

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: DPW

DATE: MARCH 27, 2007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:	OTHERS PRESENT:
SUPERVISORS BELDEN	WILLIAM LAMY, DPW SUPERINTENDENT
BENTLEY	WILLIAM THOMAS, CHAIRMAN
HASKELL	PAUL DUSEK, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MASON	JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
STEC	SUPERVISOR F. THOMAS
GERAGHTY	TODD LUNT, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES
MERLINO	HAL PAYNE, ADMINISTRATOR OF WESTMOUNT HEALTH FACILITY
	MAURY THOMPSON, <i>THE POST STAR</i>
	AMANDA ALLEN, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Mr. Belden called the meeting of the DPW Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Haskell and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 27th Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to William Lamy, DPW Superintendent, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy apprised that page two of the agenda pertained to a Resolution Request for a property transfer on County Route 31 in the Town of Horicon. Mr. Lamy said that Paul Dusek, County Attorney, had instructed him to present the request so that it would be advanced for the Board meeting scheduled for April 20th. He added that Mr. Dusek would most likely present additional information pertaining to the appraisal and sale of the property at the April 11th Finance Committee meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Haskell, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to approve the request for a new contract to sell a parcel of County property no longer needed for highway purposes to an adjacent landowner, with further details to be presented by the County Attorney during the April 11th Finance Committee meeting. The necessary resolution was authorized for the April 20th Board meeting and a copy of the request is on file with the minutes.

Proceeding with agenda review, Mr. Lamy stated that the fourth page of the agenda detailed a request for a new contract to facilitate the reconstruction of the Padanarum Road Bridge over Northwest Bay Brook. He explained that the contractor chosen for the project would be determined subsequent to the April 5th bid opening and contingent upon the recommendation of the project engineer. Mr. Lamy said that he planned to present the details of the lowest successful bidder at the April 11th Finance Committee meeting, with a final decision to be made at the April 20th Board

meeting. The project engineer had estimated that the construction costs of the bridge would be approximately \$450,000, Mr. Lamy apprised, and the County would be responsible for 5% of these costs as the majority would be funded by Federal and State grants.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the request for a new contract for the reconstruction of the Padanarum Road Bridge over Northwest Bay Brook with the lowest successful bidder to be determined at the bid opening scheduled for April 5th, contingent upon the project engineer's recommendation. The necessary resolution was authorized for the April 20th Board meeting and a copy of the request is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Dusek joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Mr. Lamy directed the Committee to page five of the agenda which reflected a request to amend Resolution No. 165 of 2007 to correct the sum appropriated to cover the cost of participation in the preliminary engineering phase of the Padanarum Road Bridget replacement project. He explained that the original resolution listed the total required as \$125,000 and it should have been \$125,500.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Haskell and carried unanimously to approve the request to amend Resolution No. 165 of 2007 to correct the sum listed, thereby changing it from \$125,000 to \$125,500. The necessary resolution was authorized for the April 20th Board meeting and a copy of the request is on file with the minutes.

Included on page eight of the agenda, Mr. Lamy explained, was a request to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign a State-Local Assistance Agreement with NYSEMO (New York State Emergency Management Office) for a grant amendment relating to repairs completed on the 13th Brook Bridge in the Town of Johnsbury. He noted that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) had approved a cost increase in the repairs, which raised the costs from \$85,700 to \$108,465, a difference of \$22,765. The grant amendment would provide 75% of the increased costs to the County, a total of \$17,073.75, which would be returned to the General Fund, Mr. Lamy apprised.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty, seconded by Mr. Mason and carried unanimously to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign a State-Local Assistance Agreement with NYSEMO and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 20th Board meeting. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Lamy stated that a request to increase the existing Fuel Management Expansion project (H.159.9550.280) in the amount of \$17,073.45 was included on page 13 of the agenda. He explained that the purpose of the increase was to add equipment for inventory monitoring to meet NYSDEC (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) bulk storage regulations, and to provide stairways for safe access to the existing fuel tanks for measuring and fuel treatment purposes. Mr. Lamy noted that the additional funds would be transferred from the General Fund

Unappropriated Surplus code and was the exact amount of the additional funding granted by FEMA, as referenced in his previous request.

Mr. Lamy apprised that currently, the fuel tanks were accessible only by a vertical ladder located on each, which were unsafe. In an effort to increase the safety and accessibility of the tanks, he advised that his engineering staff was investigating the implementation of a platform style set of stairs to access the fuel farms at the Horicon, Hague and Bolton locations. Mr. Lamy added that, once determined, the costs of the platform stairs would be compared to those of the installation of a more sophisticated metering system.

Mr. Belden noted that OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration), guidelines required increased safety measures for access to the fuel tanks and either of these measures would appease the requirements.

Mr. Geraghty asked if the stairs could be produced on an in-house basis and Mr. Lamy replied that they could; however, he noted, the in-house production would require an extended amount of time, while the liability issue of employees accessing the fuel tanks in an unsafe manner would still exist.

Mr. Mason asked if the costs of the installation of platform style steps would be closely compared to the advanced metering system prior to making a final decision and Mr. Lamy advised that it would. He added that NYSDEC preferred the installation of the metering system and if the costs were relatively close to the installation of the platform steps he would return to the Committee with the suggestion that the metering system be installed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Geraghty to approve the request to increase the existing Fuel Management Expansion project (H.159.9550.280) by \$17,073.45 with funds to be appropriated from General Fund Unappropriated Surplus code, and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Note: This action was not voted on by the Committee as the building was evacuated due to a fire within the Municipal Center.

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m. to reconvene at a later date to complete the agenda review.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Allen, Legislative Office Specialist