

Long Range Capital Planning Committee Minutes
September 23, 2013 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Hellwig; Supervisors Grattidge, Sausville, Wright and Raymond; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Keith Manz, Tom Speziale, Public Works; Eileen Bennett, Data Processing; Press.

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

Mr. Hellwig gave a brief summary of the Charge of the Committee as follows. He said the committee is in charge of reviewing the requests that are submitted by departments and then passing their recommendations on to the Law and Finance Committee to be included, not only in the Capital Plan next year, but the tentative budget as well. A packet was distributed to all committee members in advance of the meeting for their review.

Mr. Hellwig said last year the Long Range Capital Planning Committee reviewed a request to do a complete upgrade of the wiring and other internet infrastructure across the entire county. At that time there was a request for \$308,000 in last year's capital request budget. The committee did authorize \$25,000 to initiate the process and undertake upgrading the cable from the AS400, which runs the county financial software.

Mr. Manz said last year 17 miles of highway was reconstructed, and this year a request is being made for 19.88 miles of highway reconstruction. The roads to be rehabilitated or reconstructed include 3.47 miles on County Road 5A(Sinclair Road) in the Town of Edinburg; 3.49 miles on County Road 12B(Lake Desolation Road) in the Town of Greenfield; 1.16 miles on County Road 13A(Fayville Road) in the Town of Providence; 2.60 miles on County Road 24B(Spier Falls Road) in the Towns of Corinth and Moreau; 2.90 miles on County Road 70A(Deans Corners/Wayville Road) in the Towns of Stillwater and Saratoga; 2.31 miles on County Road 75B(Mechanicville-Stillwater Road) in the Town of Stillwater; 2.40 miles on County Road 92A(Crescent Road) in the Town of Clifton Park; .63 miles on County Road 94A(Guideboard Road) in the Town of Halfmoon; and .92 miles on County Road 339B(Lake Hill Road) in the Town of Ballston.

Mr. Manz said there are four local bridges that are scheduled for rehabilitation or replacement during the next five years. The bridges include the Lake Desolation Road over the Kayaderosseras Creek in the Town of Greenfield which is in the engineering/design stage; Round Lake Avenue over the Anthony Kill in the Town of Halfmoon, Middle Grove Road over the Tributary of Kayaderosseras Creek in the Town of Milton; and Crooked Street over Lake Butterfield Outlet in the Town of Galway; are all scheduled to be reconstructed if approved.

Mr. Manz said there is one federally funded bridge in the City of Mechanicville, US 4 (Central Avenue) over the Anthony Kill.

Mr. Hellwig said all the road projects that were scheduled for 2013 will be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Manz said everything is on schedule and well within the budgeted amount.

Mr. Hellwig said the largest highway reconstruction project is on Sinclair Road in the town of Edinburg. He asked if there would be an opportunity to break that project into pieces. Mr. Manz said after review it was determined that the northern section of the road is in the worst shape and should be done first. Mr. Manz said if the request is reduced to 1.4 miles it would save approximately \$396,400 and would bring the total miles of reconstruction down to 17.81, which is what was done for 2013. The total request for Highway reconstruction is \$4,624,093.

Mr. Manz said the most deficient bridge is the one over the Anthony Kill. Mr. Speziale said it is one of the lower rated bridges that are being engineered this year. The original intent was to reconstruct it in 2014. He said he didn't see a problem bumping it to early 2015. The total request for bridge reconstruction is \$3,634,000.

Mr. Manz requested \$1,479,700 in highway equipment. Mr. Hellwig proposed that the request for the addition of one plow truck, one pickup truck, one 1994 Gradall and one 2001 Wood Chipper be removed from the request for a total request of \$749,000.

Mr. Hellwig said of the \$1,375,000 request for the Airport Improvements, the county share will be 5% or \$68,750. Mr. Manz said the design work is almost complete and will be followed up with an environmental review and construction.

Mr. Manz requested the replacement of three 56 yard containers for the 2014 Recycling Equipment Program at a cost of \$35,100.

Mr. Grattidge said he would support the request, but asked that the purchase not be put in at the beginning of the year, giving the Public Works Department time to review the report from the consultant with regard to the recycling program.

Mr. Manz requested \$45,000 for the rehabilitation of the Recycling Center in the Town of Corinth, as the facility is 21 years old and in need of repair.

Mr. Grattidge said last year the rehabilitation of the Recycling Center was held off. He said he would support the request this year, with a request that the project not begin immediately, giving time for a review of the program.

Mr. Hellwig said he has had conversations with the Sheriff with regard to the fire alarm system at the jail, and he has indicated that due to the ongoing maintenance that seems to be increasing, he is requesting support for upgrades and replacement in three phases. Two other requests include removal and replacement of asbestos floor tile in Building two and replacement of the emergency back-up generator in building five. Mr. Hellwig proposed taking

care of the jail fire alarm system and deal with the other items in coming years, for a total request of \$130,900.

Mr. Manz said there is a section of County Road 99 where this road runs closest to the Mohawk River and is showing signs of settlement and sliding. The continued settlement may compromise the sewer force main and water main, which exist at this location. A request is being made for \$15,000 for an investigation to determine if additional stabilization measures are required.

Mr. Manz said the existing salt storage dome is 27 years old. A structural assessment determined structural issues exist within the concrete walls. The wood dome is in need of substantial repair/replacement. A request was made for \$466,000 to build a new replacement.

Mr. Hellwig said last year there was a request brought to the committee to upgrade the IT Infrastructure. At the time, because the county was investing substantial money in the automated time and attendance system, a decision was made to take care of a small piece, which was the installation of a fiber link between the Solar Building and the County Complex. Mr. Hellwig said he has had conversations with the Data Processing Director with regard to this request and there was some consulting work done prior to last year's request that lead to an estimate on the costs of upgrading all the connectivity across the county. He said there is a wide area network in place, but it is currently in a lot of pieces and over the past six months or so there have been a lot of discussions about addressing, not only the connectivity, but centralizing the operations. The request would be to create the infrastructure that would be necessary to have the connectivity between the remote locations to one central server as opposed to the numerous servers throughout the county. Mr. Hellwig said the request is for \$300,000. He suggested approving \$250,000 because things have changed slightly with the Mental Health Department moving into a new location, Public Health going to fiber and Maplewood Manor being taken out.

Mr. Grattidge said the Exit 11 Traffic Study was an item that he brought forward in conjunction with some of the working groups in the Malta, Stillwater and Luther Forest Technology Park. The Traffic Study is something that would be needed after the next phase of the Global Foundries project has been announced. He said the cost for the study was \$400,000 to \$500,000. Mr. Grattidge proposed \$50,000 be put in the 2014 budget as the local share, with the other partners such as Global Foundries paying 50% of the study, along with the possibility of Stillwater, Malta and the IDA agreeing to a share.

Mr. Hellwig said a request was made from the office of Emergency Services for roof repair/replacement to the Radio Building at a cost of \$50,000. Mr. Grattidge proposed approval of \$40,000.

Mr. Moore said the total cost of the above recommendations is \$11,414,093. The revenues total \$7,234,453, resulting in a net county cost of \$4,179,640.

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Wright the above Capital Project recommendations were approved for a net county cost of \$4,179,640. Unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom