

Buildings & Grounds Committee Minutes
May 6, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Matthew Veitch; Committee Members Darren O'Connor, Kevin Tollisen and Sandra Winney. Supervisors Preston Allen, Tara N. Gaston, Bill Peck and Chairman of the Board Todd Kusnierz; Steve Bulger, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden County Administrator; Mike Hartnett, County Attorney; Chad Cooke, Public Works Commissioner; Jason Kemper, Planning Director; Bill Fruci, Roger Schiera, Elections Commissioners; Andrew Jarosh, County Treasurer.

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

On a motion made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Winney the minutes of the April 5, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Veitch said the resolution request authorizing an amendment to the Public Work's budget for the construction of an Airport Snow Removal Equipment Building would be pulled. The bids came in higher than expected. This project would be moved to the Capital Program for 2022. Mr. Cooke said Mr. Veitch summed it up nicely. The grant funds are from a 2018 application. The bids came in \$350,000 higher than expected. Mr. Peck asked if this were put off until next year would the County be able to go out for new bids. Mr. Cooke said it would go back out to bid.

Mr. Veitch said the next item is the recommendation to approve the auction sale of County owned property at 31 Woodlawn Avenue in Saratoga Springs. Mr. Cooke said the Board hired Auctions International to conduct an online auction from April 6th to April 28th. The highest bidder was Adirondack Trust. He said the auction received over 8000 views and considered this a successful auction. Ms. Winney asked where the bidding started. Mr. Cooke said the bidding started at \$100 as the County didn't establish a reserve amount. He said that up until a couple days before the end of the auction the highest bid was around \$50,000. In 48 hours, the bid went to the \$2,800,100. Ms. Winney said that is a successful auction.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Winney, to authorize the conveyance of 31 Woodlawn Avenue to the Adirondack Trust Company, the highest bidder, for \$2,800,100. Unanimous.

Mr. Schiera said the Board of Elections is asking for a five-year lease extension for WAM. This is for the rental of a warehouse that stores the election machines. The warehouse is roughly 7000 square feet and is close to their offices. Mr. Schiera said there would not be a rent increase for the first year.

A motion was made by Ms. Winney, seconded by Mr. Tollisen, to authorize a lease renewal for WAM to house the election machines for the Board of Elections. Unanimous.

Ms. Gaston asked about the dates for the early voting sites for the County. Mr. Fruci said they were waiting to hear from the State. There was discussion on the early voting sites. Ms. Gaston

said she would like to see a site in Saratoga Springs. Mr. Schiera said it was ultimately up to the Board of Election to determine where the sites would be. He said having the sites in Clifton Park, Ballston Spa and Wilton has worked well. Mr. Veitch said the discussion was straying from any relevance to Buildings & Grounds. He does appreciate the commentary but agreed that the decision lies ultimately with the Board of Elections.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Veitch said a second was not needed and he adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Wright
Clerk of the Board