

Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes
September 12, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Hargrave, Raymond, Thompson, Wright, Southworth and Wood; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Tom Speziale, Joe Ritchey, Public Works; Michael Churchill, McFarland-Johnson; Herb Peters, Deputy Supervisor, Town of Milton; Reigh Walling, Tim Hanke, George Hanke, John Mahony, Adirondack Soaring; David Toney, North American; Press.

Chairman Rowland called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Thompson the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Ritchey said the county has been offered an FAA Grant in the amount of \$199,493. The grant will be used for the design of Airport Taxiway lighting, precision approach path indicator lights and reconstructing the aircraft apron to help pilots in a precision approach landing. The aircraft apron area is approximately 150,000-sq. ft. and is the last piece of the runway that has not been renovated over the last 10 or 15 years. This is just the engineering of those three projects that are expected to be completed in the next three years, he said.

A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to approve a resolution authorizing County acceptance of a FAA Grant in the amount of \$199,493. This grant is for the design of the Airport Taxiway lighting, precision approach path indicator lights and reconstructing the aircraft apron, and amending the 2011 budget relative thereto. Unanimous.

Ms. Raymond asked if this price was from the engineering firm that was hired without regard to their pricing? Mr. Ritchey said, yes. She stated that this seems like a lot of money for just the design. She asked if there was any way that the county could negotiate on the price of the design work or receive a breakdown of charges? Mr. Ritchey said an agreement would be

followed, but this is simply accepting the grant. We are not entering into a contract with the engineers as yet. Ms. Raymond asked if another resolution would be needed to enter into a contract? Mr. Ritchey said, yes.

Ms. Raymond said she would like to see a detailed estimate before the committee is asked to approve a resolution to contract.

Mr. Rowland said at the last meeting the committee received the shop drawings for a building for a hanger at the airport. Conversations have taken place with Adirondack Soaring requesting a location that they would like to lease.

Mr. Mahoney from Adirondack Soaring gave a presentation on a request for a leasehold at the county airport. A handout of the mapped location was distributed to all committee members for their review.

Ms. Raymond expressed concern about the distance between the leasehold and the proposed future T-hangers.

Mr. Mahoney stated that the footprint is the taxiway, and the building is inside the footprint of the proposed future T-hangers.

Ms. Raymond said she would like to make certain, that if there is a master plan that we are working off of that includes future T-hangers, that we are not conflicting with something that is planned and not there yet.

Mr. Rowland said the committee has from now until the beginning of October to review the proposed leasehold and look at the site before making a decision.

Mr. Rowland said he has spoken with Mr. Ritchey and Mr. Dorsey about the concept of a temporary lease for Adirondack Soaring. Mr. Rowland discussed the possibility with Mr. Dorsey of a plan that might give a one year program where an area could be leased to Adirondack Soaring for the storage of their trailers and/or gliders that would not be in the way of the fixed base operator or the county. This would be under an agreement with all the insurances and information needed as to whom might or might not be in that area.

Mr. Ritchey said it could be done on a temporary basis with a rental fee, which would be matched to what Saratoga Soaring is paying; however, this would still need to be approved by the FAA.

Mr. Rowland said this would be a one-year consideration. Mr. Wright asked if the FAA would approve a one-year lease? Mr. Rowland said, yes.

The committee agreed to having the Public Works Department submit the temporary lease agreement to the FAA for review and approval.

Mr. Mahoney said the property is currently heavily treed. He asked if Adirondack Soaring could have some of the trees removed to provide useful flat land? Mr. Rowland said, yes, that would be part of the agreement. Ms. Raymond said she would like to have discussions prior to the removal of the trees about who will be removing them. Mr. Mahoney agreed.

Mr. Thompson introduced Deputy Supervisor of Malta, Herb Peters, who spoke about Electronic Recycling.

Mr. Peters said the electronic recycling laws have changed in New York as of April of 2011. The law states that businesses and municipalities will be prohibited from disposing of electronic waste beginning January 2012.

Mr. Peters said the Town of Milton was approached by Regional Recycling and Recovery based in Victory, New York. The town of Milton was asked if they would join the E-Alliance, which currently has over 150 members. Mr. Peters said he has spoken to officials from the towns of Bethlehem, Brunswick, New Scotland and the City of Albany and has received positive comments from all of them. The City of Albany has dealt with three electronic recycling companies and they considered RC&R very professional. Mr. Peters said this would be a valuable service at no cost to residents. This would give community recognition as an E-Alliance member, reducing the costs of bulk pickup, and will ensure compliance with DEC regulations. After speaking with officials at RC&R Mr. Peters said the company has stated that they will submit all the necessary paperwork to DEC and the State. The county will be able to set up their own program for collection of materials and RC&R will provide the boxes, pallets, wraps and a trailer to dispose of the equipment. RC&R has also agreed to share revenue with the towns at 3 cents a pound, which translates into approximately \$60/ton.

Mr. Peters requested that the committee consider making this a countywide service.

On a motion made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Hargrave the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom