

Public Works Committee Minutes
January 10, 2012 0 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wormuth; Supervisors Grattidge, A. Johnson, Hargrave, Jenkins, Peck, Southworth and Barrett; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Tom Speziale, Joe Ritchey, Public Works; Hans Arnold, Gerhardt Consulting; Sandy LeBarron, Roger Dziengeleski, Finch Paper; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Wormuth announced the appointment of Mr. Grattidge as committee Vice Chair.

Mr. Ritchey said there are nine multi-year projects that were funded in 2011 and he is requesting that the funds be re-appropriated into 2012 in order to finish the projects.

a) Engineering for the CR 7 (Stewards Dam) Bridge	\$ 1,300
b) Engineering for the CR 45 (Northline Road) Bridge over the Kayaderosseras Creek	\$ 89,602
c) Engineering for the U.S. Rt. 4 (Central Avenue) Bridge over the Anthony Kill.	\$ 95,527
d) Engineering and Construction for the CR 42 (Dix) Bridge over the Hudson River	\$2,887,288
e) Engineering and Construction for the Hadley Luzerne Bridge Over the Hudson River	\$ 90,000
f) Engineering for CR 63 (Malta Avenue) over Kayaderossa Creek	\$ 5,593
g) Engineering for CR 24 (Spier Falls Road) over Stoney Brook	\$ 6,145
h) Local Solid Waste Management Plan	\$ 8,825
i) New Cold Storage Building (Insurance Recovery)	<u>\$ 130,000</u>
	\$3,317,280

Amend the budget accounts as follows:

Increase Expenses:

2-50-510-7502 – Contracted Highway Services	\$2,723,000
2-50-510-8130 – Architects/Engineers	\$ 455,455
2-50-515-8130 – Architect/Engineers	\$ 8,825
3-50-000-8221 – Building Material	<u>\$ 130,000</u>
	\$3,317,280

Increase Revenues:

2-50-3590 – State Aid	\$ 328,414
2-50-4590 Federal Aid	\$2,461,374
2-5099.M – Fund Balance	\$ 397,492
3-5099.M – Fund Balance	<u>\$ 130,000</u>
	\$3,317,280

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mrs. Southworth the nine multi year projects as outlined above were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Wormuth said there is a request for a resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute a supplemental agreement with NYSDOT with regard to a HBRR grant for construction and inspections necessary for the replacement of the Stewart’s Dam Bridge over the Sacandaga Reservoir in the Town of Hadley. The total amount is for \$3,319,000 with funding splits of 80% Federal, 15% State and 5% Local. The funds are available in the 2012 Highway budget.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Johnson the above resolution was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Wormuth said every committee member should have received a copy of the proposed contract with Gerhardt, LLC to consult and prepare an RFP for privatizing the Landfill. If it is acceptable to pass a resolution it would be to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract not to exceed \$24,425.

Mr. Arnold said this resolution would be to put out an RFP to develop a public/private partnership in some form between the county and a private entity. It would not be an RFP to have the county open and operate it; it would not be an RFP to keep it as an insurance policy. There will be a subcommittee that will be created today, where they will define the terms they would want and then ultimately forwarded to the full Board of Supervisors for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to review Gerhardt, LLC proposal to consult and prepare an RFP for privatizing the Landfill at a cost not to exceed \$24,425. Unanimous.

Mr. Arnold said legal advice would definitely be needed throughout the process, whether it is a lease or sale. He said typically a draft of the contract that will ultimately be entered into is put in as part of the RFP so that companies can see what the contract would look like, comment on it and make suggestions on how it might be structured differently.

Mrs. Wormuth said she has had initial discussions with the County Administration with regard to the County Attorney’s office and their ability to handle this. She said if they thought that it wasn’t something that they could handle they would recommend an environmental Attorney.

Mr. Arnold said it is true that some special financial advice may be needed along the way and it is not included in the proposal. Until the subcommittee defines what financial structure you may want as a county, i.e. front-loaded payments, all up front or payments over time, and depending on how they are defined you may get some very simple proposals or some very complex proposals in. If they are very complex, at that point you may want to go back and recommend a firm of financial expertise just to make sure that the county has all the tools.

Mr. Arnold said realistically it is going to take this process to December 1st to get to a point where the Board of Supervisors would be ready to authorize execution. Mrs. Wormuth said this would be the best case scenario.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to amend the budget increasing account 2-50-515-8130 Architect/Engineers \$24,425 if the contract is approved and to increase transfer from the general fund and reduce contingency by the same amount. Unanimous.

Mrs. Wormuth appointed the following subcommittee to work with Gerhardt, LLC. Members include Mr. Peck, Mr. Grattidge and Mr. Johnson.

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom