

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: COUNTY FACILITIES**

**DATE: APRIL 29, 2019**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: BEATY  
LOEB  
GERAGHTY  
STROUGH  
SIMPSON  
WILD  
MCDEVITT  
SOKOL  
DIAMOND

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
DON DEGRAW, AIRPORT MANAGER  
FRANK MOREHOUSE, SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS  
RONALD CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS DRISCOLL  
HOGAN  
HYDE  
MAGOWAN  
MERLINO  
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
JULIE BUTLER, PURCHASING AGENT  
JIM LIEBERUM, WARREN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT MANAGER  
STEVE ABBOTT, REPRESENTING RICH AIR, LLC  
STEVE FISK, UNITED RAIL  
JACK KELLY, UNITED RAIL  
KURT AUSTIN, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT  
DR. DAVID SCHWENKER, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT  
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

SUPERVISORS: FRASIER  
BRAYMER

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the, April 29 2019 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/2019/facilities/>

Mr. Beaty called the meeting of the County Facilities Committee to order at 10:53 a.m.

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

Copies of the Airport and Buildings & Grounds agendas were distributed to the Committee members and copies of same are on file with the meeting minutes.

Commencing the Airport agenda review, Don DeGraw, *Airport Manager*, presented a request to authorize a grant application and subsequent grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)/New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for \$415,000 in grant funding intended for the purchase of two airport snow plow trucks.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Loeb and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. DeGraw introduced a request to authorize a grant application and subsequent grant agreement with the NYSDOT for \$640,000 in grant funding intended for the purchase of an airport snow sweeper.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Loeb and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. DeGraw then presented a request to authorize a new contract with Jacobs Civil Consultants Inc., McFarland Johnson, AECOM and C & S Companies for architectural/engineering and planning consultant services for a term to commence upon execution and terminate after five years. Mr. Loeb inquired why there were four consultants and Mr. Hajos replied each consultant performed a different task.

Motion was made by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Mr. Diamond and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding his agenda review, Mr. DeGraw informed Rich Air had requested to replace two signs at the entrance of the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport at no cost to the County; he noted that an example of the new signs proposed was included in the agenda packet.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Sokol and carried unanimously to authorize Rich Air to replace the existing signs with new signs similar to the example provided at no cost to the County and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of the Department of Public Works*, notified he had not received a response from the FAA regarding the runway extension, informing Haley & Aldrich Environmental and Engineering Consulting firm would commence testing in the following weeks. Mr. DeGraw added they would be testing during all four of the seasons until the end of the year.

There being no further Airport business to discuss, privilege of the floor was presented to Mr. Hajos who commenced a review of the Building & Grounds agenda. He informed there were two Referral/Pending items for discussion, the first of which pertained to the County-owned property on Lower Warren Street, know as the Ciba Geigy property. He advised he had received one proposal in response to the RFP (*Request for Proposal*) for lease of the building, but none for sale of the property. He asked the Committee if they were still interested in pursuing a subdivision of the property to separate the building from the surrounding parcel that was used by the County and it was consensus of the Committee for him move forward. He indicated he was prepared for the next Queensbury Planning Board meeting.

With regard to the RFP, Mr. Hajos expounded the only response to the RFP was from D&G Recycling, the current occupant, for lease of the property. He apprised the proposed terms of the lease were for a six month or one year lease for \$6,008 per month or a five year lease for \$5,800 per month. Mr. Diamond pointed out this was a \$2,000 per month increase, but noted D&G Recycling had previously mentioned roof repairs were needed; he inquired if anything had been done with the request for lighting modifications and Mr. Hajos replied in the negative. Mr. Wild

reminded the Committee of the potential damage to the EMS (*Emergency Medical Services*) equipment housed in the building. Mr. Geraghty inquired what the terms of the RFP were and Julie Butler, *Purchasing Agent*, replied she used the terms from current lease with no specifics and opened it up to any industrial agency. Mr. Diamond suggested discussing the language and having it reviewed by the County Attorney. Mr. Geraghty notified air quality and environmental standards should be met before the lease was offered. Mr. Loeb advised he supported a one year lease. Mr. Wild apprised there were many conditions they could not meet, adding they were required to maintain and return the building in its original condition. He indicated there was a lot of damage and they should look into the terms before the lease was offered. He suggested writing a strict lease agreement and preparing a counteroffer. Chairman Conover commented if D&G did not clean the property, they should have it professionally cleaned and bill D&G for the work.

Concluding his agenda review, Mr. Hajos mentioned the last item to discuss was electric vehicle charging stations. He explained National Grid would provide a \$10,000 grant for the infrastructure costs to install the charging stations, and he was waiting for a response from NYSERDA (*New York State Energy Research & Development Authority*) regarding the grant for the charging stations. Mr. Beaty inquired what the cost was for a charging station and Mr. Hajos replied \$40,000; he indicated there was one charging station with two charging ports. Mr. Beaty stated there would be additional costs related to the charging stations. Mr. Strough questioned if the stations would be for County or public use. Mr. Simpson suggested locating them in a place where people would spend time. Mr. Beaty asked if the location could be changed and Mr. Hajos replied to do so he would have to resubmit an application to both National Grid and NYSERDA, adding grant funds were depleting quickly. Kurt Austin, *Warren County Resident*, voiced he owned an electric car that he primarily charged at his residence, he indicated a charging station at the County was not useful.

As there was no further business to come before the County Facilities Committee, on motion made by Mr. Geraghty and seconded by Mr. Simpson, Mr. Beaty adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist

