committee members; a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.

Commencing his agenda review, Mr. Morehouse provided an update on the RFP (Request for Proposal) released to commission a study on the Siemens Contract for the Municipal Center Building. He informed the number of responses had been narrowed down to three. A discussion ensued during which the Committee requested that the date of the special County Facilities meeting scheduled to interview to RFP respondents be changed from July 26th to August 3rd.

Next, Mr. Morehouse outlined the cost estimate for repairs at the two County owned Annex Buildings located on Gurney Lane for future use by the Warren County Historical Society.

Continuing, Mr. Morehouse reported he had spoken to Joy LaFountain, Assigned Counsel Administrator, regarding her need for additional office space. He informed the Warren County Building & Grounds crews would incorporate additional office space to her existing 12'x12' space. Mr. Montesi suggested installing one way glass to create privacy for her clients.

Next, Mr. Morehouse reviewed the Referral and Pending Items portion of the Buildings & Grounds agenda. He indicated Items 1 & 3 could be removed and advised Brian Reichenbach, County Attorney, would provide an update regarding Item 2. Regarding Referral and Pending Items number 2, Mr. Reichenbach informed a \$6,000 payment was withheld from JC Structures for faulty work that had been completed on the Human Services Building. He indicated the money would most likely be withheld and he was currently looking for the original contract with JC Structures. A brief discussion ensued.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Jeffery Tennyson, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, who distributed copies of the Airport agenda to the Committee members; a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. Tennyson informed he was awaiting the receipt of grant money from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) to move forward with the requests as follows:

- 1) To increase Capital Project H364, Runway 30 Obstruction Removal, in the amount of \$656,000, to include tree removal, landscape mitigation, installation of two low intensity steady red obstruction lights and PAPI for Runway 30 & 12.
- 2) To authorize a new contract with Marcy Excavation Services for Runway 30 tree removal, obstruction lights, landscape mitigation and PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicators) installations at the end of runways 30 & 12, in the amount of \$570,000 to commence upon receipt of FAA grant and terminate in late spring of 2017.
- 3) To authorize a new contract with C&S Engineers for part-time engineering services for the construction phase of Capital Project H364, Runway 30 Obstruction Removal, in the amount of \$86,000 to commence upon receipt of FAA grant and terminate in late spring of 2017.

Upon further discussion, Mr. Tennyson notified he anticipated the receipt of FAA grant money as soon as the first week of August and the contracts would be forwarded as soon as the grant money was received.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried by majority vote, with Supervisors MacDonald, Braymer and Beaty voting in opposition, to refer Item 1 to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee and to approve the necessary resolutions for Items 2 & 3 to be presented at the August 19th Board meeting.

Finishing his agenda review, Mr. Tennyson apprised he had no updates pertaining to the Referral and Pending Items portion of the Airport agenda.

Following, Mr. Girard presented a request to reintroduce SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) action pertaining to the County's designation as lead agency for the Runway 1-19 Extension project. He noted this action was necessary if the Committee desired to continue the process because of a lack of votes obtained at the last Board meeting due to the absence of three Supervisors.

A discussion ensued following which a motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried by majority vote, with Supervisors Braymer, MacDonald and Beaty voting in opposition, to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the August 19th Board meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Travis Whitehead, Town of Queensbury resident, who mentioned the land the Airport was located on was previously owned by a Warren County resident named Oliver Lasco. He informed Mr. Lasco tried to develop the land in 1987 through SEQRA where the Town of Queensbury declared themselves Lead Agency. He stated the NYS DEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) became involved, fining Mr. Lasco to the fullest extent of the law and making him responsible for repairing damage he created to the Marl Fen. Mr. Whitehead proceeded to say Mr. Lasco defaulted on taxes which was how the County became owners of the land. He stated the Town of Queensbury was Lead Agency for protecting the very same features in 1987 that were not being considered today. He mentioned it was improper for Warren County to be Lead Agency due to the fact they were interested in the Runway Expansion Project. Mr. Whitehead indicated he received a copy of the redacted SEQRA documents, to which an entire appendix was blacked-out indicating the public did not know what was being proposed.

There being no further business to come before the County Facilities Committee, on motion made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. Strough, Mr. Girard adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist