

**REGULAR MEETING
FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007
3:30 P.M. - SCOTT HEYMAN CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: K. Luz Herrera, Chair; D. Kiefer; G. Stevenson; D. Randall; P. Mackesey (arrived at 4:10 p.m.)
Staff: C. Nelson, Public Works Administrator; E. Marx, Commissioner of Planning and Public Works; W. Sczesny, Highway Manager; R. Nicholas, Airport; A. LeMaro, Facilities Director; T. Richardson, L. Riley, Solid Waste; K. Fuller, Deputy Clerk
Guests: R. Mastropaolo, J. Morrissey, C&S Engineers

Call to Order

Ms. Herrera, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

Agenda Additions or Deletions

Ms. Herrera was informed that there would be additional resolutions for the SEQR Negative Declaration in relation to the road swap resolutions. Ms. Herrera stated her reluctance to place additional items on the agenda.

Persons Wishing to Address the Committee

No one was present to speak.

Chair's Report

With regard to an appointment to the Air Service Board, Ms. Herrera noted her association with the applicant who is also on the Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit Board.

Report from the Commissioner of Planning and Public Works

Mr. Marx reported that the County is continuing to seek an alternative site for the Office for the Aging. He noted that discussions on a potential site at a proposed development are continuing, however, following a meeting yesterday, he was informed that the project would not be completed for another 18-24 months. Although the main focus is to continue to view this as a viable option, Mr. Marx suggested the need to be open to other options, particularly since the time period for completion is not within the timeframe the County had indicated to the State Court system. He said that Lifelong has continued to express an interest in doing something with the County Office for the Aging, and perhaps there are other options as well.

Ms. Kiefer reported on her attendance at a Supreme Court Library Board of Trustees meeting, during which it was reported that the Law Library, located on the bottom floor of the Courthouse next to Office of the Aging, recently underwent a purge of law reference materials. As a result of this action, it is not anticipated to have additional space requirements over the next five years. Due to the resignation of Judge Relihan, individual offices are being shifted to other areas. Ms. Kiefer expressed her belief that the greatest need is for client meeting rooms. In addition, a resolution asking for space for the law library was passed, however, due to the report on the law reference materials purge she was concerned with the language referring to an imminent need.

Mr. Stevenson reported on a recent meeting with County Administrator Whicher, County Attorney Wood, State Court Representative Oeschle, and himself regarding parking concerns. The State

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is requesting to have at least five more spaces to accommodate the new court officers recently assigned. It was noted that as of September 2007, staff presently under the County Sheriff's office would become State employees. Mr. Stevenson noted that both Mr. Oeschle and Mr. Wood provided their individual opinions on the matter and were not in agreement.

Mr. Marx notified the Committee of a need to determine the scope of the Ellis Hollow Road project during the month of May. This project did not receive Federal funding, therefore a determination must be made whether to include open or closed ditching (open ditches would add approximately thirty percent to the project cost), and other areas could be reviewed and/or modified to meet the budget. Mr. Marx anticipates that members from the public may attend a future meeting when the topic is discussed.

Minutes of January 23, February 13, 27, March 20, and March 27, 2007

It was MOVED by Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. Stevenson to approve the minutes of January 23, 2007, as amended. Following discussion, a voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Legislators Randall, Stevenson, and Kiefer); Noes – 1 (Legislator Herrera); Excused – 1 (Legislator Mackesey). MINUTES APPROVED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2007, as amended.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer to include the following language on page 2, under Natural Gas Drilling, to expand it to read: "this may be done in combination with Cornell University, *which has land holdings abutting the airport*, to make it more appealing to potential bidders. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

A voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Legislators Randall, Stevenson, and Kiefer); Noes – 1 (Legislator Herrera); Excused – 1 (Legislator Mackesey). MINUTES APPROVED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Randall, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, to approve the minutes of February 27, 2007, as amended. A voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 2 (Legislators Randall and Stevenson); Noes – 2 (Legislators Herrera and Kiefer); Excused – 1 (Legislator Mackesey). MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Randall, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, to approve the minutes of March 20, 2007, as amended. A voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 2 (Legislators Randall and Herrera); Noes – 2 (Legislators Stevenson and Kiefer); Excused – 1 (Legislator Mackesey). MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Randall, to approve the minutes of March 27, 2007, as presented. Following discussion, a voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 3 (Legislators Randall, Stevenson, and Herrera); Noes – 1 (Legislator Kiefer); Excused – 1 (Legislator Mackesey). MINUTES APPROVED.

Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport Federal and State Grant Projects for 2007

Mr. Nicholas informed the Committee that due to the number of projects occurring he felt it would be good to provide a presentation for new members to receive more detailed information. He introduced Mr. Mastropaolo and Mr. Morrissey of C&S Engineers.

Mr. Mastropaolo reviewed written documentation outlining six Federal and two State funded projects that will be undertaken. A total of \$1,934,000 in project costs will be completed, with Federal reimbursement of \$1,386,050; State reimbursement of \$416,475; and a local share of \$131,475. The

projects are as follows: Obstruction Removal (design), Runway Safety Area Improvements (design), Airport Entrance Road Rehabilitation (design and construction), Snow Removal Equipment purchase, Security Improvements purchase, Rehabilitation of Terminal Roadways and Parking Lots (design and construction), and Replace Fire Alarm System (Design and Construction). It was explained that some of the Federal projects are required by regulations.

Ms. Kiefer asked if we were using C&S for all of these projects, noting that the County has the ability to determine whether certain projects should be sent to bid allowing a choice of engineers. Mr. Nicholas indicated that it was an option, however, he felt that to do so would result in project delays.

Ms. Mackesey arrived at this time (4:10 p.m.)

Mr. Nicholas noted that the projects are undertaken according to Federal regulatory guidelines. Ms. Kiefer said she was aware, however wanted the new members of the Committee to have this understanding as well.

Mr. Morrissey provided a handout that detailed each of the eight projects. The following items were clarified:

- Obstruction Removal – Ninety percent of the project is for on-airport obstruction removal. An easement from Cornell University would be necessary to complete the other ten percent. Obstruction lighting for particular trees of concern located on Sapsucker Woods Road area will be provided. It was noted that the Federal Aviation Administration has reviewed the scope and their suggested recommendations have been addressed. There will be a public meeting to discuss the project, and, if desired an additional meeting with stakeholders could occur.
- Airport Entrance Road Rehabilitation – the present concrete walkways may be replaced with asphalt and either striped, marked with diagonal markings, or perhaps a colored-stamped treatment could be used.
- Runway 14-32 Safety Area Improvements – the previously mentioned obstruction with Warren Road (2 foot higher than specification allows) would be resolved through the use of obstruction lighting.
- Security Improvements – although there are many types of security devices (fingerprint, facial, retina), the most commonly chosen device has been the thumbprint identification systems due to reliability factors.
- Terminal Parking Improvements – the project does not call for any particular plantings. Following last year's discussions of low-maintenance landscaping versus grass, Mr. Nicholas stated that the maintenance cost for either treatment is comparable. Mr. Nicholas said, as mentioned before, if there are sufficient funds, additional short-term parking may be included. Mr. Mastropaolo stated that due to the large areas (4.5 acres) and increased cost of asphalt, he does not believe there will be sufficient funding to do so. The design will include concrete pads at the entrance and exit area since these are the highest stressed areas of the parking lots.

Mr. Stevenson was excused at this time (4:28 p.m.).

Solid Waste Division

RESOLUTION NO. AWARD OF BID – WOOD WASTE

It was MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Mr. Randall, to recommend adoption of the following resolution to the full Legislature. Mr. Richardson noted the finished product may be purchased at Greenstar Cooperative Market.

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A voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Legislators Herrera, Kiefer, Mackesey, and Randall); Noes – 0; Excused – 1 (Legislator Stevenson). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County now manages woody/leafy yard waste by accepting it at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center, and contracting to have it chipped and incorporated into food waste, which together are composted and eventually sold as finished compost, and

WHEREAS, The Tompkins County Finance/Purchasing has duly advertised for bids for acceptance of all County managed wood waste, and

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received and publicly opened and read on April 9, 2007, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the bid be awarded to P & S Excavating of Trumansburg, New York, with a bid of \$37.50 per ton of materials received.

RESOLVED, further, That the Division of Solid Waste be authorized to implement this bid on behalf of the County, funds being available in Account No. 8163.4442

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20

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Introduction

Mr. Richardson introduced Leo Riley who replaces Skip Parr, Household Hazardous Waste Director. Members of the Committee welcomed Mr. Riley.

Highway Division

Resolutions – Road Swaps

Due to the need to provide additional support material regarding the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), this item was postponed.

Ms. Kiefer said she did not see any information indicating that the roads being accepted by the County were up to County standards; she asked if in fact they were. Mr. Sczesny said that both parties in the road swaps had reviewed road conditions and were satisfied with the existing conditions. *Ms. Kiefer requested that information regarding whether roads are up to County standards be provided when the resolutions come forward in the future.*

Highway Capital Project Status Report

The Committee reviewed the report and noted the following:

- Halseyville Bridge Replacement – the work was delayed until April 18 due to weather conditions. The bridge was removed as of this date.
- Spring Street Bridge Replacement- the final plans and specifications are almost complete to start the bid process at the end of the month.
- McLean-Cortland Road and Bridge – work is being done on deeds; a signed easement is still required for one property. Mr. Sczesny indicated the possibility of modifying the manner in which the project is undertaken to reduce potential material cost increases (instead of replacing one lane at a time to undertake replacing both lanes and utilize a detour).
- Ringwood Road Bridge – five bids were received for this project.
- Hanshaw Road Reconstruction – Ms. Kiefer expressed concern regarding the expense of installing a traffic signal at the Warren Road/Hanshaw Road intersection, and questioned the need for a light.

- Mr. Sczesny spoke of the speed trailer utilized to provide traffic counts as well as acting as a traffic-calming measure. The machine has been used on Coddington Road, Ellis Hollow Road, Warren Road, and other County roads.
- Local Share of Projects – It was clarified that although the State would require only fifteen percent local share if Marcheselli funds are available, however the County was told it should assume that the local share will be twenty percent on projects.
- Bridge Painting – it was noted that some bridge painting projects require design work for removal of trusses to a secondary location to properly remove leaded paint prior to application of new paint.
- Reimbursement Summary –*Ms. Kiefer again requested that future summaries include the date(s) of submission for project reimbursement.* Ms. Fuller suggested that the information requested might be better summarized in a table rather than a pie chart.
- Warren Road Reconstruction – Mr. Sczesny said that the project is not assumed to require bonding for the overrun expenses; it is thought that the additional expense could be covered from the Highway Materials budget.

RESOLUTION NO. - AWARD OF BID – BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, CR164, RINGWOOD ROAD OVER CASCADILLA CREEK, BIN 3314160, TOWN OF DRYDEN

It was MOVED by Ms. Mackesey, seconded by Mr. Randall, to recommend approval of the following resolution to the full Legislature. It was noted that the betterments referred to are items attached to the permanent easement. The County agreed to share the cost of driveway reconstruction during the project.

A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Legislators Herrera, Kiefer, Mackesey, and Randall); Noes – 0; Excused – 1 (Legislator Stevenson). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 22 of 2006 approved a project to replace the Ringwood Road Bridge over Cascadilla Creek, BIN 3314160, P.I.N. 3753.20, in the Town of Dryden, and authorized an agreement with the State of New York whereby State and Federal sources furnished ninety-five percent of the funding necessary for design and right-of-way acquisition for the project, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Finance - Division of Purchasing has duly advertised for bids for the project, and

WHEREAS, five (5) bids were received and publicly opened on April 10, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the bids for replacement of the bridge exceeded the project budget, but eighty percent of the shortfall will be made available by the New York State Department of Transportation, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the bid be awarded to G. DeVincentis & Son Construction Company of Binghamton, New York, the lowest, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$397,000.00, pending approval and confirmation of funding levels by the New York State Department of Transportation,

RESOLVED, further, That the Highway Division be authorized to implement this bid and execute change orders with total values not to exceed ten percent of the aforementioned bid amount on behalf of the County, funds to be provided from the Ringwood Road Capital Account (HZ 5103.59239.53.11) and Road Maintenance Program Capital Account (HZ 5105.59239.51.05).

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II- 2 (No further action required)

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Appointment – Air Service Board

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It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, to recommend approval of the following appointment. Ms. Herrera and Ms. Mackesey disclosed **that** they have a working association with the applicant as Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit Board Members.

A voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 4 (Legislators Herrera, Kiefer, Mackesey, and Randall); Noes – 0; Excused – 1 (Legislator Stevenson). APPOINTMENT APPROVED.

Air Service Board

Richard W. McDaniel – Cornell University Representative – term to expire December 31, 2009

Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.