

Buildings & Grounds Committee Minutes
August 13, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Matthew Veitch; Committee Members Phil Barrett, Todd Kusnierz, Mike Smith, Mo Wright; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Richard Emery, Sheriff; Keith Manz, Tom Speziale, Public Works; Jason Kemper, Planning; Turner Bradford, Ashley Erdmann, McFarland Johnson.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Kusnierz, seconded by Mr. Smith, the minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Smith, to authorize a contract amendment with Gallo Construction in the amount of \$26,277.64 for construction related services associated with Jail dorm room renovations. Unanimous.

Mr. Manz said that this change order amount exceeded the 10% Department head approval level and therefore needs committee and board approval. The current contract amount is \$229,450. Mr. Manz distributed a handout detailing the several items contained in the change order.

Mr. Bradford gave an update on the Airport projects. Mr. Bradford distributed a map of the airport listing the projects from 2019 to 2023, and also a map of the Off Airport Habitat Mitigation and gave an overview of both projects. Mr. Bradford said that the design of the parallel taxiway will be coupled with the design for all of the mitigation associated with the EA projects which include the taxiway, fence, relocation of glider taxiway and mowing. Once the mitigation is designed and constructed, they can begin mowing. The perimeter fence will be increased in height from 6 ft. to 10 ft. and will have a fabric in the ground to prevent burrowing. Mr. Bradford said that during the EA progress, Fish & Wildlife and DEC eventually agreed that the airport is not the best habitat or place to mitigate for Karner Blue. The County identified three lots off site in Wilton and Northumberland for habitat mitigation. They will be designed in coordination with Fish & Wildlife and DEC, and the end product will be identical to the Fox Tract, open area, scattered large trees, sandy soils, and blue lupine. Mr. Kemper will be releasing a bid shortly to harvest the three sites, gain the revenue for the lumber, and then the parcels will be prepped for creating the habitat. Mr. Turner said that the fence and south and north side mitigation sites will go to bid this winter. He expects a grant from FAA in late summer or early fall 2020. The mitigation of the east site and construction of the taxiway will be the following year and he expects a grant from the FAA in late summer or early fall of 2021. Mr. Barrett said that they discussed the timber harvesting of these parcels in the Economic Development meeting, and has requested that limitations be considered for work hours in areas close to residential subdivisions. Mr. Barrett suggested talking to the Town Supervisors regarding this issue.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Wright, to authorize the acceptance of a NYSDOT grant in the amount of \$176,000 for design services related to the installation of a perimeter fence at the airport, and authorize a contract with McFarland Johnson, Inc. in

the amount of \$171,016 for design services associated with the installation of a perimeter fence at the airport. Unanimous.

Mr. Manz said that the County share of the funding is 5% and no budget amendment is required.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusnierz, seconded by Mr. Smith, to authorize the acceptance of a NYSDOT grant in the amount of \$420,000 for design services related to the installation of a new parallel taxiway at the airport and amending the budget in relation thereto, and authorize a contract with McFarland Johnson, Inc. in the amount of \$413,658 for design services associated with the installation of a new partial parallel taxiway at the airport. Unanimous.

Mr. Manz said that the county share is 5% and state share is 5%. Mr. Manz said that there will be a budget amendment of \$68K.

Mr. Veitch gave a brief update on the Law Library construction project. The construction has been completed in Building 3. Mr. Veitch contacted Judge Nolan and NYS Courts. The books are still in the storage area of the Lincoln Baths in Saratoga and have not been moved yet. Mr. Veitch said that he expects it will be open within the next few months.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board