

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: COUNTY FACILITIES

DATE: MAY 23, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: GIRARD
WOOD
STROUGH
CONOVER
SEEBER
BEATY
MONTESI
BRAYMER
SIMPSON
LEGGETT
MACDONALD

OTHERS PRESENT:

JEFFERY TENNYSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
FRANK MOREHOUSE, SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS
ROSS DUBARRY, AIRPORT MANAGER
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, WARREN COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS FRASIER
MCDEVITT
MERLINO
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
CRISTOPHER LYNCH, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
MAUREEN LYNCH, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
MARK WESTCOTT, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
CHRISTINE SCANLON, *SUN COMMUNITY NEWS*
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 23, 2016 meeting of the County Facilities Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:
<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2016/facilities/>

Mr. Girard called the meeting of the County Facilities Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Montesi and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Frank Morehouse, Superintendent of Buildings, who distributed copies of the Building and Grounds agenda packet to the Committee members; a copy of the agenda packet is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Morehouse presented a request for a new contract with Emergency Power Systems for generator maintenance at various Warren County facilities.

Motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to authorize the contract with Emergency Power Systems as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 15, 2016 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Jeffery Tennyson, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, provided an update on the Court Expansion Project. He notified he was in communication with Ed Robin, Chief Architect for the New York State Office of Court Administration, and was waiting final approval.

Continuing with items for discussion, Mr. Tennyson spoke regarding the RFP (Request for Proposal) to commission a study on the Siemens Contract for the Municipal Center Project. A brief discussion ensued following which the Consensus of the Committee was to move forward with releasing the RFP.

Mr. Tennyson informed the Warrensburg Sewer Project was advancing and was at the stage which connected Countryside Adult Home with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Travis Whitehead, Town of Queensbury resident, voiced the RFP for engineering services to review the Siemens Contract on the Municipal Center Building contained a great deal of direction which would cause confusion and increase the cost.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ross Dubarry, Airport Manager, who distributed copies of the agenda packet to the Committee members; a copy of the agenda packet is on file with the minutes.

Mr. Dubarry presented a request to authorize an agreement with the Adirondack Balloon Festival for use of the Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport for the 2016 Balloon Festival event. He indicated the request included increasing the percentage of donations given to the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) to 15% for their help at the Adirondack Balloon Festival.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 15th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. Dubarry presented the following requests:

- ❖ To close Capital Project H242, Rehab Fisher House, and return the remaining funding in the amount of \$15,000 to the General Fund;
- ❖ To close Capital Project H337, Edge Light Installation, and return the remaining funding in the amount of \$1,250 to Budget Code A892.00, Airport Reserve;
- ❖ To amend the County Budget in the amount of \$15,000 and transfer \$15,000 from Budget Code H242, Rehab Fisher House, to Budget Code H348 Airport Equipment Building Repairs;
- ❖ To increase Capital Project H348, Airport Equipment Building Repairs, in the amount of \$15,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Montesi and carried unanimously to approve the aforementioned requests as presented and refer same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *Copies of the resolution requests are on file with the minutes.*

Continuing, Mr. Dubarry introduced a request for authorization to submit a grant application in the amount of \$700,000 to the Federal Aviation Administration and New York State Department of Transportation, to fund obstruction removal around Runway 30. He informed the deadline for the application was July 1, 2016.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried by majority vote with Supervisors Seeber and Beaty voting in opposition to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 15th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes.*

Proceeding, Mr. Dubarry presented a request for authorization to submit a grant application in the amount of \$80,000 to the Federal Aviation Administration and New York State Department of Transportation, to fund replacement of the Airfield Guidance Sign, and airfield pavement crack sealing and striping.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried by majority vote, with Supervisor Seeber voting in opposition, to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 15th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

A discussion was held relative to the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) documents attached to a resolution tabled at the May 20th Board Meeting pertaining to the Runway Extension Project. During this discussion, Brian Reichenbach, County Attorney, answered questions regarding the SEQRA documents. Comments from several members of the public were also recognized, including the following:

Mr. Whitehead discussed an email regarding the Forest Enterprises parcel, the classification of the Airport changing from a D2 in 2002 to C2 and currently B2, to which he informed the Airport was currently smaller now than it was in 2002 and he notified the number of flights were decreasing, and he stated there was no need for a 6,000 foot runway.

Christopher Lynch, Town of Queensbury resident stated he had been a pilot since 1964 and had flown into the headwind of the East and West runways at the Airport. He said destroying the Marl Fen was unwise and senseless, and he opinioned the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) should be Lead Agency for the Runway 119 Extension project.

Maureen Lynch, Town of Queensbury resident indicated she and her husband were both pilots which live next to the airport. She indicated she was interested in saving the Marl Fen and she aspired to be notified of all that was going on at the Airport.

There being no further business to come before the County Facilities Committee, on motion made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Montesi, Mr. Girard adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist