

Long Range Capital Planning Committee
September 28, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Spencer Hellwig; Committee members / Supervisors Preston Allen, Alan Grattidge, Dan Pemrick and Matthew Veitch; Supervisors Phil Barrett, Tara Gaston; Deputy Administrator Chad Cooke; Keith Manz, Tom Speziale, Public Works; Michael Zurlo, Rich Emery, Sheriff.

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

Mr. Hellwig said the charge of this committee is to review the capital requests made by departments and make recommendations to Law & Finance and Administration on what items and projects should be included in the Capital Plans for the upcoming year. Based on the decisions made today, the funding for the approved items and projects will be placed in the Tentative budget and listed in the 5-year capital plan. Mr. Hellwig said that copies of the requests for 2021 were previously distributed and the report also contains a status report of the 2020 capital projects.

Status of the 2020 Capital Register

Mr. Hellwig said that for the County Clerk's office renovations, there was a \$440K SAM grant, this is a grant that is administered through the State's Dormitory Authority. As a result of the pandemic, that grant is currently on pause. The budget for the project was \$500K, consisting of the \$400K grant funds and a local share of \$60K. \$31,700 was spent earlier this year and the remaining balance was tied to engineering and design work. Mr. Hellwig said that they will be budgeting \$468K to continue the renovations. This project was already approved and will be picked up next year.

Mr. Hellwig said that for replacement of the concrete slab in the County Correctional facility outdoor exercise yard, the project was approved for 2020. Design work was completed this year, project was sent out to bid, however due to delays in starting the project due to the pandemic, there was no bid award given this year. The project will have to be sent out to bid again next year. Mr. Hellwig said that the amount of funding needed to complete the jail project has increased as a result of the current construction market. It's anticipated that this project will cost a little over \$900K to complete next year. Mr. Speziale said that they plan to go out to bid during the first quarter of 2021.

Mr. Veitch confirmed that the approved 2020 funds will be rolled over to next year from this year for these projects.

Mr. Manz referred to a County map and gave a brief update on their projects.

Roads

Most all of the 2020 road projects have been completed. The ones that have been rescheduled to 2021 due to COVID are: CR 4 North Shore Road, CR 42 Clarks Mills Road, and CR 70 Wayville Road. CR 80 Schaubert will be paved this week, CR 82 Main Street will be completed next week. CR 28 will be completed the first week of November.

Bridges

There were 9 bridge projects in 2020. Mr. Manz referred to the County map indicating the bridge projects. For the 3 County funded bridges: Scotch Bush Road over the Trib. of Le Rue Creek was taken out of this year's budget; Spier Falls Road over Trib. to Hudson was postponed due to COVID and will be re-bid next year; Brook Road over Slade Creek was delayed due to National Grid and will be put off

to next year. For the 6 Federally/State funded bridges: Coons Crossing Road over Anthony Kill Replacement is in design stage, consultant selection will begin next week; Clark Road over Snook Kill and West River Road over Snook Kill have been completed; Ashdown over D&H Railroad, they had issues with the right of way permits from the Railroad and the project been put off to 2021; Middle Line Road over Gordon Creek, and Barkersville Fayville Road over Cadman Creek have been completed. Mr. Manz said that the CR4 North Shore in the Town of Day that was washed out Halloween 2019 was not in the plan, but is on schedule to be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Grattidge confirmed that funding from FEMA will be received for this bridge. Mr. Speziale said that 75% will be funded and they may get a State share of 12.5%. Mr. Grattidge questioned the timeline on the Ashdown over D&H Railroad. Mr. Speziale said that it is a 6 month project and should be completed by Fall 2021.

Equipment

2 large plow trucks have been ordered, some pick-up trucks, utility truck, tractor truck have been delayed to 2021; asphalt roller and asphalt reclaimers have been delayed due to grant delays; The mini excavator has been purchased; Guiderail chassis truck has been delivered; Roadstriper has been ordered and will be delivered in March of next year.

Traffic signal at CR90 & CR 91 is in process, ready to bid in early 2021, installation costs will be placed in the 2021 Capital plan.

Saratoga County Airport

Obstruction removal acquire easements Phase 1 – waiting on FAA authorization as well as the appraisal company to be selected to appraise some of the properties. Perimeter fencing project, there are two successful bidders. For the Karner Blue mitigation area in Wilton, the project will start soon and finish next year. The pavement maintenance management program is a design project being done right now and will be completed next year. Mr. Manz said that the good news is that the projects authorized this year are 100% funded. They may also fund next years at 100% as opposed to 90%.

Major building projects

The solar panel removal and canopy demolition and replacement at the Building #5 was in the budget for \$375K and was cut due to COVID. Another estimate was received from Clark Patterson Lee at almost double the cost. At this point the project has been moved to 2022. The 3 boilers in the DPW facility mezzanine were purchased and installed by Buildings & Grounds staff. The Supervisors parking lot repair/repave project for \$50K has been moved to 2021.

The rehabilitation of the Water Tower is 98% done and should be back online in a month and a half. Welding needs to be completed, paint the entire interior, some electrical work, testing and DOH approval needs to take place prior to getting it back online. This was a \$1.35M project.

2020 Capital Requests

Mr. Hellwig previously distributed a handout detailing all of the 2021 capital requests. Mr. Hellwig said that there are \$16.4M in requests and the net after the revenues is \$4.6M. Mr. Manz said that their requests are down 20% from last year.

HIGHWAY & BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION REQUESTS

Mr. Manz distributed a map of roads and bridges that are included in the request for 2021. The proposed 2021 plan would reconstruct 15 miles of County highway. There is one County funded bridge, Spier Falls Road over Trib. to the Hudson. There are four bridges that are federal/state funded. Lasher Road,

Hans Creek Road over Hans Creek, Fortsville Road, and the previously mentioned Ashdown Road in Clifton Park. Mr. Grattidge asked about the Scotchbush Road bridge in the Town of Ballston that was also removed from this year's plan. Mr. Speziale said that it was design only and was not urgent. This has been moved to 2022. Mr. Manz said that the Lasher Road project is engineering only.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Mr. Manz said that a lot of the requests are carry overs from this year due to COVID. There are 2 large plow trucks, 2 utility vehicles, 1 pick-up truck, 1 tractor truck, 1 loader, 1 roller, 1 low-boy trailer, and 1 roadside tractor mower.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Mr. Manz said that the latest estimate for the installation of the 4 way traffic signal in Clifton Park came in at \$185K. Mr. Manz said that this is a very busy intersection during peak hours.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Manz said that the Obstruction Removal Acquire Easements is for next year. They are hoping to get a State grant which is 90%/10% on airfield markings, the markings are very dim and need to be repainted. For the Partial Parallel Taxiway, they are not sure if they are going to get 100% funding from the FAA, if not there will be 5% county share.

BUILDINGS EQUIPMENT

Mr. Manz said that they have 5 Air handler units to replace in Building 3. They are from the 60's and can no longer get parts. The cost for this is \$285K.

PARKING LOTS

Mr. Manz said the request for \$55K is a carryover from this year to repair/repave the Supervisors Parking lot. The work will be done by DPW staff.

Mr. Pemrick asked if Mr. Manz was concerned with the long term plan repercussions due to the decrease in funding projects. Mr. Manz said that as long as this is not done every year he is not concerned. When he first started with the County in 2012/2013 they were only doing 12 miles of road. They bumped up to 20 miles over the last 5 years. They are also doing more road rehabilitation with vendors that costs less than a full road rebuild and gives the road a longer life. Mr. Allen asked how many highway trucks we are currently waiting on. Mr. Manz said that they are down 4 trucks, the 2 from 2019 are coming in next week, they will no longer be doing business with the company they ordered these trucks from due to the delay. The 2 purchased this year are delayed due to COVID.

Mr. Hellwig asked what the lowest priority item on the highway equipment list would be. Mr. Manz said the loader at \$263K. It's old, but maintenance can be done on it. This truck has a salvage revenue of \$15K. Mr. Hellwig said that the only other item he could see for removal is the Supervisors Parking lot. It does not appear to him to be in terrible condition. Mr. Grattidge suggested waiting until this time next year and decide what to do with it then. Mr. Hellwig said that the loader and the parking lot would remove \$318K. Mr. Hellwig said that there are ongoing conversations regarding the Airport. This year the CARES Act covered 100% of the projects. There is a possibility that the \$300K local share of the airport projects could ultimately end up being covered by Federal revenue. There is no confirmation of

that yet, however that amount could be used toward the loader and parking lot if received next year depending on how the revenue stream is. Mr. Manz said that the roads could also depend on the revenue stream.

On a motion by Mr. Grattidge seconded by Mr. Veitch the 2021 Capital Plan requests were approved as modified, removing the loader and the parking lot as previously discussed. Unanimous.

On a motion by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Pemrick the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board