

Long Range Capital Planning Committee
September 26, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Hellwig; Supervisors Wood, Grattidge, Rowland, Raymond, Veitch and Barrett; Paul Lent, Ed Tremblay, Emergency Services; Robert Kingsbury, Data Processing; Keith Manz, Tom Speziale, Data Processing; Roger Schiera, William Fruci; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Mike Churchill, McFarland Johnson; Press.

Chairman Hellwig called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. He said the charge of the committee will be to review capital requests and to make recommendations to the Law and Finance Committee and to the County Administrator on what items should be included in the Capital Plan for the upcoming year. A list of requests for 2013 has been distributed to the committee members and based on the decisions of the committee, the funding of what will be approved for these items and projects will be placed in the tentative budget, and will also be listed in the county six year plan. The committee also has a copy of the status of the 2012 Capital expenses which will be reviewed at today's meeting, he said.

Mr. Manz gave a brief overview of Capital Projects for the highway department as follows. He said in the last two years 14 miles of highway has been reconstructed instead of the normal 20 miles per year, with a life cycle of 18 years on each roadway. He said the budget for 2012 was approximately \$3.4 million which included rehabilitation or reconstruction on County Rd 4, 1.6 miles in Edinburg; County Rd 8, 1.5 miles in Hadley; County Rd 14, 5 miles between Galway and Providence; County Rd 25/Spier Falls Rd and North Greenfield Road, 3.2 miles through Greenfield and Corinth; County Rd 71/Cedar Falls Road, 14 miles in Corinth.

Mr. Manz said there are a total of nine bridges that are to be reconstructed in 2012, four of them local and five of them federally aided. They include structure 178, County Rd 14 in the Town of Providence, an engineering project that will be bid in the first quarter of 2013 and construction will follow; structure 71 County Rd 63/Malta Avenue in the Town of Ballston was in construction and completed in August; structure 330 Spier Falls Road in Corinth is to be constructed; structure 342, County Rd 8 is being replaced by DPW personnel and was completed in early September. The federally aided bridge projects included structure 52, Mott Road over the Snook Kill, an engineering project to be done by Creighton Manning and funded in 2014; structure 70, North line Road is an engineering project in preliminary design and funded in 2013; County Rt. 7, North shore Road bridge is currently under construction and it is anticipated to be completed in December; Rt. 4 Central Ave over the Anthony Kill in the City of Mechanicville is in engineering and will be funded in 2013.

Mr. Manz said the design for the taxiway lighting rehab and precision pathway indicators is \$665,000 and was recently approved by McFarland Johnson. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in 2013. The Master Plan update was recently approved as well.

Mr. Manz said his request for 2013 was to reconstruct 20.37 miles of roadway and four bridges. He said the four bridge projects would all be locally funded. Mr. Hellwig said he requested Mr. Manz to present an alternative to the 20.37 miles of roadway reconstruction to 15.71 miles of roadway. As a result of that change there was just under \$900,000 in savings. Mr. Hellwig proposed approving 15 miles of roadway to be reconstructed at a cost of \$4,678,068. The request for \$825,000 in bridge reconstruction was approved as well.

Mr. Wood asked if there would be any CHIPS money or revenue generated as a result of reconstructing roadways. Mr. Speziale said it is assumed that they will be able to recoup the full CHIPS allocation.

Mr. Barrett said Crescent Road in Clifton Park is in terrible shape and a very heavily traveled road. He said if the county is unable to reconstruct the road this year, he proposed that the Town of Clifton Park pay for the reconstruction by entering into a contract with the County. Mr. Grattidge said he would be willing to entertain the offer and add it in as an additional project.

Mr. Manz requested replacement of highway equipment at a total cost of \$899,900. After discussions one large plow truck; one pickup truck and one air compressor were removed from the request for a revised total of \$626,800.

Mr. Manz requested constructing taxiway lights and rehab & PAPI's for runways 5, 23, 14 & 32 at the county airport at a cost of \$1.6 million with the county share to be \$80,000 after Federal and State revenue is received. He said replacement of the airfield markings is not eligible for State and Federal Aid; therefore the county would be paying for the total \$200,000 cost. The total county share for the projects will be \$280,000.

Mr. Manz requested the replacement of one trailer tilt-up and two 56 yard containers for recycling at a cost of \$98,744. The committee approved the trailer tilt-up only at a cost of \$76,440.

Mr. Manz requested replacement of two 4WD Pickups w/plows and one Tractor/Mower at a cost of \$75,230. The committee approved the request.

Mr. Manz said they have received requests to replace the Chiller and Condenser at the Woodlawn building for a cost of \$64,000; Fire Alarm System replacement at Maplewood Manor at a cost of \$50,000; and Fire Alarm System Replacement at the County Jail for \$114,000, for a total cost of \$228,000. The committee disapproved all requests.

Mr. Schiera presented a request to replace a server in the Elections Department that is now 10 years old. He said he has been advised by Data Processing that the server is at the end of its useful life and a replacement would cost \$7,233.68, with another \$4,490 for the software systems to support it. A request was also made for two high volume printers at a cost of \$1,667.94, and a limited one year warranty at a cost of \$230.99 for a total cost of \$13,622.61.

The committee agreed that this request should be moved out of the Capital Plan and put into the operating budget.

Mr. Hellwig said the Data Processing Infrastructure Upgrade packet contains a considerable amount of documents, a lot of which were from a vendor that came up with a proposal on addressing the infrastructure of the wiring needs of the county. He said a lot of the changes that the county has been looking at through the Technology Committee over the last year, to some extent, have been inhibited by the infrastructure, i.e., wiring and cabling. The request is for \$308,250.

Mr. Veitch said, of all the locations identified, buildings 2, 3, and 4 are in the most need; however, he said the fiber connection between the buildings would be more important to do at this time. The committee approved \$25,000.

Mr. Tremblay requested \$84,200 for a Fire Services Storage Garage that would provide a permanent secure year round home for items held by Emergency Services, Animal Shelter and the Sheriff's Department. The committee agreed to not fund this as this time.

Mr. Hellwig said the total for the approved Capital Projects is going to total approximately \$11.5 million and the net cost to the county based on the revised revenues is going to be approximately \$7.5 million.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Ms. Raymond to approve the 2013 Capital Projects as presented, for an approximate total of \$11.5 million, with approximately \$7.5 million as the net county cost. Unanimous.

Mr. Hellwig said that what has been approved today will become part of the tentative budget for 2013.

Ms. Raymond said that she would hope as we move forward into next year that DPW and Emergency Services work together about possibly cutting some of the trees on county land to turn into lumber to make a storage building.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Rowland the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom