

Public Works Committee Minutes
July 9, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Raymond; Supervisors Collyer, Jenkins, A. Johnson, Wright, Barrett and Sausville; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Keith Manz, Tom Speziale, Public Works; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the minutes of the June 11, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Manz said Hans Arnold of Gerhardt, LLC has some additional work to finish with regard to the sale of the County Landfill to Finch Paper. He said this would include additional work to prepare a cost/benefit analysis of existing operations and identify options for improvements in efficiency and costs savings for the five county transfer stations, with the possible option of privatizing them. The total additional costs would not exceed \$9,675.

Ms. Raymond said the Chairman has asked that this be looked at because of the fact that the current operation is losing approximately \$500,000 a year.

Mr. Collyer asked where the five transfer stations were located. Ms. Raymond said Corinth, Saratoga Springs, Moreau, Clifton Park and Milton.

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve an amendment to the Gerhardt, LLC agreement at a cost not to exceed \$9,675. Unanimous.

Mr. Manz said the Cornell Local Roads Program does all the training for both County and Town Highway Superintendents. The program which is bid out every five years has been run by Cornell for approximately 20 years. Cornell no longer wants to be involved with the program because of the internal costs; therefore, they are looking at other schools in an effort to make a smooth transition. He said many agencies such as the NYS Association of County and Highway Officials, Towns and other Counties have already sent letters supporting Cornell's continuation of the program. A letter was received by the Cornell Dean of Agriculture that stated they would do their best to make sure the transition is smooth and the reasons why they are not going to continue to bid.

Mr. Manz requested a letter of support from the County supporting the continuation of the program by Cornell.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jenkins to approve a letter of support to continue the Cornell Local Roads Program through Cornell University. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wright the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom